

St. Brigid School Council Meeting

September 26, 2019 (Learning Commons)

1. Call to order – 6:30 p.m.
2. Opening Prayer
3. Review of Agenda
4. Administration Report:
 - Enrollment & Staffing – Enrollment down from 543 students last year to currently 501, resulting in loss of Mr. West, Grade 8 teacher, which then combines 3 Gr 8 classes into 2 and requiring other teachers to step up for extra activities (band/music). Currently, down two teachers from last year and Judy Mathieson, front office staff had reduction in hours from 30 to 17 ½ h. Kindergarten enrollment down to 28 students and loss of larger Grade 9 group contributed to lower enrollment.
 - We are sharing CTF teachers with Our Lady Of Grace and have these options now 2 days in a 6 day cycle instead of 3. The Library staffing could be affected – will update at October meeting.
 - Coaching and extra-curricular activities still operating, but stretched thinner and requires more scheduling.
 - School Enhancement Programs - Dance Residency with Soul Connexion for all grades booked for February 4-7, 2020; Coding Residency to be booked
 - Athletics – October 8 & 10 Sr. Volleyball Tournaments
 - Aladdin Musical being overseen by Ms. Barry, who will be looking for volunteers! More info to come.
5. Chair Report:
 - Role Of School Council – Not only fundraising, but to also focus on learning and curriculum. Teacher presentations, holding events unrelated to fundraising (ie School BBQ) to bring school community together. School Council covered the GST for BBQ and provided the meal ‘at cost’ to preordering families. Paying for Residencies & school improvements (put money towards Learning Commons improvements and buying Chromebooks last year)
 - Fundraising for larger purchases (eg. School sign) – connect with community resources instead of only relying on families.
 - Robyn Murray will take over as Social Event Coordinator, volunteers welcome!
 - General School Fundraising includes Admazing Savings Books until end of October, Social Justice Committee (Grade 6 Students who help organize fundraising for various organizations), Bottle Drive (collected at Parent/Teacher Conferences and account available at Spy Hill Bottle Depot for donations ongoing), Stuff A Sock (Christmas), Baby food/supply drive (January). Effort made to organize fundraising for the year ahead so it is spread out.

- Crosswalk Safety – Many concerns have been brought forward to respect to crosswalk and traffic safety. First priority is focusing on the main crosswalk at the top of the hill (near main doors). Pylons will be put out in areas where there should not be parking and there will be communication with our SRO (School Resource Officer) Tony, to patrol and potentially ticket offending vehicles. Vehicles are parked too close to both top and bottom crosswalks, making it difficult to see children crossing. To be updated in October.
 - Call city at 311 to request a Traffic Survey to justify flashing lights at this crosswalk. Parent involvement needed to call in.
 - Kiss & Ride area in cul de sac is a drop off area in the mornings, please no parking! Supervision begins on playground at 8:40. Please do not block or enter Staff Parking Lot.
6. Treasurers Report:
- Balance \$2787.19 – Financial Statement Submitted
7. Committee Report:
- Special Treat Monthly Fundraiser – September is Kernels Popcorn, October will be Mr. Pretzel. Form available to staff and students to order each month. Info to be added to weekly Family Communicator, and extra forms always available at the office. Volunteers welcome.
 - Family Events - Upcoming Family Events include November 21st - Polar Express Movie Night, Dance (February), possible 2nd Movie Night in May, possible craft night or game night in the Learning Commons. Due to prebooked school activities and events Friday evenings are not always available for School Council activities and weekends would involve extra costs
8. Kathy Spiegelmann will be the Teacher Representative at this year’s School Council Meetings.
9. School Council Email – stbrigid@schoolcouncil.cssd.ab.ca
- Parents can be involved and consent to receiving information about events happening with school council. Consent will be available on school website.
10. Adjournment – 7:35 pm
- Next meeting October 24th at 12:00 pm in the Learning Commons and back to evenings in November (Nov 28 @ 6:30 pm)

Attendance, School Council Meeting September 26, 2019:

Karla Yungwirth

Kathy Spiegelmann

Stephanie Christensen

Candace Low

Christine Kups

Jacqueline Degiusti

Briana Trotter

Jessica Terpstra

Robyn Murray

Leanne Bectold

Nancy Turner

Paula Hall

Kristin Usselman

Petrina Nash

Sherry Tkach

Sherri Anwender