



ST. MATTHEW SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING MEETING MINUTES

Date: Wednesday, March 20, 2019 **Time:** 6:30 PM

Location: St. Matthew School, Learning Commons

Present: E. Copeland, V. Dixon, S. Kitt, C. MacLennan, M. Miller, M. Rooney, G. LeRoux & K. Russell

Prayer: St. Patrick's Prayer

Call to Order: Karen R. called the regular council meeting to order and a quorum was present. (6:35pm)

Chairperson: Karen R.

Agenda Approval: Motion: A motion was forwarded by Karen R. to adopt the agenda for this meeting and it was seconded by Erika.

Minutes from Last Meeting: Revised: 1.h)Removed Erika and changed to Michelle R. **Motion:** A motion was forwarded by Karen R. to adopt the revised minutes from the last meeting. Seconded by Erika.

New Business Arising: No New Business

1) Chairperson's Report: Karen R. (6:40pm-7:45pm)

- a) Vacant Positions on School Council
 - i) Karen will be leaving next year so we will need a new chair
- b) Parent Trustee Forum (March 19): Mme. Kitt: will prepare a document pulling valuable notes
- c) Proxy vote: New advocacy issues looking to adopt: Proposed Resolutions.
 - i) Funding for daily physical activity and funding for spaces: School Council vote: Yes
 - ii) Locally Elected Boards of Trustees (keep preserved): School Council vote: Yes
 - iii) Funding for Accredited Mental Health Professionals (support for children needed as needs are growing): School Council vote: Yes
 - iv) Education Assistant Quality Standards (too many positions – too difficult to hire, not enough people out there, pay not significant to position): School Council vote: No
 - v) Policies & Regulations for use of Seclusion Room (too be used as a last resort, documentation needed, safety for all staff and students, training, children not left alone): School Council vote: Yes
 - vi) Mandatory Entry Level Training (Bus drivers): Intensive new course (53.5 hrs)– not paid for. School Council vote: Yes
 - vii) Funding for Math Enrichment Canadian Mathematical Society (\$120/school, competition, camps, based on marks): School Council vote: No
 - viii) Funding for Maximum Ride Times for Busing (60min, rural, special needs): School Council vote: Yes
 - ix) Funding Model for Schools with Low Student Populations: School Council vote: Yes
 - x) Guarantee In-School Access Mental Health: School Council Vote: Yes
 - xi) Communicating Information Regarding Presentations within the School: School Council vote: partially accept: we do not agree that parents should be invited to all events, but should be informed of all events
 - xii) General Permission Form: School Council vote: yes
 - xiii) Student education advocate: School Council vote: yes
 - xiv) Regional Collaborative Service Delivery (parent input on: occupational therapy, etc.): School Council vote: Yes

