

PRINCE OF PEACE SCHOOL COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES

Date: Wednesday September 25th, 2019

Location: Prince of Peace Learning Commons

Present: See attached list.

1. Call to order.
 - Melissa Neville Called the meeting to order at 6:35pm. Opening Prayer by Patricia Gratton.
2. Review of past minutes.
3. Chairperson's Report:
 - School Council bylaws are posted on the school webpage. They are reviewed on an annual basis. No changes made this year.
<https://www.cssd.ab.ca/schools/princeofpeace/Parents/School-Council/schoolcouncilbylaws/Pages/default.aspx>
 - Parent Trustee Forums: For anyone wanting to attend Upcoming dates are: Nov. 26th, Jan 21st and March 2020.
 - Grace Summit Monday October 21st. Learn about advocacy for Catholic Education in Alberta.
 - School Council Tentative dates: Wednesday October 23rd, November 20th, January 22nd, March 11th, Tuesday April 24th and Wednesday May 27th.
 - Open Executive Nominations:
 - By Acclimation, Mustang Randall named Chair.
 - By Acclimation, Jen Kelly named Vice Chair
 - By Acclimation, Melissa Neville named Secretary
 - Treasurer position remains open.
4. Treasurer's Report.
 - Jen Smith Presented June 2019 and September 2019 Treasurer Report. See attached.
 - Motion to donate restricted playground funds to the new Auburn Bay School. Motion tabled, decision to notify parents via Spartan Speaks that this will be up for vote during next Council meeting. Coleen also reminded council we will need to submit financial statements to Parks Canada to review & approve the use of playground funds.

5. Principal's Report

- **New Administrative Establishment:**
 - October 17th @ 6:30pm we will have an administrative profile establishment meeting here at Prince of Peace. We are seeking feedback on the profile of the new administrative team to be appointed at our new Auburn Bay elementary school. An RSVP will be coming out.
- **2019-2020 Enrolment & Staffing update:**
 - We are bigger than ever this year with 899 students registered.
 - 88 Kindergarten, 551 Elementary & 260 Junior High students.
 - We continue to contact families on our waitlist when space opens up in Kindergarten to Grade 6, but accept all Catholic Auburn Bay Junior High students.
 - We have about 200 students still on our waitlist, but many offered spots, but some prefer staying in the schools they registered for many reasons. Our Lady of the Rosary is still our "student redirected" school.
 - We are up over 50 students meaning that all space is utilized to its maximum.
 - We welcome new staff to Prince of Peace school such as: Grade 7 Mrs. Schneider, Mrs. Fero Grade 6, Ms. Tang CTF
 - Welcome back Mr. Woolnough in Gr. 3, Mrs. Pyp2er1n .5
- New faith theme: **Knock and the door will be opened for you,"** (Matthew 7:7) continue to focus on enhancing our prayer life.
- We respect how much work went into fundraising for the playground and suggest we give families a break this year.
- Future needs and wants (Online student resources such as Mathletics, Zorbit's Math Adventures online resource, music equipment, Gym mats, robotics...)
- Clubs are posted on our website so that families see what is available for students.
- **School Plans:**
 - Our school defines itself by our Faith, Relationship & Success for all
 - I will be seeking input when we formalize our school plans and share important data and results from last
- **Thank you:** We thank our past School Council Executive for their time and commitment. Special thanks to Melissa Neville who served as our Chair for the past 2 years, to Loni Rikihana who has been on our executive since we opened, to Jennifer Smith as our treasurer who spent a lot of time helping build our playground and Christy Thorsten as our secretary.
- We welcome to our new executive for 2019-2020. Mustang Randall as Chair, Jenifer Kelly as Vice-Chair and Melissa Neville as Secretary. We will search for a new Treasurer at our next meeting.

6. Vice Principal's Report

- Our new Mascot has taken the school by storm. Sparty is state of art, with an ice pack cool vest, air conditioning in the helmet, etc. Sparty joined the Terry Fox run and will be at numerous school events throughout the year. The school is lucky to have some great students who play the role of Sparty and give him great personality.

- 460 volunteers have taken the volunteer orientation this year so far.
- Kleenex box challenge, the kids came up with some amazing ideas that represent our district and school in general. There was a TA challenge and some winners that won a pizza party for the great POP Kleenex box challenge.
- Cross Country, Meet is September 2nd, For Jnr High's the only way to qualify is through the Phys Ed program.
- We have a Rugby team this year. Our team has already attended a district meet.

7. Assistant Principal's Report

- Highlight of upcoming dates:
Sept 25 – Terry Fox, Jr. Volleyball at St. Isabella, Sr. Volleyball at home

Sept 27 – Beach Day

Sept 30 – Orange Shirt Day

Oct 1 – Earn A Bike

About the Earn-a-Bike Program

The Earn-a-Bike Program is a FREE Afterschool Program, which uses the bike as a tool to develop social and emotional skills (such as empathy and teamwork) as well as bike mechanic capabilities in **youth grades 7-12**. Each week participants come to program where they receive a healthy snack, play games and discuss the daily lessons in both social emotional learning and bike mechanics.

