

ST. LORENZO RUIZ MIDDLE SCHOOL COUNCIL
October 2024 Meeting Minutes

DATE: Wed October 16, 2024

Time: 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Venue: St Lorenzo Ruiz School, Red Deer.

Attendees: Melissa R., Monica N., Barbara H, Connie S., Stephanie D., Holly D, Ashley H., Monica,

Staff Representation: Mr. Coumont, Principal and Anne Marie Watson - Trustee

1. Opening Prayer and Acknowledgement of Lands
2. Review of agenda
 - a. APPROVED
3. Principal Report:
 - a. Attached.
 - b. Need feedback on how to structure Parent / Teacher Interviews- Nov 6-7 4:30 to 7:30. Cannot accommodate all the families having individual interviews due to class sizes.

Day 1 – appts booked by Teacher (12 mins)

Day 2 – 1 hour total for appts scheduled by teacher (5)

2 hour drop in – no appt and parents can come in and see their child's work, child leads conversation, general conversations.

Feedback from SAC is that some parents would like to request a meeting and not only the teachers booking the meeting. Solution would be to request what parents would like a private appt and teachers could schedule appts they feel are necessary.

4. Trustee Report –

- At the September Board meeting, in response to large class sizes and a high level of classroom complexity, the Board of Trustees approved an additional \$900,000 for staff. We recognize this doesn't address all needs across the Division, but is the largest amount we could add to our budget. Exactly where the extra staff are allocated will be decided by Senior Administration, based on conversation and data from Principals.
- The Board discussed our election process. The next School Board election is October 2025, in conjunction with municipal elections across Alberta. Traditionally, the Board has contracted the City of Red Deer to run our election, both within the city and in all the rural parts of our division. The Board is looking at ways to reduce the cost of our election, including handling the nomination process internally. More information will be shared as decisions are made. Nominations for the October 2025 election open in January; anyone who may be considering running for election is welcome to contact me for information.

- The Board will host a stakeholder engagement session on Nov. 12 (online) and Nov. 13 (in-person, location to be determined). School councils will be invited. Topics have not yet been finalized, but will likely include early input on next year's school division budget, our strategic priorities, and feedback on a Division-wide cell phone policy.

5. Chair: Nothing to report
6. Vice Chair: Nothing to report
7. Treasurer: Nothing to report
8. Faith Rep: Still need a faith rep and will advertise on social media and emails.
9. Fundraising / Events: Would like to plan the following
 - a. Break a rule day, hide and seek night, possibly nerf night, winter sledding party, spring dance.
 - b. Have the Sweet treat event for Halloween.
10. Old Business – Bottle drive proceeds were \$199.10
– Dance profits were \$1050. Dance went well. Attendance was up and DJ donated his time.
11. Operating procedures – page 5 added #E – added the Faith Representative.
 - a. Ashley H. approved this addition and Melissa R. seconded it.
APPROVED.
12. New Business
 - a. Break a rule potential dates. Rob will reach out to teachers to review the event and possible dates.
 - b. School clothing. The website will be up for anyone to order SLR clothing.
13. Draft of Personal Mobile Device will be sent out for review.
14. Dates for Next meetings
 - a. Nov 20, Jan 15, Feb 19, March 19, April 16, May 21.

Meeting adjourned.