



ST.MARK JR.HIGH SCHOOL PARENT SOCIETY

Monday, November 18, 2024 @ 6:30 pm

Attendees: Jody Hertlein, Angela Whelan, Nadine Munro, ~~Michael Munro~~, Alanna Young, ~~Amy Roy~~
~~Gratton~~, Heather Baier, Rayanne Fuhr, Renee Coley, Antonio Stabile, ~~Debbie Pronovost~~

Online Access (teams meeting)

1. 6:38pm start
2. Welcome, Prayer and Land Acknowledgement
3. Adoption of the Agenda
 - a. 1 - Rayanne, 2 - Heather, all in favour
4. Adoption of the Minutes from October 7, 2024
 - a. 1 - Rayanne, 2 - Nadine, all in favour
5. Administration Report
Full report in APPENDIX A
 - a. School Assurance Plan for Continuation Growth
 - b. 2024-25 Budget
 - c. PD Nov 27 - NO school this day
6. Treasurer Report (Council funds only)
 - a. Nothing to report
7. Old Business
 - a. ASCEG Grant - still waiting for, Dianne has put it in
 - i. Rayanne got another letter and we have another \$500 grant to spend
 - ii. **ACTION** - think what to spend this on, what can create engagement with the parent council and we will discuss in January 2025 at our next meeting
 - b. Registration with ASCA
 - i. Rayanne did this.
8. New Business
 - a. Student-led Conferences and School Council postcards
 - i. Postcards - hand out on nov 28 at student-led conferences
 - ii. Recommendation - Rayanne or Heather make the stickers and get them to the school. Library club sticks labels to postcards to be handed out
9. Next meeting - January 13th, 2025 @ 6:30pm
10. Closing 7:21pm



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Fundraising Society

Monday, October 7, 2024 (*Following Council Meeting*)

1. Opening of Meeting 7:22pm
2. Adoption of the Agenda
 - a. 1 - Renee, 2 - Rayanne, all in favour
3. Adoption of the Minutes from October 7, 2024
 - a. 1 - Heather, 2 - Renee, all in favour
4. Treasurer Report
 - a. Bank account balances: Casino \$45832.18, General fundraising \$1554.33
 - b. AGLC
 - i. Request for info to maintain Casino
 - ii. Need to submit AGLC report by Jan 4 2025
5. Old Business
 - a. Ice Tracks Fundraiser
 - i. Amy invoice from Nutrien
 - ii. How many sold: 45
 - iii. Profit: $\$495 - \$17.58 = \$477.42$
 - iv. Where the money is: Powerschool (division will cut a cheque and Jody will give to Nadine to get deposited), square, cash, cheque
 - v. **Motion** by Alanna: Cheque for \$826.88 to Amy so she can pay Nutrien now and Nadine will reimburse her prior to next meeting, Nadine second, all in favour
 - vi. Need to go pick up buckets:
 1. Can we coordinate schedules with Heather and others
 2. Between mon-fri 8am-5pm. Will need approx 3 vehicles
 3. Rayanne will find out dates we can pick up and then we will see who is available. Antonio and Heather both have a truck and have offered to help
 - b. Casino
 - i. Recruitment for Volunteers
 1. At parent night Alanna will be there. She will bring a laptop, needs wifi so can sign people up on the spot. Make sure to have QR on hand so people can do on their phones too
 2. Parent night times: 2:45pm - 4:30pm, 5:30pm - 7pm
 3. Rayanne will make poster of what the last casino made and how it was used to benefit the kiddos and school - lions day, chrome books books, field trips, sports equipment, etc.
6. New Business

- a. Equipment and books Request
 - i. Asking for the following: storage shelf for PE office (\$250approx), wireless microphone (600-900), misc. Evergreen for gym equipment: dodgeballs, badminton birdies, frisbees etc \$500. 1500 for library books
 - ii. \$60-80,000.00 quote for the sound system in the gym. Possibly look at this with our next casino
 - iii. **Motion** by Rayanne: to pay up to \$250 for storage shelf to be installed in PE office, up to \$500.00 to evergreen and purchase new sports equipment as required, and to approve spending up to \$1500.00 on library books all out of casino funds. Nadine second, all in favour.
 - b. Lion's Day (Friday, Jan 31, 2025)
 - i. Suggestions: rec centre, seeing a play (ex. citadel), fit set ninja (maybe a travelling one, but this would be better in summer because it is set up outside), movie theatre, etc. are some ideas.
 - ii. **Motion** by Renee to spend up to \$2000.00 to supplement Lion's Day - Heather second, all in favour.
 - c. Food / snacks for January meeting. No tree nuts (allergy).
7. Next Meeting - January 13th, 2025 following the council meeting
 8. Closing 8:09pm

