



St. Gabriel School Council

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Minutes – February 6, 2020

3:15pm Indigenous Liaison Room

This meeting was called to order at 3:18pm with an opening prayer done by everyone.

In attendance:

Jennifer Lacey, Sarah Dube, Darlene Scharf, Tyler Scharf, Jessica Curran, Jolene Stevenson

No amendments were made to the January 14, 2020 minutes.

Principal Report:

Snack Bins

There will be snack bins in two locations (div 2 and front entrance) which will provide choose most often foods for the students to help themselves to. The nutrition grant will be used to cover the costs and parent volunteers and the breakfast bunch will purchase/fill them. Muffins made by the cooking class will also be available here. The cooking class is also making dry ingredient bags so the parents can make the muffins at home. After the first week of having the snack bins there was more apples in the compost bins where only one or two bites were taken from them. As long as the food is not wasted kids can help themselves as much as they want. Suggestion was made to check out the Flash App for Superstore because assorted fruit can be purchased for \$5 which is a great deal. The company posts items that are either approaching the best before date or what they want to clear from their shelves.

Clubs

There are a variety of clubs going on at the school through out the year.

Spelling Bee: For grades 4-6. Students are given words to spell and compete against one another. One St. Gabriel student will be competing at the Fort McMurray competition. So far the students have been very encouraging to one another. Next year Mrs. Lacey will look at offering it as young as grade 1.

Tech Club: For grades 4-6. Students were required to submit an application to be apart of this club. All students who did submit an application have been able to join. Students practice coding and building robotics. Team leads are Mrs. Burke and Mrs. Schneider with support from Mr. Hwong and Cst. Hayden.

Sports Teams: For grades 4-6. Offered through out the year are Volleyball, Basketball, Floor Hockey, Badminton, and Track & Field.

Youth Liturgy Leadership: For grades 4-6. Students build their faith and leadership skills by being involved in the liturgy.

Eco Club: For grades 1-6. Students pick up the recycling and compost, and engage the school in green initiatives.

Breakfast Bunch. For grades 1-6. Students help prepare the items for the breakfast cart and snack bins.



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PALS – For grades 5 & 6. Students organize physical activities for the other students. Currently they have been bringing shovels and bricks outside for student to use.

Student Lighthouse- For grades 4-6. Students decide and plan events and activities to increase school spirit and make St. Gabriel a better school. They have organized t-shirts for all the students, bulletin board contests, movie days, and Christmas headwear day.

Homework Club – For grades 5 & 6. Students meet with their teachers on either Wednesday or Thursday for extra help with homework.

Science Fair Club – For grades 4-6. Students who are interested in submitting for the science fair competition meet to discuss and plan their science fair project. This club is new because this year because not all students have to participate in the science fair. This gives more time for the curriculum.

Online Media – For grade 4-6 Girls. Students discuss what is appropriate for social media like FB, Tic Toc, Instagram, internet, etc and learn to be safe online.

Boks Burst – (coming soon) For grades 1-6. Students get additional physical activity to build endurance for the day. It is twice a week for 6 weeks and is provided by Keyano.

Big Brother & Sister – (coming soon) For grades 4-6. Will be once a week after school for 8 weeks. Students will complete lessons.

Words Their Way

Classes are starting a program called Words Their Way in March. Every student is evaluated based on their spelling level so that they can practice at their level using systems and methods of learning spelling. This is versus the traditional spelling were a class reviews a set grade level list of words.

Sensory Floor Decals

These will be installed soon by our apple school liaison. Currently for indoor recess the gym and hallway are cycled by grade and these will be a welcomed addition to the hallway.

Treasurer Report:

JAN 13, 2020 – FEB 5, 2020

Summary of Account Balance on Jan 13, 2019	\$16, 088.55
Expenses (Alien In-Line, Teacher Appreciation, Water for staff)	1,079.00
Deposits (Pink Shirts)	<u>3,148.29</u>
Summary of Account Balance on February 5, 2020	\$14,019.26



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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

Two requests were received. One from Mrs. Molloy (grade 2) to purchase a gift up to \$150 for the seniors to give at their yearend party. The other from Mrs. Ouellet to purchase sets of graphic novels for her class for \$359.35. Therefore, the remaining funds of \$64.84 are available for a teacher's wish list. This can be for individual or group purchases. Teachers are to submit their requests to School Council for approval.

