



ST. BENEDICT SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING
St. Benedict School Staff Lounge
Thursday, January 19, 2023 @ 7:30 pm

1.0 Call to Order @ 1910 hr

- Introduction of Guests and Executive Members

Attendance:

Connie Greer - Principal
Dawn Miller – Leduc School Board Trustee
Trina Joly – Chair
Kalee Ryan – Co-Chair
Trina Samotej – Secretary
Ashleigh Handbury – Treasurer
Darby Heck – Member at Large
Ashlee Corpuz
Lana Pittman -
Pam Roper – PEACE Treasurer/Hot Lunch Coordinator
Alicia Braden – PEACE Chair

Absent:

Amber Hardy – Vice-Principal
Jen Swancoat – Member at Large
Venita Gonzales – Member at Large
Jolyne De Marco – Leduc School Board Trustee

- Verification of Quorum – verified –
- Prayer: led by Trina Samotej
- Treaty 6 Land Acknowledgement: read by Trina Joly

2.0 Review and Approval of Agenda (*motion to accept, approved*)

3.0 Review and Approval of Minutes of Annual General Meeting (*motion to accept, approved*)

4.0 Reports

- 4.1 School Board Trustees Report:
(presented by Trustee Dawn Miller)
GrACE – explained here:



<https://www.starcatholic.ab.ca/download/320570>
<https://www.facebook.com/GRACE4cathed>
https://twitter.com/grace4cathed?s=21&t=SjiBXz_PDB76uxJhpVrJpg
https://www.instagram.com/invites/contract/?i=b59u9ol7lodt&utm_content=pigze1u

Board Highlights

Next board meeting will be on February 15, 2023

<https://www.starcatholic.ab.ca/division/school-board/board-meetings>

Board priorities for 2019-2023 can be found here:

<https://www.starcatholic.ab.ca/download/222944>

November 2022, December 2022 and January 2023 Board Meeting Highlights outlined.

Upcoming Dates:

January 26, 2023: 12-3pm Student Consultation at St. Benedicts

March 1, 2023: Community Consultation

4.2 Principal's Report:

- Key Board Priority One: Grow & Affirm Catholic Identity
Visual mass booklet created by Mrs. Boorse to help students during mass; hosted FACE to FACE Retreat in December; Christmas concert success thanks to Mrs. Mullin; Advent Kindness Project; New Year Mass (Jan 27) Peacemaker Mass (Feb 15); Shrove Tuesday (Feb 16), Ash Wednesday will mark beginning of Lent; Registration for First Reconciliation and First Communion (Feb 22) and Confirmation registration (Mar 8) with classes to follow.
- Key Board Priority Two: Provide High Quality Learning & Working Environments
Literacy/Numeracy Grant: STAR district received \$120,000 – purchases by STAR outlined; Professional Development Day (Jan 30); Development and Peace Ministries; PowerSchool & Student Led Conferences completed over 2 evenings; First Report Card going live (Feb 3); Grade 6 Cultural Fair (Feb 7); Mrs. Tina Yeung moving to Central Office as Director of Learning; new grade 6 teacher Ms. Katelyn Salsbury (Jan 30)
- Key Board Priority Three: Support Students in their Journey, Ensuring All are Successful Learners
Photo Shoot Donation by Ashleigh Handbury of Afton Photography – purchasing Chromebooks for the Grade 5/6 Rental

Program; BEAR Buddies has begun; BEAR Wear design in progress by iCON; KinderPlus Program will be added to fullday Mon/Wed or Tue/Thu program; Registration opened for all new registrations (Jan 16) and grade 6 student registration for Father Leduc (Jan 23); Community Pre-K Program will be offering a 3 year old program ran in AMs; PUF PreK programs will also be offered in the PM for the 2023-24 school year.

