

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

School Council Meeting Minutes - February 7th, 2023

Call to order at 6:31pm

Meeting Attendance

Monique Aultman - Principal, Laurent Beaudoin - Assistant Principal/Teacher

Suzanne Morton - Chair, Lori Beerwart - Vice Chair, Rachelle Cyr - Secretary

Trustee Lydia Yeomans, Meghan Sievwright, Candice Crandall, Helen Jamieson, Jessica Shute O'Connell

Acknowledgement and Prayer - Laurent Beaudoin

Approval of the Agenda (as amended)

Approved by Lori Beerwart

Seconded by Candice Crandall

Approval of the January 10th, 2023 Meeting Minutes (as amended)

Approved by Meghan Sievwright

Seconded by Candice Crandall

Chairperson Report - Suzanne Morton

Alberta School Council Association news:

ASCA annual conference and AGM is April 21, 22 and 23rd (AGM) at the Delta Marriott Edmonton South. The cost for the entire in-person conference is \$495 with a virtual option for the 3 plenary sessions \$50 each or 3 for \$125. If interested in attending, please email the School Council Executive at ESSMY.council.school@gmail.com.

Alberta Parent Engagement Grant

ESSMY and VJM School Councils have booked Jo(e) Social Media! They will be presenting to students at both schools during the day (ESSMY in the morning and VJM in the afternoon) on Monday, April 17. ESSMY will host a parent presentation between 6pm-8pm that same evening.

Minister's Parent Advisory Committee

The second meeting took place Saturday, February 4th. Round table discussion about parent experiences with: *How we felt our children were supported through their education journey/how they are prepared for the future* and *What can schools, boards, community and government do to support learners/what is working well/where could we innovate?* There were presentations from Alberta School Boards Association, College of Alberta Superintendents, Association of Independent Schools and Colleges in Alberta and the Alberta Association of Public Charter Schools.

It was asked if the government would restore funding to ASCA and the response from Minister Lagrange was that the government does not fund "Associations" and that ASCA is eligible to apply for grants. A follow up question was asked about Alberta Education then providing school councils with access to free and reputable information on its' website. Minister Lagrange said she would take the question back to her staff. The next meeting will be in April after which time the election will determine next steps for the MPAC.

Joint meeting of EFJ, EMP and ESSMY School Councils and Administrators only

This meeting is planned for February 15th as an opportunity to meet and collaborate about the merging of the 3 schools. ESSMY is very much looking forward to learning how we can best support our school communities as we go forward together.

Summary of GSACRD Council of Councils January 23rd meeting

Capital Plan: A recap of the 3 year Capital Plan process: ie. the merge of the 3 STFI schools following the year long consultation process. Alberta Education Ministry pleased with GSACRD's consultation process.

Division Calendar: Over 80% of staff, students and parents like the Fall Break. Deliberation over whether or not to recognize Truth and Reconciliation Day at January 30th Board meeting.

GSACS Education Foundation: Return to fundraising for the Foundation has been a slow start due to the pandemic. They are organizing a golf tournament for June and welcome all levels of golfers to sign up! Money raised goes back into providing scholarships and grants.

Trustee Report - Lydia Yeomans Board Highlights .docx

ESSMY will welcome Toni Harrison. He will be presenting on Canada's Black Civil Rights movement with a focus on three Black Canadian Civil Rights Activists: Viola Desmond, Ted King and Gloria Baylis.

Gsacrd Division Calendar for the 23-24 and 24-25 school years are now available.

- 23-24: Schools will be closed on October 2nd for the Recognition of National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. September 30th falls on a Saturday next school year.
- No other major changes.

Naming of new STFI Campus survey to close Feb.6

Catholic Cogito Academy an option for K-1 at Albert Lacombe.

Alberta School Board Association sending out postcards to inform constituents about education issues and help parents ask questions of MLAs.

ESSMY Student Council Representative - Izabella Luszczek

ESSMY Open House is on February 21st from 6:00 to 8:00 pm

Crush Cans for your Crush on Valentine's day

ESSMY carnival in February

Thank you to the volunteers for the January 27th Poutine Day

Administrator Report - Monique Aultman

MADD Presentation: Presentation educated students to help them develop the necessary skills required to make important decisions.

Gr. 9 presentation from Toni Harrison: He will presenting on Canada's Black Civil Rights movement with a focus on three Black Canadian Civil Rights Activists: Viola Desmond, Ted King and Gloria Baylis. These three inspiring individuals courageously challenged racist practices in housing, employment, and public access.

Immunizations: tomorrow February 8, Gr.9 and some Gr. 7-8

Drumheller Trip for Grade 7 is a go: Parent Meeting February 15 at 6:30 p.m.

Shrove Tuesday: need volunteers to help with cooking breakfast, February 21st 7:00-10:00 a.m.

PINK Shirt Day: normally Feb 22, but the Canadian bishops have asked that we celebrate Feb. 21 instead due to Ash Wednesday on Feb. 22, consequently we will celebrate on Feb. 21st

Ash Wednesday: February 22- ESSMY will be joining Holy Family Parish for 9:00 a.m. mass. Everyone welcome!

SACHS visits Grade 9's- discussing Grade 10

Athletes from the Edmonton Elks join ESSMY to speak about what it takes to make it in professional athletics. Topics will include: rising above adversity, goal setting and staying positive.

IREP Presentation: March 1 - In this presentation the speaking team empowers students to put an end to Anti-Black racism, and stress the importance of treating everyone with kindness and respect no matter what they look like.

School Fees: Annual Fee– to be changed to “Lunch Supervisor” so families can claim in their taxes.

Unfinished/Ongoing Business

i) Yearbook:

Monique, Candice & Meghan will setup a meeting to meet with Laurentien.

ii) Staff Appreciation Committee:

Will carry-on as planned in the Spring for end of year staff recognition. The committee will re-evaluate its' need and process in the Fall as we negotiate our new grade 5-9 format.

iii) Parent Community Facebook Page:

Requests have been coming in from families that are not currently attending ESSMY.

New families will be able to join once their kids are registered and starting school in the fall.

iv) **Other:**

Thank you to all the parents for completing the division survey, results are not yet in.

AB Education survey will be coming out soon for grade 4, 7 and 10 families.

SACHS Gade 9 Parent Info Session - Feb 22nd in person 6:30pm, March 7th Virtual 6:30pm.

SACHS Open House - Feb 28th

Meeting adjourned 8:55pm

Next Meeting Date: Tuesday, March 7th, 2023