



St. Gabriel School Council

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Minutes – March 10, 2020

3:15pm Indigenous Liaison Room

This meeting was called to order at 3:12pm with an opening prayer done by everyone.

In attendance:

Jennifer Lacey, Sarah Dube

No amendments were made to the February 6, 2020 minutes.

All agenda items were for discussion only since quorum was not met to vote on motions. Agenda items that required motions were tabled to the next meeting.

Principal Report:

COVID-19

The Catholic School Division is following the advisement of Alberta Health in regard to COVID-19. Precautionary methods are being taken such as educating students of proper hygiene of washing hands and coughing into the elbow, cleaning all the toys on a more regular weekly basis, wiping down tables, desk and doorknobs at the end of each day, encouraging students to bring in water bottles, suspending the breakfast bunch and cooking class, ensuring all food items on the breakfast cart and snack bins are individual wrapped, and having hand sanitizer available in all classrooms. If parents decide to keep their child home from school, they can notify the teacher and request schoolwork to be sent home.

Bottle Filling Drinking Fountain

Mrs. Lacey has put in a request for a water bottle filling drinking filtration station to be installed in the hallway on the far side of the gym across from washrooms. It is usually the older student who refill their bottles during the day and the cost of the machine is \$2,400 and \$100 per filter which will be changed every 2-3months.

Treasurer Report:

FEB 5, 2020 – MAR 9, 2020

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| Summary of Account Balance on Feb 4, 2020 | \$14,019.26 |
| Expenses (Child Care, Donations, Office/Mail, Teacher Appreciation, Valentine Dance, Water for Staff) | 2,207.97 |
| Deposits (Valentine Dance, Bottle Returns, BP Operation Education) | <u>1,398.76</u> |
| Summary of Account Balance on Mar 9, 2020 | \$14,828.47 |



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Chair Report:

OLD BUSINESS

Election of Executives

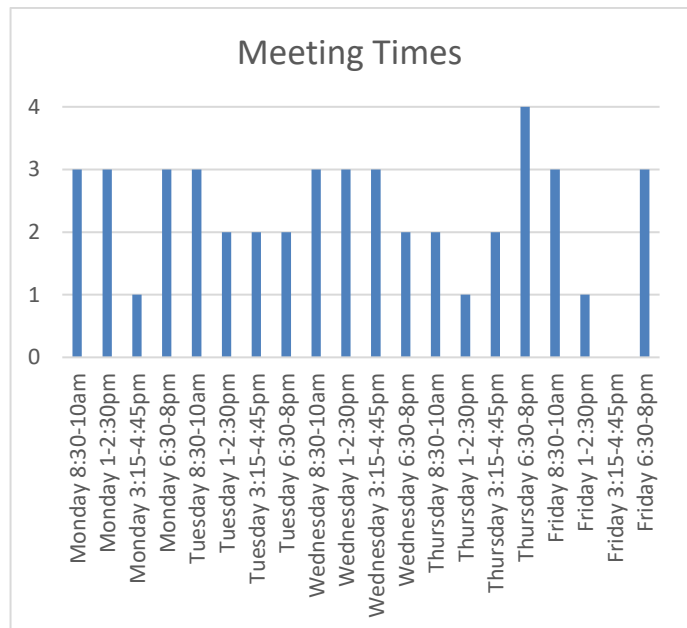
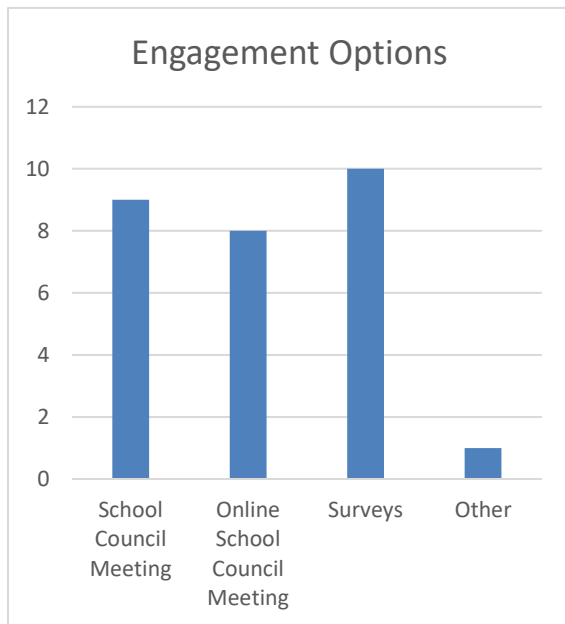
No one currently step forward for Vice Chair, Secretary, or Treasurer.

