

Ecole Secondaire Ste. Marguerite d'Youville, 51 Boudreau Rd. St. Albert, AB

School Council Meeting Minutes – May 2nd, 2023

Call to order at 6:32pm

Meeting Attendance

Monique Aultman - Principal, Laurent Beaudoin - Assistant Principal/Teacher
Suzanne Morton – Chair, Lori Beerwart – Vice Chair, Rachelle Cyr – Secretary
Meghan Sievwright, Candice Crandall, Sylvie Langille, Stacey Jost, Jessica Shute O'Connell, Helen Jamieson, Kate Fowler, Kim Aing, Genevieve Gray

Regrets - Lydia Yeomans - Trustee, Izabella Luszczek – Student

Acknowledgement and Prayer - Laurent Beaudoin

Approval of the Agenda

Approved by Lori Beerwart
Seconded by Meghan Sievwright

Approval of the April 11th Meeting Minutes (amended)

Approved by Meghan Sievwright
Seconded by Candice Crandall

Chairperson Report - Suzanne Morton – Click here for full report: [Chairperson Report.pdf](#)

- A. ASCA - Suzanne attended the conference, carried a proxy vote for EMP
170 voters - All resolutions were carried as presented or amended
- B. Alberta Education Parent Engagement Grant – Jo(s) presented April 17th, 35 attendees
Links were sent out for the presentation, can view till the end of the year
- C. Council of Council will meet May 23rd, email Suzanne by May 10th if you would like her to address anything at the meeting

Trustee Report - Lydia Yeomans – defer to next year

ESSMY Student Council Representative – defer to next year

Administrator Report - Monique Aultman

Resurrection Mass - 7-2 led the ministries for our Resurrection Mass at Holy Family Parish. Thank you to all of our families who were able to attend. It was wonderful to gather together as a faith community.

The Soiree de la Musique - This event was a hit! We had a full house who enjoyed listening to our ESSMY band and then The White Cats Trio. Thank you to all those families and organizations who

donated to our raffle. There were a plethora of prizes. All monies went to further support our band program.

The 2 Jo(e)s presentation on Social Media - This event was well attended by parents and the feedback was very positive.

Funds for the Ukraine - Students continue to raise funds for the Ukrainian refugee families and staff members are volunteering to be pined in the face and run around the block in silly outfits. Next staff will be eating a blended “happy meal” and getting their hair dyed a vibrant color. Students have raised over \$1,200 to date.

May is the Month of Mary - Two of our Grade 7 students led us in a decade of the rosary for our Monday Morning Prayer

Badminton - Finals are wrapping up this week. Our students have demonstrated tremendous spirit and have placed in the top 5 and 6 so far this week.

Upcoming Events:

- **Grade 7,8,9 Faith Retreats this week**
- **Camp Warwa for Outdoor Ed**
- **May 8th** - Grade 9 group photo. Also individual or group photos (gift from the school to the students, also can be purchased)
- **May 15th & 17th** – ELA FLA Part A Exam – written expression
- **May 18th** – EFJ Closing Mass & Lunch – Hope for French Immersion Campus
- Activities back at the school with all three schools
- Parent Event in the evening
- **June 1st** – Grade 9 Farewell at Holy Family Parish
- **June 12 & 13** – Grade 7 Drumheller
- **Final Exam Reminder – start June 16**
- **June 19th** Last Day of classes – taking the kids to West Edmonton Mall – Waterpark
- **June 20th** – June 27th – Exams
- **June 21st** – Indigenous Day – watch a film & indigenous games in the afternoon
- **June 28th** - Awards Night - Time TBD

Library – how will it be revamped? EFJ & EMP are currently putting aside books for Grade 5 & 6's – will be brought over to ESSMY – Librarians will organize the books according to grade level, shelving will also be brought over from EFJ

Healthy Hunger – three times a week – Tues/Wed/Thurs – open for the entire school – may need to think about how the food will be served depending on the number of orders, open for parent volunteers

Staggered Lunch Time – No, schedule is already very complicated due to Sports Academy

Sports Academy – Grade 5 & 6's will be included

SIGIS – 2 classrooms

Recess – Grade 5 & 6's – SIGIS will supervise the students for first recess & lunch recess – morning recess will be mandatory, lunch recess optional – they will not have open campus, they cannot leave the property

Have you heard from the teachers on how they feel about the recess? Some kids need to go outside to run around and get fresh air – students leave the classroom, they do not eat in the classroom, they have access to the entire school if they choose to stay inside - there will be intramurals in the gym as an option

Can a parent survey be sent out to the parents regarding recess being mandatory? Yes, Monique will send out survey to all parents – sort data based on age of student

New Bell Schedule – posted on ESSMY / EFJ / EMP website under French Immersion Campus – 2 blocks, recess, 3 blocks, lunch, 2 blocks – we are starting 20 minutes later at 8:15am

Options - Grade 5's & 6's – options in the morning, waiting for teacher feedback, trimester for options – still discussing if they will have one option or two options per trimester – the grade 5 & 6 teachers will teach the option classes

Class Configuration – ESSMY will send out a google doc for the students to pick 3 friends that they would like to be in class with for the following year. Administrators try to have at least one friend in their classroom but it is never guaranteed.

