

January 18, 2024 School Council Meeting

Attendees: Principal Rob Coumont, Kelly M, Stephanie D, Barbara H, Melissa R, Ashley H, Monica N, Cynthia L

Called to order: 6:36 p.m.

Approval of the Agenda

Approved by Ashley H & Kelly M

Approval of the Minutes from November

Approved by Stephanie D

Opening Prayer

Epiphany Prayer:

Lord God of heaven and earth,

you revealed your only begotten Son to every nation
by the guidance of a star.

Bless this school and all who come, learn and play here.

Fill us with the light of Christ

That our concern for others may reflect your love.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

1. Land Acknowledgement

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.

Leadership to present about upcoming dance

- Why should we have a dance?
 - For staff/student connection
 - Responsible fun with friends
 - Create welcoming atmosphere
- Why should parent council pay for a DJ?
 - Support local
 - entertainment

- Possible date: Feb 15
 - \$5/ticket (promote it as pre-sale) - this money would go to pay for DJ
 - Tickets sold throughout Feb
 - Snack suggestion, coat check - to raise money
 - Will need staff & parent chaperones
 - Q&A
 - Do you have a DJ in mind?
 - Ashley has a suggestion
 - Would you like us to organize the concession?
 - Yes please
 - Are you open to different themes & ideas?
 - Photo booth in corner
 - DJ set up in between bleachers
 - Gathering area for concession
 - Decorations - need to think about it
 - Coat check down shop hallway
 - Cynthia knows a parent who would like to deliver an archway & some flowers
 - Is there an attire requirement?
 - No
 - March 7 would be the best date because there are no sports/events that would interfere.
 - 6 pm - 8 pm
 - Tentative budget:
 - Concession: \$500 (use ticket sales to adjust and price things out)
 - DJ: book now \$300
- Motion: Ashley
Everyone in favor
- Melissa is booking Cosmos for bottle collection while the dance happens as an additional fundraiser.

Committees

2. Principal Report

PLC's (Professional Learning Community)

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.

Gr6 - Humanities: Using 3T's to support student learning through informed instruction measured by a pre-assessment reading comprehension sample and post assessment

sample with a 5% or greater increase.

Math: New Curriculum Assessments connected to number strand with a focus on order of operations and fractions.

Musicality with a focus on performance techniques (slurs & dynamics) - achievement measured by pre and post recordings demonstrating increase on notes from 4 to 8.

Gr7- Students will be able to show mindfulness in their metacognition, (thinking about their thinking), academics and emotional regulation. Students will identify a mindfulness strategy that supports them in being mindful by a February 5 reflection.

GR8-By February 5th, students will demonstrate understanding of empathy and foster positive self-esteem through personal growth attained via thoughtful self-reflection.

GR9- Students will participate in community building activities twice a week to create a space where every student feels connected and eager to participate.

IPD - Donation

Board Games for collaboration and teamwork building. (\$1000)

Skates for Physical Education (\$3000)

CTF Tools promote Career Pathways: Nail Gun, Dremel, Shop Vac (\$1000)

Alberta Education Assurance Measures and Schollie Survey

-Yearly Survey to give schools feedback on programming and areas of success and growth. Schollie is linked to the RDCRS survey, which includes questions regarding student support, and faith among other areas. Grades 4, 7, 10

Gulls Foundation Grant

The Empowering Youth Initiative is an opportunity for 12 girls and 12 boys from grades 6-9 from St. Lorenzo to take part in 8 sessions . The program for girls will use the Big Life Journal to discuss topics like positive self-esteem and body image, growth mindset, social media, peer pressure, and bullying.

The program for boys aims to have honest and authentic conversations about mental health with male mentors/role models in the community. The goal is to encourage them to feel more comfortable talking about mental wellbeing and reaching out for support.

There will be opportunities throughout the Initiative for the group to participate in community activities that aim to improve mental wellbeing.

Families Supported During Christmas Season

- 6 families were supported by the Catholic Social Services Giving Tree- a total of \$750 was raised by our school community for this program. Gift cards were distributed based on the number of children in the home.

-Staff raised \$345 through our dress down funds which was donated to 3 families in our school community

Valentine's Day

We will celebrate Valentine's Day on Feb. 13 this year throughout the division. Parties and events will occur on this day, as Feb. 14 is Ash Wednesday, a day of reflection as we start our Lenten Journey. This is common across the province for Catholic Schools.

3. Treasurer Report

a. Revenue:

- i. \$4959.00 is in the account right now
- ii. School Fundraising - Student School Fees are not complete, collections are still being made
- iii. VIP fundraiser - need to double check actual amount
- iv. Halloween Treat Raffle - \$239 was actual
- v. Spring fundraiser - Not determined, have small opportunities: bottle drive, t-shirts, dance
- vi. Valentine's Day Candy Gram - removing
- vii. Shrove Tuesday - Tuesday Feb 13 - toonie donation is appreciated

b. Expenditures:

- i. Field Trips: \$7500
- ii. Staff Appreciation: \$700
- iii. School Dance: \$500
- iv. Shrove Tuesday: \$400

c. Will reevaluate after the dance

4. Secretary report

a. Voting new position

- i. Will advertise on socials
- ii. Barbara H is doing it until the position is filled

5. Faith Report

a. Voting new position

6. Fundraising Event Coordinator

a. School apparel

- i. Presented with a sample t-shirt - looks great!
- ii. Chance to open it up now and again later
- iii. 2 week turnaround time (or less)

- iv. Suggestion to send out sheet with information, give it 3 days to go home then open up ordering
 - 1. \$20 t-shirt
 - 2. \$40 crewneck
 - 3. \$45 hoodie
- v. Jan 23-Feb 6
- b. Save On Foods receipts
 - i. We get 5% of the total of receipts back for the school
 - ii. Put your child(ren)'s name and homeroom onto the receipt
 - iii. Misc for ones without a name
 - iv. Once a month there is a pizza party for the class who has the highest amount of receipts
- c. Shrove Tuesday
 - i. Cynthia Leyson will be here
 - 1. Talking to DQ for strawberries
 - 2. Cynthia is donating a 4L jug of syrup
 - ii. Pricing things out
 - 1. 6 packages needed
 - 2. Plates, cutlery
 - 3. Syrup, cooking spray
 - iii. Grill for separate gluten free pancakes
 - iv. Sausages are too expensive this year
 - v. Toonie donation appreciated
 - vi. Approval for budget: \$400
 - 1. Moved by Ashley H

Old Business

- Shirt fundraiser launch date
- Save on receipts

New Business

- Dance
 - d. Bottle drive
- IPD funds to be spent
- Shrove Tuesday

Next meeting

- e. December - no meeting. Happy New Year!
- f. January 18, 2024
- g. February 15, 2024
- h. March 21, 2024 - no meeting P/T interviews

- i. April 18, 2024
- j. May 16, 2024
- k. June 20, 2024 - no meeting unless the agenda determines there is a need

Adjourned: 7:50 pm