

School Council Meeting Minutes

Sept 21, 2023 at 6:30pm

Multi-cultural Learning Center (upstairs) at St. Lorenzo

Attendees: Melissa R, Kate R, Jennifer M, Stephanie D, Kelly M, Monica N, Kelly S, Ashley H, Connie S, Brandie B, Toki T, Monica W

Staff Representative: Mr. Visser, Principal Coumont, Trustee Cynthia Leyson

Prayer and Acknowledgement of Traditional Lands

Thank you Principal Coumont!

Review of Agenda

Melissa approved, Ashley seconded. APPROVED

Review Purpose of Council

Role of School Council

- School Council is a means for parents and community to work together to support and enhance student learning. School Council provides a venue for parents to reflect their wishes of the broader community of education of its students and to actively participate in giving advice and support to the principal.
- Roles that are not to be taken on by a School council include:
 - School governance
 - Employment issues
 - School management
 - Listening to Complaints

Introduction of School Council Executive and Members

Trustee: Cynthia Leyson

Chair: Stephanie and Melissa

Vice Chair: Stephanie and Melissa

Secretary: Kate

Treasurer: Ashley

Faith Rep.: Brandie

Fundraising/Event Coordinator: Connie and Kelly

Communications: Barbara

Members

Reports
Principals Report

School Council
Principal's Report
September 21, 2023



Opening Prayer

Heavenly Father,

Thank You Lord for our students, families and staff. Lord, I am grateful for the month of September where we get to renew friendships and make new ones. We get to welcome our families, making relationships that carry endless value and meaning.

The month of September is our month of miracles and breakthroughs. September is our season of joy and celebrations as we celebrate all of your blessings for our new school St.Lorenzo Ruiz Middle School. We pray this in your Holy name, Amen.

Meet The Staff

Class	Teacher/Staff	Number
6.1	Ms. Babey/Ms.Kowalchuk	24
6.2	Ms.Trieber	23
6.3	Ms.Demuynck/Ms.Kowalchuk	25
6.4	Ms.Hamill	25
7.1	Ms.Desaulniers	25
7.2	Mr.Visser/Ms.Dicknoether	26
7.3	Ms.Harper	27
8.1	Mr.Neurauter	25
8.2	Ms.Griffin	27
8.3	Ms.Dorval	25
9.1	Mr.Ledrew	23
9.2	Ms.Vandebrink	20

Foundations 1	Ms.Justason	9
Foundations 2	Ms.Snyder	10
Blended	Ms.Stewart	9

Total Number of Students: 324

Foundations and Blended Education Assistants	Ms. Holden, Ms.Shoemaker,Ms.Davis, Ms.St.Louis-Ryan, Ms.Bracewell, Ms.Schulhauser,Ms.Olson,Ms.Cormier, Ms.Brown, Ms.Solis, Ms.Bains, Ms.Souhmah, Ms.Leenstra, Ms.Velasco, Ms.Oblea, Ms. Hewitt
Inclusive Education Assistants	Ms. Avila, Ms.Morin, Ms. Busser, Ms.Hawkings
Cafeteria	Ms.Mckersie, Ms.Kasiviswanatha
Learning Commons	Ms. Hewitt
Athletic Director	Ms. Streit
Counselling Team	Ms. Lynch, Ms.Jobs(Family School Enhancement Counsellour)
Inclusive Lead Teacher	Ms. Monks
Faith Lead Teacher	Mr.Visser
Administrative Team	Ms. Weik (Office Admin. Assistant), Ms. Leenstra (Office Admin. Assistant), Mr. Peterman (VP), Mr.Coumont (Principal)

Vision And Focus For The Year



Faith Theme:

*Inspired by Christ on a Journey to Encounter,
Nurture and Serve.*

Catholic Education

- Opening Mass: September 20 9:30 at Sacred Heart Church
- Permeation focus on 8 Characteristics of Catholic Education

Emergency Procedures

- Fire drills, Lockdowns, Hold and Secure practices will occur throughout the school year.
- We have students with nut allergies therefore we ask that students avoid bringing foods containing peanut/nut products.

Additional School Structures/Scheduling

- One stream recess and lunch
- Closed Campus
- Lunches in classrooms

PAT / Curriculum

- Grades 6 ELA and Math New Curriculum
- PAT's Grade 6 and 9
- Draft Social Studies Curriculum k-6 development Feedback Survey October 16
 - <https://extranet.gov.ab.ca/opinio6//s?s=SSfeedback>

Reporting

- Schoology- Family Letter coming out September 22 for login information. Marks will be uploaded by September 29. Schoology will provide more consistency for stakeholders and is a PowerSchool extension.

