



ST. BENEDICT SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING  
St. Benedict School Staff Lounge  
Monday, April 17, 2023 @ 6:30 pm

1.0 Call to Order @ 1830 hr

- Introduction of Guests and Executive Members

Attendance:

Connie Greer – Principal  
Trina Joly – Chair  
Kalee Ryan – Co-Chair  
Trina Samotej – Secretary  
Darby Heck – Member at Large  
Ashlee Corpuz – Member at Large  
Jen Swancoat – Member at Large  
Pam Roper – PEACE Member

Absent:

Amber Hardy – Vice-Principal  
Jolyne De Marco – Leduc School Board Trustee  
Ashleigh Handbury – Treasurer  
Venita Gonzales – Member at Large  
Alicia Braden – PEACE Chair

- 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 Meeting Minutes (*motion to accept, approved*)

4.0 Reports

4.1 School Board Trustees Report: Trustees not present

Next board meeting: April 19, 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>



#### 4.2 Principal's Report: Presented by Principal Connie Greer

##### Key Board Priority One: Grow & Affirm Catholic Identity:

- Gospel Assemblies: Theme Humility – April 26<sup>th</sup>; Easter Mass hosted by Grade 3 – April 14<sup>th</sup> @ St. Michael's Parish.
- Grade 6 Farewell is scheduled for June 16<sup>th</sup>.

##### Key Board Priority Two: Provide High Quality Learning & Working Environments:

- 4 Student teachers with placements in Kindergarten and Grade 4.
- Welcome to new custodian Wendy, and welcome back Mrs. Teed, joining Grade 4 and Wellness with Mrs. Hardy.
- Upcoming events: Book Fair this week, Student Led Conferences Apr 19-20, Professional Development Day Apr 28 for support staff, Sports Day June 7.

##### Key Board Priority Three: Support Students in their Journey, Ensuring All are Successful Learners:

- Spirit Week is May 1-5 – each day has a different dress-up theme.
- Social Justice Ministry hosting a breakfast food drive.
- Nature Walk on Friday.
- E-sport Club with Mr. Heartt is wrapping up, has been successful.
- Floor Hockey tournaments: Girls – Apr 21-22, Boys – Apr 28-29.

##### Additional Information:

- Volunteer Draft presented; Council provided feedback.
- First draft of school budget.

#### 4.3 PEACE Report: presented by Pam Roper

- Stawnichy's Order coming up in May with delivery in June.
- Bear Wear merged w/ Icon Merch – successful fundraiser.

#### 4.4 Financial

##### 4.4.1 Current Account Balances – Reviewed.

#### 5.0 Standing Business

##### 5.1 Movie Night Update:

April 14<sup>th</sup>; led by Council Members Darby Heck, Kalee Ryan, & Venita Gonsalves; popcorn was provided by Leduc Cinema; positive feedback from parents - successful event; Grade 4 student teacher Miss O (Lauren)



was a huge help during the entire event (from dividing popcorn to final cleanup); movie ticket prizes to be drawn from names of families who took part in movie night.

**Action:** Darby Heck to provide Principal Greer with names and tickets by April 26<sup>th</sup> so prize draw can take place at the next Gospel Assembly. Council to present Miss O with thank-you gift.

5.2 Family Dance Update:

May 12<sup>th</sup> - “Spring Fling” Planning led by Council Members Ashleigh Handbury, Ashlee Corpuz & Jen Swancoat; Ashlee Corpuz presented up-to-date plans; forms to go out by April 24<sup>th</sup>, to be due back May 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**Action:** Kalee Ryan to post dates to social media. Council to speak to Stephanie Bilan to print forms/add to emails.

5.3 ASCE Grant:

Tabled. Previous ideas: Corinthia Flower arrangement making, gratitude journaling with mental health tools. Must be spent/submit receipt by June 15<sup>th</sup>. Discussion – “donuts with dude”

**Action:** Council to choose date and event. Preferential date of May.

5.4 ParticipACTION Update:

ParticipACTION planning by Trina Joly & Trina Samotej; Trina Joly announced we were offered a grant of \$5000 to go to our June event; schedule planning in the works; AMA run scheduled; contract for LRC arena rental; sledge hockey/wheelchair rentals in works; speaking to staff with paralympic contacts for possible speakers/coaches for event.

**Action:** Principal Greer, Vice-Principal Hardy, Trina Joly, & Trina Samotej to meet to discuss/plan event schedule for the month of June. Trina Joly and Trina Samotej to finalize bookings (Special Olympics, buses to LRC, Icon Merch for prizes, FNMI assembly speaker/dancer/Bannock, adapted volleyball, photobooth). Pam Roper to send contacts for all vendors. Kalee Ryan to set up media posts once June calendar is finalized. Connie Greer to set up meeting with Council and Grade 6 Ministry. Invitation to Board/Church community to log minutes.

5.5 Score Clock:

Principal Connie Greer and Council Chair Trina Joly met with STAR IT Tech to discuss wants/needs; will be taking a trip to Father Lacombe’s Grand



Opening to view the school's new sound/screen system. Sound system for our school has been ordered, but tech has informed admin/council that current projection system needs update within the next 18 months. Discussion of possible application CIP Grant, application of grants through E-Sports.

**Action:** Council to compose a letter to Knights of Columbus requesting donation. Council to investigate applying for grants.

5.6 Future Photo Shoot:

Ashleigh Handbury is interested in providing school with either grade 6 grad shoot or another family mini.

**Action:** Ashleigh Handbury will finalize plans with Council and Admin. Jen Swancoat will discuss grade 6 graduation with Ashleigh and choose dates.

5.7 Bring Your Own Device:

Trina Joly reviewed needs and possibility of a bulk order with IT Technician's supplier or approaching Staples with addition of Chromebooks to school supply order lists.

6.0 New Business

6.1 No new business to discuss.

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7.0 Next Meeting of the St. Benedict School Council:

May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023 @ 1830 (St. Benedict's Staff Lounge)

8.0 Closing Prayer: led by Trina Samotej

Adjournment: 2021h