APPENDIX A - Administration Report

Admin Report – November 18, 2024

Our final population count has been finalized and we remained at 203 students. With the successful acquisition of contingency funds, we were able to hire Ms. Blackburn to a 0.7 FTE position which allowed us to maintain our reading supports and English Language Learner supports.

Our new timetable was built with minimal changes to our classes so that our Grade 7 students are in three classes for all courses except Options, Religion and Physical Education where they are in two classes.

· Our school budget for 2024-2025 looks as such:

School Council	
	Budget
Division Allocation	\$1,677,426
Fixed Staff Costs	(\$1,627,221)
Other Staff Costs	(\$17,130)
School Revenues	\$222,647
Operating Expenses	(\$232,275)
Ending Balance	\$23,447

· November brings our first review of our School Plan for Continuous Growth. Our division has moved to employing the research of Dr. Santiago Rincon-Gallardo to bring learning in ECSD; preparing our students to learn critically and creatively, to be intrinsically motivated as well as to take care of a world that is showing signs of crisis. Our staff took the first look at this on November 7th, prior to heading into fall break.

This theory of action is such that we are moving schools away from a more industrial approach to learning – activities broken down into simple, repetitive tasks carried out with external incentives to ensure completion – to freeing learning to prepare our students, “to solve problems that are bigger and more complex than those we know how to solve, the best we can do for them is nurture their ability to learn on their own, to find joy in their power to learn, and to make the world a better place.”

(Rincon-Gallardo, S., *Liberating Learning: Educational Change as Social Movement*: New York: Routledge Taylor & Francis Group, 2019, p.3.)

In line with the Government of Alberta Ministerial Order of April 25, 2024, ECSD has developed the following list of Learner Competencies to bring about optimal learning:

- o Life-long Learner
- o Critical Thinkers
- o Resilient
- o Effective Communicators
- o Collaborative Contributors
- o Problem Solvers
- o Discerning Believers and Seekers
- o Faith-filled Stewards
- o Empathetic Digital and Global Citizens
- o Wellness Focused

o Creative and Innovative

Our mission, as a school, is to provide a Catholic education that inspires students to pursue excellence as they imagine, transform, achieve and celebrate their individual potential and unique gifts given to them by God.

With this in mind, we want to ensure that optimal learning is occurring through optimal learning environments. We need to reflect on the following questions:

o Where do we want to be?

o What results do we need to aim towards?

o Where are we now in relation to these goals?

o What can we do, explore, seek out to get us to make our goals a reality and live out our mission?

{See attached sheet}

As staff, we have begun our journey looking at how we can best support our many diverse learners. On November 14, Emerging Technology helped us to begin our exploration of using AI to support teachers in curriculum supplements/augmentations. Our EAs and Mr. Stabile have been teaching some of our students to use tools within Chrome to support their understanding. We will be then exploring this more deeply during our PD Day on Wednesday, November 27 so that we can actively and purposefully implement our ideas starting January 2025.

· In other school news, our Grade 8s enjoyed their day of retreat on October 30. Like the grade 7 day, students enjoyed time getting to know one another and reflecting on what it means to be a Lion. The students then enjoyed bowling and pool at Gateway Lanes. Our Grade 9 retreat is occurring on Wednesday of this week. Students will have a similar morning and then enjoy the afternoon at the Tri-Leisure Centre in Spruce Grove.

· Our student leadership group also put together an amazing Spooktacular Haunted gym full of games that they created, built and ran. Fun was had by all.

· Our Remembrance Day celebration was hosted by our Grade 8s and was a moving tribute to all that serve our country and fight for our freedoms.

· Student-led conferences will be held in dual forms once again this year on November 28.

o Online/Microsoft Teams: 1:30-2:30 and 7:00-8:00

o In-person/Gymnasium: 2:45-4:30 and 5:30-6:50

Online links to book your times with each teacher are available on the public calendar (in the notes section) as well as emailed to families on Wednesday (November 20).