Chromebook Devices – Grade 5 & 6's – chromebook is expected to purchase & bring daily to school

Chromebooks from EFJ & EMP – Monique to reach out to admin to see if a cart will come over to ESSMY
Agenda's – Grade 5 & 6's – possibly additional to purchase as a school supply item – was not included in the school budget

Performing Arts – run simultaneously with Sports Academy, can we pull resources with Holy Family? May not happen next school year

Staggered Start – 5, 6, 7's August 29th, 8 & 9 August 30th – everyone August 31st

336 registered to date

9 outstanding students between the 3 schools

3 school tours booked in the next couple weeks

Possible some Military families

We bus across the city of St. Albert & the base, as well as the country

Grade 5 – 2 classes - 56

Grade 6 – 2 classes - 63

Grade 7 – 3 classes - 70

Grade 8 – 2 classes - 66

Grade 9 – 3 classes - 73

Unfinished/Ongoing Business

- i) **Yearbook:** Need PowerSchool date re-opened to May 10th – ACTION – Monique
Drawing Contest – deadline May 10th - colour or b/w, portrait, 8-1/2 x 11, something ESSMY
Esprit, \$25.00 gift card - Winner will have their name engraved on the cover (will confirm)
- ii) **Staff Appreciation Committee:** Will start to organize, will re-visit this committee next year
- iii) **Parent Community Facebook Page:** Nothing to Report

Meeting adjourned 8:24pm

Next Meeting Date: Tuesday, September 5th – 6:30pm Regular Meeting

Tuesday, October 3rd – AGM 6:30pm followed by a Regular Meeting if necessary

Motioned to approve - Suzanne Morton

Approved – Stacey Jost

Second motioned – Meghan Sievwright

Chairperson Report:

ESSMY Chair Report May 2, 2023 ASCA News: Suzanne attended the ASCA AGM on April 23, 2023 in person at the Delta Edmonton South. The conference and AGM were well attended in person and Suzanne also carried the proxy vote for EMP. There were approximately 170 voters (including proxies and online voting delegates). VJM School Council Chair Kerry Boddell was re-elected to the ASCA Board of Directors for another year. The meeting adjourned at 6:10pm so not too terribly long as compared to previous meetings. Alberta Education Parent Engagement Grant: Jo(e) social media presented to students and parents of both ESSMY and VJM on April 17th and the parent presentation was well attended with approximately 35 in attendance (approximately a 50/50 split between ESSMY and VJM). The presentation was very well-received by those in attendance. Links to the presenter's resources were sent out to families last week via e-mail, and these are available to download/view until the end of this school year. Suzanne learned at the ASCA AGM that if this grant continues to be available next year (depends on May election results) the criteria for use may be expanded to include conferences. Minister's Parent Advisory Committee: Nothing new to report. Suzanne just wanted to encourage interested parents to apply for this committee, should it continue following the May election. It was a

great learning/networking opportunity, and I very much enjoyed my time spent attending the meetings. I learned a lot and met many wonderful parents from across Alberta. Miscellaneous: GSACRD Council of Councils will meet for the last time this year on May 23, in person. If any parent has an item, they would like me to add to the agenda, please email me at ESSMY.council.school@gmail.com by May 10th.

Adjournment: Lastly, I just wanted to extend my sincere gratitude and appreciation to all parents who made the time to attend our School Council meetings this year. Your voice is incredibly important to ESSMY, and you make a difference by attending our meetings and providing your point of view. I also want to express my appreciation of our Principal, Monique Aultman for being so supportive of our Council - especially for accommodating my inquiries at all hours of the day and on her days off so that information can be clarified and distributed to parents in a timely manner. Thank you and farewell to Laurent Beaudoin, our Vice Principal, who will be missed by staff students and families as he moves on to new adventures in Morinville next year. A special thank you to Lydia Yeomans, our Trustee, who supports GSACRD Single Track French Immersion with a passion, and who has afforded me personally, many words of wisdom as I strived to be "political but not partisan" this year while navigating the Minister's Parent Advisory Council. We are lucky to have her on our Board of Trustees. Of course, I want to say thank you so much to Rachelle Cyr, our hard-working Secretary, and to Lori Beerwart our Vice Chair for your dedication to ESSMY School Council this year. We must say farewell to Lori at the end of this year, and we wish the Beerwart Family every happiness as they move on from ESSMY. To parents who have volunteered this year, whether on committees or for school activities, you are loved and invaluable to our school. Thank you so so much for all you do for our kids! In early September, we will hold our first Annual General Meeting as our newly configured grade 5-9 school and will consider any amendments to our Standard Operating Procedures at that time, if needed, to best reflect the needs of a 5-9 school. A Regular meeting will follow the AGM. If you, or anyone you know may be interested in running for an Executive position on ESSMY School Council, please consider putting your name forward or nominate a parent/guardian whom you feel would be a good fit!