Teachers Wish List

One requests was received from Mrs. Falewski to purchase a class set of white board markers for \$27.99. This item has been tabled unit the next meeting.

Council Surveys

The February survey results are presented in the following two graphs. For the Engagement Option the Other was a suggestion box.



After considering the results, School Council will change the next two meeting dates to better accommodate the respondents. The April meeting date will be on a Monday afternoon at 1pm and the May meeting date will be a Thursday evening at 6:30pm. For both meetings an element of online viewing and participation will be available. As well a suggestion box is available on the School Council bulletin board.

The March survey will be about hot lunch options for the 2020-21 school year. It will include questions about what types of items parents would purchase, from which vendors, what price range they are willing to spend per hot lunch, if there are any food allergies or accommodations required, the frequency of hot lunches, and additional comments. This survey will be sent home next week and the deadline for responses is April 6th. The results will be presented to Mrs. Lacey at the April School Council meeting.



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Volunteers

Volunteers are needed for the Extra Hot Lunch Prep as Snack Helper from 8:30-10am and Recycling Fridays on April 3rd and May 22nd from 2-2:45pm.

NEW BUSINESS

Meeting Dates

The next meeting will be Monday, April 27th at 1pm and the May meeting will be scheduled for a Thursday evening.

Garden Boxes

Jolene has scheduled a meeting with a representative from the Garden of Eden (Evergreen Church) for Tuesday March 17th. Any questions/advise to ask the representative can be emailed to Jolene. Mrs. Lacey and Janna (apple school rep) are working together to fill out a grant application through Farm to Cafeteria using the Farm to School approach. More information about the program can be found online at <http://www.farmtocafeteriacanada.ca/>

Bulletin Board

The School Council Survey's bulletin board will remain for the upcoming month.

PTI Welcome Table

A welcome table will be set up in the school entrance during parent teacher interviews on Monday March 23 4-7pm and Wednesday March 25 4-7pm. A volunteer will be needed to man the table for the Wednesday evening. Raffle tickets for the School Council Parking Spot will also be available during these times.

Theme Days

There was a request that there be more theme days at the school as it promotes school spirit and fun. Currently theme days are once a monthly with success assemblies or special occasions such as 100 days of school. Upcoming this month there will be "Wear Green" on St. Patrick's Day March 17th and "Jersey Day" on March 31st. Mrs. Lacey will look at organizing more theme days.

Resolutions 2020

Resolutions will be presented and voted on at the next school council meeting.

Fundraising:

Special Event Days

Information about the extra hot lunch of Chicken Strips Meal for Monday March 23rd has been sent home. Deadline for order is Thursday March 19th.

Valentine Dance

The Valentine's Family Dance was both fund and profitable. It raised \$1,073. The following were the ticket sales for baskets and activities/games:

Baskets: Ladies (187), Lego (145), Family (137), Diva (115), LOL (107), Starbucks (106), Craft (94), X-shot (79), Mens (71), Beyblades (43)



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Activities/Games: Picture Frame Craft (40), Racetrack (112), Plinko (141), Face Painting (95), Fairy Dusting (27)

Growing Smiles Flowers

Upon initial review of expenses for garden boxes and supplies such as water cans, gardening gloves, tools, seeds, water tank, shed, wood, and dirt additional funds will be needed. Therefore, School Council will do the Growing Smiles fundraiser. It is also a great opportunity to give out the nutrient soil amendment made from the school's food waste. Although suggested prices from the company were higher this year for a few items it was decided that we keep them the same prices as last year. Information will be going home in April.

PTI Parking Spot Raffle

The parking spot raffle sales will be available during PTI on March 23rd and 25th 4-7pm. Tickets are \$1 each and the draw will take place at the end of PTIs on Wednesday March 25th. The winner will have the parking spot from March 27th to April 27th. Information to go home next week.

Dieleman Spring Catalogue

Information about Dieleman Spring Catalogue was presented. It included a variety of houseware items and greeting cards. Our profit would be 40%. At this time the group wants to focus on just one fundraiser and there was less interest for this type of product.

Fridge Calendar

Information about a fridge calendar made by Father Turcotte was presented. The calendar includes all the District school days. At this time the group wants to focus on just one fundraiser and there was less interest for this type of product.

Caden's Bomb Bombs

Information about Caden's Bomb Bombs was presented. There are four packages to choose from which include bath bombs, lip balms, and lotions. Cost is \$20 for a package and the school profit is \$6.50 per package sold. At this time the group wants to focus on just one fundraiser and there was less interest for this type of product.

Closing Comments:

Meeting adjourned at 4:11pm.

Next Meeting date and time: Monday, April 27th, 2020 – 1:00-2:30pm. All parents welcome!