

School Council Regular Meeting Minutes – January 8, 2025

1. Call to order at 6:31pm– Chair Megan Jeffries

Attendance - Danielle Skalski, Michelle Sestito, Megan Jeffries, Jessica O'Connell, Leanne Robalo, Genevieve Gray, Candice Crandall, Aimee d'Haene, Greg Schell, Enid Maeda, Megan Davies, Tanya Boutin, Kim Ahing

2. Prayer and Land Acknowledgement - D. Skalski/M. Sestito

3. Approval of the Agenda

- Motion: To approve the agenda
- Moved by: Enid Maeda Seconded by: Candice Crandall

4. Approval of November 6, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes

- Motion: To approve last meetings minutes with any said amendments
- Moved by: Candice Crandall Seconded by: Genevieve Gray

5. Chair Report - M. Jeffries/J. O'Connell

- i. Council of Councils Dec 4, 2024 meeting update - 5 schools represented. Information shared included an update on annual education report, faith theme for this school year, brief overview on school calendar discussion that would take place. Survey results from staff surveys was shared. High schools shared worry about how to add a few minutes per day (example: classes needing to add 30seconds to a class). ASCA grant ideas were shared. Next meeting date set for April 10.
- ii. ASCA call for proposed resolutions for April 27, 2025 AGM (deadline is January 16, 2025 at noon)
- iii. ASCE grant update (spent on guest speaker Sam Deema) - Speaker was great. Low turn out.
- iv. Vice-Chair update - Vice Chair had to resign due to child leaving the school. Nomination & election for vice-chair later during this meeting.

6. Trustee Report - G. Schell

School Results Review - Superintendent and trustees toured 7 GSACRD schools. Learned about different Advent projects happening in the schools.

Electoral Boundary Review changes was voted on and passed.

Capital Plan - trying to get a site in Riverside for a new catholic school. Could be a new site in Cherot in northwest St. AB that could be ready too. Emphasis is on the growing areas.

Kindergarten Expo on January 16 in St. AB. Morinville on Jan. 23.

SAA had a visit from the Lieutenant Governor of Alberta. She met with gr.6 students for an hour.

Calendar for the next two years is posted on website and they took into consideration requests for later start in September.

7. Administrator Report - D. Skalski

Upcoming Dates:

January 10- Tropical Theme Day

January 13-29- FAJA cup begins during the lunch hour

January 16-18- SAPEC Senior Basketball Tournament

January 23-25- Lakeland Ridge Junior Basketball Tournament

January 29- Hockey Theme Day

January 30- Faith & Wellness/PD day, No school

January 31-1- Lakeland Ridge Senior Basketball Tournament

February 4- House Colour Theme Day

February 6-7- Teachers' Convention

February 14- Marmot Ski Trip Gr 7-9 / Valentine's Day Wear Pink/Red

February 14- Early Dismissal

February 17- Family Day, No School

February 24- Grade 5-6 Rabbit Hill Ski with gr 3/4 from Esc

February 26- Grade 9 Immunizations

February 26- ESSMY Open House 6:00-7:30 pm

February 27, 28, 1st - Junior High Year End Sapec Basketball Tournament

- We were blessed to enjoy a wonderful week prior to the Christmas break, enjoying many activities. As a school, we raised \$770 for Catholic Social Services' Care-a-van project and also collected items that will be donated to this project. We hope to reach a goal of \$1000 by the end of January. A huge thank you to the School Council and all the families who contributed to the gift for staff. They felt appreciated and spoiled and it's a perfect time as they are typically tired and ready for the break :)
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- ESSMY will be going through a Catholic School Review next week. We sent parents a survey to complete if you don't mind taking the time to provide us with that important feedback. They will also be calling parents to interview them so please be open to answer questions if you don't mind...
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- We had 2 great sessions for parents - Sam Demma and the ALERT team on child exploitation. Thank you to all the parents who joined this and participated. We hope it was useful information.
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- Congrats to all of our basketball teams, especially the Senior Boys and Girls basketball teams who are having a great start to the season and who both won Bronze Medals at the MCHS tournament.
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- Although it's early in the year, the final exam schedule has been posted on our school calendar so parents can plan and ensure their children are present. Exams and PATs will take place from June 17th to June 24th. Please spread the word. (Our dates are different to the dates that have been posted on Alberta Education as our school division requested later dates.)
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- We are also preparing for next year. Registrations opened for students new to the division and registrations for current students will open in the next couple of weeks. Emails will go out shortly.

8. Ongoing Business -

Report of Sub-committees

- i. Yearbook - C. Crandall - Yearbook is available for purchase on Powerschool now. Candice will need someone to step up to do the yearbook next year. Admin does the uploading of the photos. Yearbook person just has to place the photos all together into the book format.
- ii. Healthy Hunger - S. Jost/H. Jamieson - They will be looking into big green compost bins for pizza boxes or other compostable items on hot lunch days.
- iii. Staff Appreciation - S. Morton - Staff Appreciation Report
 Christmas 2024 was our most successful campaign yet with 80 families contributing \$2870! On December 18, all staff were presented with a gift card to a retailer of their choice (\$100 each) and the extra money was spent on a Nespresso machine along with an abundance of beverage options. Apparently, coffee is an ongoing staff need at ESSMY! We chose this option versus a catered lunch due to last minute donations (ie. we couldn't afford a lunch prior to these contributions), short turn-around time, absent staff for Christmas week and the multitude of activities occurring at the school. It just made sense to pull from the "Wish List for the Staff Room" that staff complete in the Fall. They all seemed to be very excited about the variety of beverages, which also was tailored to the staff preferences survey so there was something for everyone to enjoy! We went over budget by \$16 and so the shortfall was covered by SAC volunteers (bank fees and 2 giant red bows donated). SAC will be meeting in the spring to go over a transition as Suzanne will no longer have a child at ESSMY next year. We will need to determine whether or not

we need a charitable bank account, especially in light of the increasing volume of contributions. Thus far, it has been more cost effective for Suzanne to increase the number of transactions on her personal chequing account than it would be to set up a dedicated SAC bank account. This will be something for the next wave of SAC volunteers to discuss!

9. New Business -

i. Vice-Chair nominations/election

Nominated: Aimee d'Haene

Elected: Aimee d'Haene

10. Adjournment at 7:32pm

- Motion: To adjourn the meeting
- Moved by: Megan Davies Seconded by: Candice Crandall