



ST LORENZO RUIZ MIDDLE SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

Date: April 18, 2024

Time: 6.30 – 7.30 p.m.

Venue: St Lorenzo Ruiz School, Red Deer.

Attendees:

Stephanie

Ashley H

Barbara H

Melissa R

Connie S

Cynthia Leyson

Monica N

Tolu Taiwo

Rob Coumont - Principal

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

1.1 Opening Prayer – Principal Rob Coumont

God, thank You for Spring and the hope of warmer, longer, brighter days.

Thank you for the coming of growth and life and birth.

Thank you that things are coming awake in the world.

Thank you for new beginnings and the new opportunities that spring can bring.

But we also still struggle with the residual layover of winter.

Now we ask that you bring into reality all that belongs in this season. Your word says that we will have provision, and hope, and joy, and health and loving relationships here and now in this life.

We ask that what belongs in this season would become actual in our practical lives.

We hope in you and in your promises. We hope in your gift of Spring.

1.2 Acknowledgement of Traditional Lands – Principal Rob Coumont:

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.

1.3 Review and adoption of the Minutes of the February Meeting. The Minutes were approved by Stephanie and seconded by Melissa.

2.0: Principal's Report:

2.1. Grants and Funding

2.1.1 Blue Jays Care Foundation

We received funding for Challenger Baseball for our Blendations team. Foundations and

Blended students will participate in developmentally appropriate baseball activities. This will occur once weekly in the Gym.

Blue Jays Care has provided us with a variety of baseball equipment. St. Joseph's Ball Academy will also be joining us for this.

2.1.2 ParticipACTION

We applied for a grant and received \$1000 for inclusive PE materials for our Blendations classes.

We have a prester on April 26 coming to give us some PD at which point our team will be ordering some new PE equipment for our students.

Red Deer YMCA Partnership

2.1.3 We will be partnering with the YMCA to have some after school programming at our school. The

YMCA will be coming once a week after school for an hour and a half to support students in

positive social and sport related activities. We are excited about this partnership, which is an innovative and first pilot project being undertaken by the YMCA. More details about this project will be forthcoming

2.2 Transitions for New Students from St. Gregory the Great (SGTG) School in Blackfalds

St Gregory students will meet with their peers at St Lorenzo and spend some time together undertaking activities such as Gym. The estimated student population for the 2024/25 year is 505. There is enough space to accommodate these students.

The transition dates are as follow:

Grade 5 students coming to SLR Transition Dates -

- Monday April 29-Friday May 3 - St. Lorenzo Ruiz School Counsellor will visit elementary feeder schools.

- Thursday May 16 (morning) - Grade 5 Tour of SLR

- Thursday May 23 - Parent Information Evening 6-7 pm

SGTG Transition Dates -

- Wednesday May 1 - St. Lorenzo Ruiz School Counsellor will attend SGTG Collaborative

Classroom students coming to SLR Blended/Foundations programs.

- Monday June 3 - Students from SGTG 7-9 will attend SLR

- Tuesday June 4 - 5-6 pm Open House

2.3 Provincial Assessment Test (PAT)

There will no PATs for Language Arts and Maths for our current Grade 6 students. There are meetings planned to determine the type of assessments that will be undertaken.

Grade 6 families will receive some information. The Principal sent out a letter to Grade 6 and 9 Parents and Guardians with some information to guide them through the PAT process.

3. Reports from other Members

3.1 Trustees Report:

The Trustees and Superintendent met with the Mayor. City Transit Manager informed us that Red Deer does not have funding for new buses. There is also a shortage of bus drivers

April 10 – meeting with Blackfalds Town Council – The Council is supportive of St Lorenzo accommodating St Gregory students.

3.2 Secretary's Report: No new business

3.3 Treasurer's Report: School Fees continue to be collected. The total amount raised from Fundraising activities and Student Activities Fees so far is \$5180.20.

Grade 8 Team got approved for \$1500 for Day Trippers.

3.4 Faith Rep.: N/A

Fundraising/Event Coordinator: Connie and Kelly

1. The School Dance was a success.
2. \$756.05 was raised from the School Dance. Shirts have been

School wear will be ordered.

4. Old Business

- 4.1 . School Dance – This was a success. It went on well without any hitches.

5. New Business

5.1. Operating Procedures adjustment- proposed Amendment

5.1.1 Regular Minutes of School Council Meetings are maintained as per 4C of the Operating Procedure

5.1.2 : The documented or published name of attendees at School Council Meetings will be the preferred name of the attendees as stated on the Attendance Sheet or as expressly indicated by the person/attendee.

5.1.3 The amendment was proposed by Melissa and seconded by Connie. All in favor.

5.2. School Council Grant – Rob Coumont

The Alberta School Council Engagement (ASCE) Grant:

Each School Council is given \$500.00 to support and strengthen the involvement of parents and support individual School Councils.

The Grant is for engagement of the school Council for learning. It must not directed to registered fundraising societies.

The School Council will review the learning options available prior to making a decision on how to use the funds.

5.3. Staff Appreciation

Friday May 10, 2024, is the designated date for Teachers Appreciation Day. This will begin at 1130 a.m. Pizza, a salad tray, and other food items will be provided. The proposed budget of

\$700 was unanimously approved by the School Council..

5.4: Planned dance during School hours This was discussed and would probably not be feasible.

5.5 Potential Grant Sources: Applied for a Grant from the Rotary Club of Red Deer. The Red Deer Catholic Foundation could also provide potential grants

6.0 Closing prayer: This was led by Principal Rob Coumont.

Closing Prayer:

Thank you, Lord, for your presence with us this evening. As we depart from this space now, we ask you to bless us throughout the remainder of the

evening and guide us safely home. Do not let the learning and conversations of this gathering die, but, instead, may they continue to ruminate within us and bear fruit in our ministries throughout the year, until we find ourselves together again. We ask this in the name of Jesus.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:27 pm.