

**Meeting Notes: Richard S. Fowler Catholic Junior High School  
School Council Meeting  
January 18, 2022, 6:30pm**

**Meeting Minutes**

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**Call to order**

- Meeting called to order at 6:32pm by Jennifer Abrantes (Fowler Parent Council Chair)
- Prayer
  - Prayer delivered by Ashley Morgan (Fowler Vice Principal)
- Treaty Acknowledgement
  - Acknowledgement delivered by Ashley Morgan (Fowler Vice Principal)
- Introductions of School Council Meeting attendees:
  - Danielle Karaki (Fowler Principal)
  - Ashley Morgan (Fowler Vice Principal)
  - Jennifer Abrantes (Fowler Parent Council Chair and parent)
  - Melissa Giroux (Fowler parent)
  - Greg Matthews (Fowler parent)
  - Sarah O (Fowler parent)
  - Giovanna Z (Fowler parent)
  - Josephine Pacholik (St. Albert Catholic High School liaison)
- Quorum established

**Review of Agenda for today's School Council meeting**

- Ashley Morgan (Fowler Vice Principal) shared agenda
- No additional agenda items proposed
- Motion to accept meeting agenda made by Melissa Giroux
- Motion to 2<sup>nd</sup> acceptance of meeting agenda made by Giovanna
- Meeting agenda accepted as is

**Review of meeting minutes from last School Council Meeting held on November 16, 2021**

- Ashley Morgan (Fowler Vice Principal) shared minutes from prior meeting and noted meeting notes can also be found online at school website
- Amendment to meeting minutes related to meeting agenda proposed by Jennifer Abrantes (Fowler Parent Council Chair)
- Motion to adopt amended meeting minutes made by Greg Matthews
- Motion to 2<sup>nd</sup> acceptance of meeting minutes made by Giovanna Z
- Meeting minutes accepted with amendments

**SACHS Report**

- Update provided by Josephine Pacholik (St. Albert Catholic High School liaison)
  - Community Events update over December provided
  - Student Events update over December provided
  - Sports update over December provided
  - Final exams for Semester 1 will be replacement exams held on January 24-28<sup>th</sup>

- Semester 2 begins February 1<sup>st</sup>
- Additional pictures shared

### **Trustee Report by Danielle Karaki in place of Trustee Shaw**

- Trustee Shaw (Trustee) unable to be present due to a conflict
- Trustee Report highlights shared by Danielle Karaki (Fowler Principal)
  - December Trustee Board Meeting highlights
    - Preparing for open house
    - Nature kindergarten is launching next year with 3 schools
    - Supporting rebuilding of Morinville church
    - Greater St. Albert Catholic Schools is providing grants for individual schools; several schools were recipients
    - Additional updates provided
    - Full report will be posted
  - November Trustee Board Meeting highlights
    - Celebrations planned
    - Christmas Hamper campaign kicking off
    - Greater St. Alberta Catholic Schools Building Communities of Hope was nominated for a prize
    - Additional updates provided
    - Full report will be posted
- Question posed to Danielle Karaki about field trips
  - Danielle advised that field trips have been cancelled for the time being
- No additional questions for Danielle Karaki

### **Administrative Report by Danielle Karaki**

- Danielle Karaki (Fowler Principal) shared Administrative Report highlights
- Administrative Report highlights:
  - COVID update
    - Continue to work through most recent Covid wave
    - Danielle thanks Fowler families for their support
    - 4 classes have been transitioned online
    - Students continue to do a great job with masking
  - Open House planning
    - Hosting February 22<sup>nd</sup>
    - Open house will be virtual for now unless changed
  - Registration
    - Registration has just opened
    - For current students, registration will be through the parent portal of Power School
      - School would like to receive registrations as soon as possible
      - No need to pick classes now
    - Focus on recruiting students to Fowler. Support and feedback by parents would be helpful:
      - Word of mouth

- Sharing on social
  - Testimonials
  - Ideas on what would be helpful for Information Visits
- Sports
  - Basketball games have been cancelled due to Covid
    - Teams continue to practice
    - Hope to be back to games soon
- Information visits
  - Planning underway for Grade 6 students coming to Fowler next year
  - School would like feedback from parents on what worked previously
- Upcoming events
  - Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
    - A special prayer every day
  - Ash Wednesday event to kick off Lent

### **Holy Family Liaison Report**

- Update provided by Giovanna (Fowler Parent)

### **Friends of Fowler Report**

- Update provided by Jennifer Abrantes (Fowler Parent Council Chair and parent)
- No further fundraisers currently planned although expect one added fundraiser will be
- A call for donations for Staff Appreciation gifts was previously made and \$600 was collected
- Ashley Morgan (Fowler Vice Principal) acknowledged the appreciation gifts were well received

### **Council of School Councils update**

- Jennifer Abrantes (Fowler Parent Council Chair and parent) provided an update on meeting
- Jennifer will take over chair of the Council of School Councils
- GSACRD has purchased three courses with Alberta Council of School Councils. Anyone who has an interest can participate in that training
- New business from meeting - Engagement grant:
  - All schools will receive a \$500 parent engagement bursary, including Fowler. Danielle and Jennifer both asked parents to think of topics that would be relevant to parents. Any ideas should be shared back with Danielle, Ashley or Jennifer. Grant money must be spent by the end of the school year.
  - Jennifer asked that ideas be shared within next two weeks
- New business from meeting – Vaping:
  - