



St. Gabriel School Council

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Minutes – April 21, 2019

4:00pm CTS Meeting Room

This meeting was called to order at 4:00pm with an opening prayer done by everyone.

In attendance:

Sarah Dube, Abbie Ouellet, Jennifer Lacey, Karen Arevalo

No amendments were made to the March 11, 2019 minutes. Quorum was not met and therefore all items on the agenda were for discussion only. Motions will be tabled for the next meeting.

Principal Report:

Student Lighthouse Team is continuing to raise money with Tuesday Panago Pizza days for school t-shirts for all students and staff. The t-shirts are in and will be handed out this week.

There have been some facility improvements made: school banners placed on the fence; lights added to light of the school name on the exterior of the building, and the projector in the gym has been updated which includes 2 headsets and 2 mics. Next to upgrade is the sound system in the gym.

The Kindergarten and EEP Open House was on April 4th and it is anticipated that we will get more students from other school zones such as Sister Mary Phillips who do not offer full day kindergarten. There are enough students for a full day kindergarten and all other registrations are on par.

Family Math Night is May 2nd from 6-7:30pm. Students will be making invitations to go home. The event includes activities and games organized by division/ grade for students and parents/guardians to do together.

Jump Rope for Heart is May 3rd and permission forms went home on April 21st.

The Eco Club and Out of School Care will be leading the Amazing Waste Race. This is a challenge amongst the schools who register in Fort McMurray to make a positive impact on the environment. This will include but is not limited to classes going out for litter collection. All the supplies have been provided for cleanups.

Treasurer Report:

No update available.

Old Business:

Election of Vice Chair/ Selection of Coordinators

At this time no one came forward for Vice Chair, Special Event Coordinator or Secretary.



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Volunteer Update and Parking Spot Draw

Volunteers are needed for the Recycling Fridays (May 24, June 14, June 27), Smoothie Day (April 26), Monday Muffins (Apr 29, May 13, May 27, June 10, June 17), and Spring Fun Afternoon (May 7). Mrs. Lacey will approach the cooking class to make muffins for the breakfast cart. As well if not enough parent volunteers sign up for smoothie day then we can look at having students get involved. Congratulations to Sarah Dube for being drawn for the School Council parking spot in the staff parking lot from April 21 to May 21.

ASCA Resolutions & Proxy

The results of the pre-voting grouping of resolutions was presented. Sarah Dube made arrangements with Trista Schultz, Chair of St. Paul School Council, to be our proxy for the ASCA AGM Resolutions. In the event that the resolutions change on the floor, our proxy will abstain from voting on our behalf.

COSC (Council of School Councils) Meeting

Sarah Dube attended the COSC meeting on April 1. There was an informative presentation from the RCMP on Cyberbullying and Internet Safety. The group also discussed the importance of all individual school councils reviewing and voting on the ASCA Resolutions. If a representative from the school cannot attend the AGM then a proxy should be arranged. There were no suggestions made for a change in name of COSC. St. Paul's invited any other school council to attend the ASCA School Purpose Workshop and asked if any other schools would be interested to switch volunteers for BBQs so that families can partake in their individual school events instead of volunteering. A new Facebook group has been created FMCS COSC to allow networking opportunities between the executives of school councils. A poll has been included for possible name changes of COSC.

Spring Fun Afternoon

Information about the Spring Fun Afternoon on May 7th is going home this week. Crafts will be pinwheels, scratch-off bookmarks, foam sticker crafts, wood keychains, and painted rocks. Volunteers are still needed for this event so that students can sign up.

New Business

ASCA Workshop

St Paul school hosted the ASCA School Purpose Workshop on April 3. This included information about the roles and responsibilities of School Councils. Sarah requested that we be invited to any additional workshops they host.

ECO Club Presentation @ District Meeting

The Eco Club presented at the April 8th District Meeting on the Food Waste Recycling Program that we started at St. Gabriel School. There were 6 students from our school who attended and told the Trustees



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and Administrators what they like about the Eco Club. The video which was shown at the last success assembly was also shared. At the end each Trustee and Administrator was given a container of soil nutrient from the program. The Trustees were positive and encouraging about the program.

PAT Snacks

In order to prepare our grade 6 students for PATs, School Council has provided bananas, water, and granola bars on the days of exams. The first exam is on May 8th. This item will be tabled until the next meeting in order to approve the purchase of bananas, water and granola bars.

Sports Day Snacks

Last year School Council provided sports day snacks for the first time. It was agreed that we do it again this year. Sports Day is the last week of the June. This item will be tabled until the next meeting in order to approve the purchase of watermelon, freezies, and water.

Girls Inc

Information about the in-school programs that Girls Inc provides was presented to the group; Media Literacy, Peersuasion, and Economic Literacy. It was discussed whether these programs should be included at St. Gabriel School. Currently there are other relationship and leadership focused programs such as Girl Power/ Mega Boys at Keyano College being provided to grade 5 students in May, the Family School Liaison is working with the grade 6 students, PALS is available for the grade 4 and 5 students, and SOS emotional regulation is being provided to grade 2 students. These types of programs have been incorporated because there was a need identified for that group of students, this may not be the case year to year. Therefore, it is up to the discretion of the Teachers and Principal to decide which in-school programs are done. If the need for any of the three programs from Girls Inc are required or requested then further arrangements could be made to incorporate them.

ASCA Survey – Inclusive Environments

ASCA is requesting input regarding respectful and inclusive learning environments. Specifically, how does your school council contribute to respectful and inclusive learning environments for all students. Currently all School Council events and activities are accessible to all the students. In the case of evening events it is up to the family unit to decide whether or not to attend but in no way has School Council done anything to exclude anyone. Going forward this question does arise the possibility that maybe more can be done to increase attendance and remove barriers that would make it difficult for some students to attend.

Fundraising:

Extra Hot Lunch- March 18th

The extra hot lunch on March 18th received 53 orders and the profit was \$80.09. Feedback about the macaroni and cheese was that the students didn't like the onion and tomatoes. For the next extra hot lunch we will do chicken strips meals and offer a gluten free option. All sides will remain the same as the last hot lunch: carrots/cucumber & dip, granola bar, fruit to go, and juice box. Cost of chicken strip meals



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is \$4 and gluten free is \$5. The group agreed that \$6 would be a reasonable price to charge and although our cost is more for the gluten free option we would charge the same amount for ease of money collection. This will give us a profit of \$1-2 per meal. Extra Hot Lunch (Chicken Strip Meals) will be Monday, May 27 and Monday, June 10.

PTI Parking Spot Raffle

Parking Spot Raffle tickets sales were \$148.25.

Bath Bombs

The bath bomb fundraiser was very successful and raised \$1,082. Delivery will be early May.

Spring Flowers

Information about the Growing Smiles Spring Flowers fundraiser has gone home. Deadline is Wednesday May 8th, Delivery is Thursday May 23rd, and Parent Pick Up is Friday May 24th.

Special Event Day

The next special event day, Popcorn Day, will be Thursday, May 30.

School Supplies

School Start and Staples were both contacted to see what options they have available for school supplies kits. Neither programs have changed since last year so based on previous meetings feedback we will use School Start again for this year.

Boston Pizza Receipts

Reminder to parents that we are still collecting Boston Pizza receipts from both Fort McMurray locations from January to June 2019. School Council will receive 5% before taxes from receipts submitted to the office.

Closing Comments:

Thank you to everyone for coming out tonight.

Meeting adjourned at 4:53pm.

Next Meeting date and time: Tuesday, May 21st, 2019 – 4:00-5:30pm. All parents welcome!