Alien In-Line Skating

Alien In-Line Skating in class instruction were this past week. The Family Skate Night was on Tuesday, February 4th with two sessions from 5-6pm and 6-7pm. There was lower attendance at the evening event in comparison to who had signed up and previous year. It could have been because no paper copy about the event went home or because we had it earlier in the school year. Timing of the event when there are more indoor recesses was good. Students were very excited about the Alien In-Line Skating and teachers greatly appreciated it. Sarah motioned that we book Alien In-Line Skating for next year at the same time and pay the 10% deposit required to secure it. Jolene second and all approved.

Council Surveys

The January survey was online on our website and Facebook Group and was about how our parents would like School Council to provide information. The results were as followed Facebook- 9; Email from Principal – 3; Bulletin board -1; Letter home with student – 1; Website – 0. Some specific comments were that emails are great but there is an abundance of emails if you have multiples kids in the school because duplicates are sent out by the principal and teachers. Suggestion was made to look into an app that allows all the information to be posted to. Some apps mentioned were Bands and SchoolZone. Seesaw was also mentioned but there are privacy concerns where all photos are public. As well it was suggested that it would be great if the events like success assembles and liturgy were to have links to add to calendars. Facebook Events and Google Calendar were also mentioned. Mrs. Lacey will look into the apps and links to calendars.

The February survey will be online on our website and Facebook Group and a printed copy will go home with each student. Communication will also be made via email about the survey. It will be asking in what ways do parents want to be engaged to provide your voice to the Principal on School Council matters? Options are School Council Meeting; Online School Council Meeting; Surveys; Other: Specify. It will also ask if yes to School Council Meeting or Online School Council Meeting when would you be able to come to a meeting? Morning, afternoon, later afternoon, evening, Monday to Friday.

Kindness T-Shirt

We received 214 orders for kindness shirts. It was noted that many parents were also purchasing shirt for themselves. This is positive because the message of spreading kindness is going beyond the school walls and into the home.



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Volunteers

Marc Dube was the drawn volunteer for the School Council parking spot in the staff parking lot from Feb 6- Mar 10. Volunteer at the school before our next School Council meeting on March 10th to be entered into a draw for the parking spot for the following month. Volunteers are also needed for the Recycling Friday on February 7th and 21st. Jolene offered to help with the Recycling on February 7th. With the Valentine Dance quickly approaching more volunteers are needed. Split shifts will be available for the Valentine Dance and still 11 volunteers are needed for the night. Volunteers are also needed for setup and cleanup. Parents, staff, and teenager siblings will be encouraged to volunteer. As well Mrs. Lacey will reach out to the Baseball Academy and Sarah will reach out to other School Councils parent volunteers.

NEW BUSINESS

Oilsands Music Festival Donation

Every year our students participate in the Oilsands Music Festival. To support the arts in our school and community Sarah motioned to donate \$100 to the Oilsands Music Festival. Jessica second and all approved.

ASCA Conference & AGM

The ASCA Conference and AGM is being held on April 24-26th in Edmonton at the Delta South. District and School Council budget for one representative each to go. The conference has several workshops and networking opportunities for School Councils to come together to learn about School Councils, current topics in the schools, as well vote on resolutions being presented. Resolutions are the proposed ideas provided by School Councils in Alberta of how they want to influence government and partners for change in education. Sarah will be going this year. If anyone else is interested, please let Sarah know. Resolutions will be presented and voted on at the next school council meeting.

Fundraising:

Special Event Days

To help out our parents, a Chicken Strips Meal Hot Lunch will be provided on Monday March 23rd for \$5. Additional fundraisers are not required at this time, so the price was lowered.

Valentine Dance

Donations from local business has been very generous. There was so much offered that there will be 10 raffle baskets. As a thank you to all those who donated, students will made thank you cards for them in class. It was suggested that maybe another raffle basket fundraiser be organized since donations were overwhelming. Possibly during the Multicultural Event being planned for in May. Since volunteers have been hard to get, donation boxes will be placed under the raffle baskets and no volunteer will be needed. As well to hype school pride Gabriel the Guardian, mascot, will make an appearance. Sarah will get the float for the cash box.

Growing Smiles Flowers

This fundraiser would align great if more money is need for garden boxes. More information is needed for the cost of garden boxes, watering canisters, etc. Jolene has a contact at the Garden of Eden (Evergreen Church) who she will reach out to for more information on costs and next steps. This topic will be included on the next agenda.



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Closing Comments:

Ideas brought forward for discussion on future meeting dates are garden boxes, sitting area, outdoor sensory paths and family movie night.

Meeting adjourned at 4:59pm.

Next Meeting date and time: Tuesday, March 10th, 2020 – 3:15-4:45pm. All parents welcome!