- xv) Student Record Regulation (should student records be transferred with all information):
School Council vote: No
- xvi) Playground supervision Ratios, Identification & Communication (current ratio 1:100, wear vests, communication devices): School Council vote: No, (ratio terms not clear)
- xvii) Standard Student Injury Protocol: School Council vote: School Council vote: No
- xviii) Comprehensive Education Funding Framework Review: School Council Vote: no
- xix) Counseling: School Council Vote: School Council vote: no
- xx) Identify & Penalize Traffic Violations around School Buses: School Council vote: yes
- xxi) Equality of CEU Funding for Special Needs Students: School Council vote: no
- d) Board Highlights can be found on the CSSD website
<https://www.cssd.ab.ca/BoardOfTrustees/Highlights/Pages/default.aspx>
- 2) Treasurer`s Report: Veronica D. (7:45pm-7:50pm)**
 - a) Current balance \$2,881.93 on School Council
 - b) \$1,792.17 on Society of Supporters
- 3) Principal`s Report: Mme. Suzanne Kitt (7:50pm-7:55pm)**
 - a) Lent Preparations
 - i) Lenten Ladles of Love (Soup Wednesday)
 - ii) Confession with Father Paul in chapel, Apr 9&10
 - iii) Adoration with Father Paul in Learning Commons, Apr 5 (grade 8)
 - iv) Daily mass readings and prayers in the morning
 - v) Father Rob Galea – music over intercom morning & lunch
 - vi) Decade of the Rosary 11:50 elementary & 2:55 JH
 - vii) Stations of the cross (Holy Thursday), Apr 18, 1:30pm
 - b) Virtue of month: Optimism (hopefulness, confidence about the future, the belief that good must ultimately prevail)
 - c) Linkages Seniors` Tea, Apr 16, 10:30am (tea & cookies, special presentations from elementary and Jr high students)
- 4) Vice Principal`s Report: M. Miller (7:55pm-8:10pm)**
 - a) Open House: positive feedback, over 260 students attended, 33 Late Immersion registrants so far (57% increase)
 - b) District Parent Satisfaction Survey: weekly bulletin, Chromebooks at Parent Teacher, website, in newsletter
 - c) Fundraising
 - i) Healthy Hunger \$438.48
 - ii) Kernels \$525.74
 - iii) Booster Juice: \$198.25
 - iv) Staff Appreciation dinner: \$471.00
 - v) Bottle Drive: \$243.45
 - d) Apr 8: ½ hr Safety pedestrian presentation (grades 3-8), Mr. Tony Churchill (funded by grant)
 - e) Sacramental recognition: form will be sent home after the break asking families to identify if their child received (or will receive) a sacrament this year. Children will receive a certificate and cross necklace at the year-end mass (June 21)
 - f) Calgary Elementary School Mathematics Contest (points from Mrs. Sears-Walsh)
 - g) Athletics Report

- i) Badminton 1st quad-meet March 20th grade 7 at St. Matthew, Gr 8 at St. Stephan, Gr 9 at St. Augustine
- ii) City Finals Gr 7 Apr 30, Gr 8 May 1, Gr 9 May 2 at Bishop O'Byrne High School
- h) Fine Arts & Family BBQ: May 23
 - i) BBQ by Mike: pre-order \$3.50 hamburger/hotdog, gluten free \$5, veggie \$4, \$6 chips burger/hotdog & drink add \$ to make some money
 - ii) Set up a Committee:
 - (1) face painting
 - (2) games
 - (3) Fine Arts: Band, choir, art display, drama
- i) Important Dates
 - i) Apr 1-8 ELEV8 Lacrosse athletes in residence this week
 - ii) Apr 2 Purdy's Fundraiser orders due
 - iii) Apr 3 Grade 5S, 5/4W, and 40 field trip to Glenbow Museum
 - iv) Apr 4 Gr 9 Quebec Trip fundraiser Simple Simon Pies pick up in Foyer
 - v) Apr 5 Father Paul visit 1:30pm Adoration
 - vi) Apr 8 Gr 3-8 presentation Pedestrian & Traffic Safety
 - vii) Apr 8, 9 & 10 Father Paul Confession (1:00pm-2:30pm)
 - viii) Apr 10 Trends in International Mathematics and Science
 - ix) Apr 11 Purdy's pickup 3-6pm
 - x) Apr 12 Purdy's pick up 2:30-4:30pm
 - xi) Apr 12 9-2, 9-3, 9-4, field trip to "Journey 2050" at the Agrium building; grade 9 Quebec trip, final payment due
 - xii) Apr 16 LINKAGES, Seniors Tea 10:30
 - xiii) Apr 17 School Council Meeting 6:30pm Learning Commons: Guest speaker: Mrs. Sara Dean, District Behaviour Consultant, speak on student anxiety
 - xiv) Apr 19-23 No School (Easter break & PD day)
 - xv) Apr 24 Calgary Elementary School Mathematics Contest
 - xvi) Apr 25 Gr 6 field trip Edmonton Legislature Building
- 5) Committee Reports: (8:10pm-8:15pm)
 - a) Fundraising – Monthly Staff & Teacher appreciation (little treats once a month such as juice bar, coffee, thank you notes) – use part of Kernals \$: Michelle R. will talk to Sandy to see if this is possible
 - b) No word on West Jet yet
 - c) Family Dance – no word yet
- 6) April School Council Meeting: April 17th, 6:30pm
- 7) Closing prayer and adjournment (K.Russell): Irish blessing (8:15pm)