Youth who attend all ten of the sessions of the program earn a recycled bicycle of their own, along with a brand-new lock and helmet to keep them and their bike safe. This program is **FREE** for youth to attend and there is no cost to host locations, other than providing a program space and the responsibility to recruit youth to their program.

- Oct 2 – Sr. Volleyball at St. Cyril, Jr. Volleyball at Holy Child, 11 am Cross country
- Oct 4 – Gr. 1 & 2 at Corn Maze
- Oct 7 – Sr. Girls volleyball tournament
- Oct 8 – Turkey trot, Grade 6C/6F at Fish Creek, Earn a bike
- Oct 9 – Picture day, Thanksgiving Liturgy, Sr. Volleyball at St. Isabella
- Oct 10 – Sr. Boys volleyball tournament, Cross country finals, 6Br/6Bo at Fish Creek
- Oct 11 – PD day
- Oct 16 – Sr. Volleyball at St. Cyril, Lockdown practice in the afternoon
- Oct 18 – Grade 3 at the zoo
- Oct 21 – Elections
- CCC

Already had one buddy activity to get to know each other before mass.

Little Buddies will have a journal with activities to be completed at each meeting.

- October 1- 5 Finger Prayer (Prayer for me, Prayer for the sick and weak, prayer for the leaders, prayer for the teachers, prayer for those closest to me)
- October 29-My Champion (draw a picture and write why this person is their champion)
- December 5-Christmas Cards for the community delivered by the grade ones and their buddies
- March 3-Lent Scavenger Hunt
- May 13-Praying the Rosary

We are doing 2 food drives for St. Vincent de Paul- December and May

Angel Tree gifts for families in our parish

Also the virtues each month for the A and W awards.

8. Committee Reports

- Parish Liaison (Patricia Grattan).
 - First Reconciliation Preparation Parents Meeting. Parents of children who will be preparing for the sacrament of Reconciliation, are reminded to attend the Parent's Meeting on Monday, September 30 beginning at 6:30pm in the church. If you have not yet registered your child for any sacrament, please do so.
 - Fall 2019 Youth Group Thursday October 3rd 6:30pm to 8:30pm. Grades 7- 12.
 - New Altar Server co-ordinator at St Albert the Great Parish (Kelsey Gay). Altar Servers offer themselves for the benefit of others, by serving God and his people at Mass. Orientation's are completed once enough interest has built up. Fun process for kids who are interested in becoming an Altar Server.
 - Grace Summit coming up Monday October 21, 2019. Strengthening our why.
- Fundraising Committee: Laura Parker volunteered to lead the fundraising committee this year.
- Special Events: Heather MacKenzie
 - Expense Outline/Request for special events throughout the year.
 - Motion forwarded by Heather Mackenzie for Shrove Tuesday with budget of \$200. Seconded by Coleen Hughes. All in favour. Motion passed.
 - Saint Nick's store. December 9th for set-up, Dec 10th, 11th and 12th for the store.
 - Motion forwarded by Heather Mackenzie to cover expenses for Saint Nick's Store with budget of \$6000. Seconded by Coleen Hughes. All in favour. Motion passed.
 - Staff Appreciation Dinners during Parent Teacher Interviews again, so Thursday Dec 5th and Wednesday March 18th.
 - Motion forwarded by Heather Mackenzie to cover expenses for Staff Appreciation Dinners with budget of \$200. Seconded by Coleen Hughes. All in favour. Motion passed.
 - Staff Appreciation Baking. Will do 3 this year. Christmas, Valentines and end of the year. No funds required.

- Family Dance, Halloween dance would be a lot of fun. Wednesday October 30th. No school the next day.
- Motion forwarded by Heather Mackenzie to cover expenses for Family Dance with budget of \$600. Seconded by Coleen Hughes. All in favour. Motion passed.
- Movie Night. Wednesday March 18th. Indoors. Tentative date.
- Motion forwarded by Heather Mackenzie to cover expenses for Movie Night with budget of \$600. Seconded by Patricia Grattan. All in favour. Motion Passed.
- End of the year event. Do something special considering we will have a fair number of students leaving for the new school.
- Hot Lunches.
 - Tamara is enjoying hot lunches. We had our biggest order ever with 350 students participating. Lunches all served within 15 min.
- Volunteer Co-ordinator.
 - Ginny has been our Volunteer Coordinator for the past couple years and done a wonderful job. She is now home schooling her children but is still interested in volunteering again this year. She has completed the volunteer orientation. Coleen Hughes will Co-host with Ginny.
- Playground Committee.
 - Winding down, finishing up some grant work etc.
- POP Education Society
 - All existing members will step down once this year. The school needs to decide if they will continue with the Education Society, it's recommended to continue, as any major fundraising activities require a separate bank account.

9. Closing Prayer and Adjournment. 7:57pm.

Next School Council Meeting Date: TBD.