- **Budget and School Fees**
Administrators meet with Senior Administration to begin the budgeting process for the 2023-24 school year (Jan 11); St. Ben's projected student enrollment numbers for 2023-24 year have been submitted; Surplus Reserve Project Monies – in the process to get quotes for gym sound system, wall mats, and storage for gym equipment; Nutrition Grant – request put in for additional funds; **Action:** request made by Principal Greer for time at next school council meeting to review Annual Education Results Report (AERR)
- **Community Consultation Process for New Board Priorities**
Professional Development Day (Dec 5); Grade 6 leaders and partners to meet with Assistant Superintendent Laurie Kardynal (Jan 25); Community Consultation Day (Mar 1)
- **Additional Information:**
 - 1) School Council Reporting Template revised AP 110
 - 2) Provincial Achievement Tests: Important Information Parent Guide available at:
<https://www.alberta.ca/provincial-achievement-tests.aspx>

4.3 PEACE Report:

(Presented by Alicia Braden)

Fundraising possibilities discussed; Hot Lunch sessions discussed; Funds offered for classrooms to enhance the curriculum (\$1000 offered/grade); Funds used for field trips.

BEAR Wear, WEM fundraiser to be in by Feb, Reminders about on-going online fundraisers, Rocks and Rings Curling Canada program, bussing to be provided for swimming lessons.

4.4 Financial

4.4.1 Current Account Balances – (tabled)

4.5 Executive

4.5.1 Bylaw/Operating Procedure Amendments (tabled)



- 4.6 Committees
 - 4.6.1 Communications/Engagement (tabled)
 - 4.6.2 Special Events (tabled)

- 5.0 Standing Business
 - 5.1 School Council Annual Agenda/Plan – Status (tabled)
 - 5.2 Receipt of current “Wish List” requests (school, school council) for information only. (tabled)
 - 5.3 Election of any new Members At Large – 2 available positions: Ashlee Corpuz for Member at Large position (to be voted in at next meeting).
 - 5.4 COSC Update: presented by Trina Joly

- 6.0 New Business
 - 6.1 Upcoming Events for School Council involvement: Approved and new for Consideration.
 - 6.1.1 Grant applications - ParticipACTION: application due Feb
ASCA Engagement Grant (\$500) confirmed.
 - 6.1.2 ASCE Grant ideas:
Many ideas discussed – to confirm plan at next meeting
 - 6.1.3 School Bulletin board & Signage:
Room for Bulletin Board inside foyer above Lost & Found.
 - 6.1.4 ParticipACTION & PAT's:
Better Together Challenge for month of June – Grade 6 PAT's (Provincial Achievement Tests) have been government mandated as the last 4 days of June.

Action: School Admin and School Council members to discuss and choose date for June ParticipACTION Closing Ceremonies.
Principal Greer to post finalized dates for PAT's.
 - 6.1.5 Future Photo Shoot Opportunity – update on Chromebooks from Christmas



Ashleigh Handbury with Afton Photography offered 10 min sessions to families, event was a huge success, Ashleigh donated monies to St. Benedict's to buy Chromebook.

6.1.6 BEAR Buddies:

Program utilizing Grade 6 students as mentors – Playground Pals; Grade 3 teacher Jaci McNair – organizer

6.1.7 Movie Nights:

April 14th (in 6:00pm, movie 6:30pm, out by– 9:00pm)

6.1.8 One Small Thing:

Incentive for parents and the school community to submit a staff recognition through a simple online form.

Action: Trina Joly and Trina Samotej to finalize questionnaire and have link added to school website.

6.1.9 Family Dance:

May 12th – 6:00-8:00 (students must have an adult/guardian present to attend)

6.1.10 BEAR wear:

In plans with Icon Merch.

6.1.11 Inclusivity/Diversity Speaker/Info –

Discussed possible future Cultural Days event.

6.1.12 Literacy & Numeracy Intervention Funding:

Approval, admin to work towards putting a plan in place.

7.0 Next Meeting of the St. Benedict School Council:
March 7, 2023 @ 1830 (St. Benedict's Staff Lounge)

8.0 Closing Prayer: led by Trina Samotej

Adjournment: 2114h