September 29 Orange Shirt Days

- Families can order Orange Shirts. This day is for learning about reconciliation and remembering the survivors of residential schools.

Soar Like a Golden Eagle

Program for supporting positive behaviors. Will have information out on October 2.

Breakfast Program

Each morning we have breakfast carts, one on the top floor and one on the second floor. These carts contain fruit, yogurt, hard boiled eggs, and bars. This program was created through a grant we received and fresh fruit from the Hope Mission.

Construction Update

-Score Clocks and gym netting coming up weekend of September 23 and following weekend bleachers are coming in.

School Council Fee

\$15 School Council roughly \$5 000 counts as fundraiser

Volunteers

We are looking for volunteers for laminating and for our Photoday on September 28.



Connect Parenting
FREE FOR FAMILIES OF RDCRS

Why Connect?

- You want to better your relationships.
- You're tired of having the same conversations.
- You've run out of ideas to parent your teen.
- You can't agree on how much freedom is too much.
- You want to parent differently than you were parented.

What Parents Say

- 97% of parents feel better equipped to understand their child.
- 95% of parents feel better equipped to understand themselves as a parent.
- 86% of parents see positive changes in their relationship with their child as a result of applying what they learned.

Moretti & Obsuth 2009

Tuesday evenings 6:00-7:30 pm
October 3 - December 5, 2023

Contact us to register or refer a family
rozalyn.vickery@rdcrs.ca
julie.masson@rdcrs.ca

Treasurer Report-
N/A



Circle of Security®
PARENTING GROUP

Are you interested in learning how to cope during emotionally charged moments?
Would you like to better understand and interpret your child's behaviour?
Join us for a series of parenting sessions!

Fall 2023
Wednesday 6:00-7:30 pm
October 11 - November 29, 2022
Location TBA

FREE!

For more information or to sign up call Julie Masson 403-896-0992 or julie.masson@rdcrs.ca or katherine.seymour@rdcrs.ca

Secretary Report-N/A

Faith Rep Report-N/A

Fundraising Report (Kelly and Connie):

Ideas circulating:

1. Halloween Dance
2. Badminton/Basketball/Floor Hockey night
3. Candy grams for Valentines
4. Bake Sales for any dances
5. Time Capsule for the School because everyone here is the first.
6. Limited edition T-shirts or Jersey or hoodie for this first year group of students
7. Raffle and ideas about x-box cards or chromebooks or playstations draws.
8. School Dance in the Winter (January/February)/Spring
 - a. Consider ordering flashing/disco lights
 - b. Ask parents if students can DJ.
 - c. Connect with Grade 9 Student Leadership group (their only year at St. Lorenzo)

Trustee Report - Cynthia Leyson

The role of a trustee in the school council is merely an observer. We come to the meeting and school event with an invitation from the principal. We are in the governance role of the division and have the sole employee which is the superintendent of schools, Dr. Kathleen Finnigan. If there will be a concern/issue shared to us as trustees, we ONLY speak to the superintendent and NOT to the principal. There are seven trustees in total but 5 in Red Deer ward and each of us are assigned to 3 schools in Red Deer. We are grateful for the land that was given by the city and we now have a new middle school due to the high population in SF and STA. On behalf of the board of trustees thank you to all and we are looking forward to a great year.

The Board meeting highlights are available online:

<https://www.rdcrcs.ca/board/board-of-trustees/board-meetings>

Agenda

1. Review of Operating Procedures
 - Operating Procedures Review -
 - Motion to Accept Operating Procedures as Adjusted.
 - Correction of school name on first page and add page numbers to document.
 - Moved by Kate, seconded by Brandie. CARRIED
2. Set Meeting Date for September Budget Meeting
3. October Council Meeting (Tues/Thur?)
 - a. **September 21, 2023- Annual General Meeting (mandatory)**
 - b. **October 19, 2023**
 - c. **November 16, 2023**
 - d. December - no meeting unless the agenda determines there is a need
 - e. **January 18, 2024**
 - f. **February 15, 2024**
 - g. March 21, 2024 - no meeting P/T interviews
 - h. **April 18, 2024**
 - i. **May 16, 2024**
 - j. June 20, 2024 - no meeting unless the agenda determines there is a need
4. Adjourned 7:26pm
5. Closing Prayer - Thank you Principal Coumont.

Lord, as we gather here we remember that all we have in this world is first a gift from you that requires the collaboration of human hands. Thank you to all those who offer their time and talents, joining in our ministry of bringing learning, hope, and joy to all those we encounter. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.