

November School Council Meeting Minutes
November 15, 2023 6:30pm

Called to order: 6:32pm

Attendees: Stephanie D., Barbara H, Kate R, Monica W, Principal Rob Coumont, Kelly M, Connie S, and Melissa R.

Approval of the Agenda

Approved by Barbara, seconded by Kate. CARRIED

Approval of the Minutes from October

Approved with revisions (Principals Report was missing) by Barbara, seconded by Kate. CARRIED

1. Prayer
 - a. Thank you Rob

2. Land Acknowledgement
 - a. Thank you Rob

Committees

3. Principal Report

**School Council
Principal's Report
November 15, 2023**



Opening Prayer

God, You are perfectly kind. Thank You for Your loving kindness that has been continuously shown to us. Thank You for Your help and Your encouragement to us when we have taken missteps. Thank you for the acts of kindness our students continually show us at SLR. May we continue to guide and teach our students of your kindness and the grace and patience you show to us.

We say this in Jesus' name amen.

St. Lorenzo Ruiz Middle School would like to acknowledge that we are on Treaty 6 territory, a traditional meeting grounds, gathering place, and traveling route to the Cree, Saulteaux (So-toe), Blackfoot, Métis, Dene (De-nay) and Nakota Sioux (Sue). We acknowledge all the many First Nations, Métis, and Inuit whose footsteps have marked these lands for centuries. We are grateful to the elders who came before and are with us today for the wisdom they provide.

PLC's

Each grade team will create 4-5 Wildly Important goals that they will work on one at a time over the course of the year. Three of these goals will be academic in nature and one goal is to be social emotional.

School Wildly Important Goal: Empower our staff to craft authentic, (hands on, relevant), learning experiences and recognize the whole child to ignite students' passions, curiosities through monthly PD sessions and Bi-Weekly professional learning communities.

Current Wildly Important Goals for Grade Teams:

Gr6 Students will learn and apply three regulation strategies through daily mindfulness lessons embedded into Religion classes by November 29- students reflect on most helpful

Gr7 Students will be able to use academic/subject based vocabulary to better understand words and comprehend text, by achieving 75% on summative vocabulary assessment by November 27. (critical thinking competency - creating problems using, creating their own text with vocabulary clues, choosing their own words with pre/suffix for a vocabulary wall)

GR8-Teachers will identify student's unique interests/motivators to boost productivity and decrease barriers to handing in assignments increasing by 20% completion on summative assessments.

GR9-Students will complete 4 **individualized** homework tasks per core subject (excluding Religion) per week with a class completion rate of 75% or higher.

Mission and Vision

Mission (Purpose):

At St. Lorenzo Ruiz Middle School, our mission is to provide a safe, nurturing, and faith-filled environment where students are encouraged to find their unique voices, share their gifts and talents, and develop resilience in the face of challenges. Through inclusive environments, we empower every student to learn, grow and succeed. We believe in creating a strong sense of community where **relationships are prioritized to ensure everyone feels connected and valued.**

Vision (Goals):

Grounded in our faith, we extend a heartfelt invitation to all community members to develop a deep, genuine relationship with Christ. Through authentic and lifelong learning experiences, we will inspire personal growth and intellectual development rooted in choice, hands on learning and career pathways.

Construction Update

Bleachers and Netting are being installed November 9-12

Radon testing on November 24 during PD day- Regular Process

BECx IR Scan (building pressure) on November 28 in the evening

RDCRS Engagement Session

Hosted at St. Lorenzo Ruiz Middle School

Red Deer Catholic Regional Division (RDCRS) Board of Trustees looks for ways to regularly engage our community to help form the decisions and direction of the school division. The RDCRS Engagement Summit allows an opportunity for parents, staff, and community members to provide input into two key areas of our strategic planning. The two areas for this Summit are (1) helping to establish budget priorities for future planning, and (2) feedback on developing RDCRS exit outcomes for learners.

School Improvement Plan

New format. Allows for focussed improvement and implementation. [Here is the School Improvement Plan.](#)

School Council- Commemorative SLR- T-shirts

[Link to data for T-Shirt Voting](#)

Parent Teacher Interviews

Feedback- How were parent teacher interviews?

Closing Prayer:

O Lord, Give me strength today to show kindness in all that I do. Help me to open my arms to those less fortunate and extend my hand to those who may need it, so that they may see You in my kind words and actions. Amen

4. Trustee Report

The regular board meeting was held on Oct 27, 2023. Catholic Education Sunday was celebrated across the province. The trustees, senior admin, and school admin delivered the speech in our parishes. We highlighted many great things happening at RDCRS, that includes the 3% increase of our students population from last year. We have 10,700 in total with 800 students in a Home Education Program. Another good news was St. Gregory the Great Catholic School in Blackfalds won an award from the Blackfalds Chamber of Commerce, we were recognized as the Professional Service Excellence Award. Engagement Summit of Trustees to be held on Nov 22, 2023 in SLR from 6-7:30,

both online and in person. Registration is required. Please check the website. Nov 22, at 6-7:30pm registration is required, please check the website for that. More detailed budget for SLR in Secretary-Treasurer's Report in the board highlights (<https://www.rdcrcs.ca/board/board-of-trustees/board-meetings>).

5. Treasurer Report
Nothing to report
6. Faith Report
Nothing to report
7. Fundraising Event Coordinator
Christy with Wildrose embroidery - estimated 2 week turn around with 24 piece minimum.

All-Star Sports was slightly higher with a 3 week turn around from submission.

Motion to approve Wildrose Embroidery for the inaugural year of shirts. Moved by Melissa, seconded by Kate. CARRIED

Motion to approve for the winning student design will receive a free item. Moved by Melissa, seconded by Kate. CARRIED

Sale prices (not cost): T-shirts \$20, Crewnecks \$40, Hoodies \$45

There will be an option for parents to donate an item.

Stephanie will contact Shannon to set up in Rycor and will establish a timeline for December and opening in February.

Old Business

8. Sweet Treat Raffle
This went really well! The surprise bags were well received. Funds raised have not been confirmed (treasurer's report).
9. Save On
 - a. Anyone who shops at 67 street Save On and turns in their receipt to the school, the school will receive 5% of the total back.
Fun component: Child and Teacher's name on the receipt and the one with the most shopping receipts will win a classroom party at various times this year.
 - b. VIP Update closes Nov 23 (in Rycor) will be delivered Nov 29 from 4:30-6pm

New Business

10. Website
 - a. Request to update Ruiz Report link (on menu) as the building is complete.
11. Dance Information
 - a. The Student Leadership (Wendy and Christa Gr 9. teachers) team suggested hosting the event during the day so that it doesn't conflict with extracurricular sports activities. Parent Council is considering a Winter Formal in February in the

evening as a fundraiser to create community. Consultation with the Gr. 9 leadership team will occur and in January student reps will present to the school council.

12. Next meeting

- a. December - no meeting. Happy New Year!
- b. January 18, 2024
- c. February 15, 2024
- d. March 21, 2024 - no meeting P/T interviews
- e. April 18, 2024
- f. May 16, 2024
- g. June 20, 2024 - no meeting unless the agenda determines there is a need

Adjourned 7:44pm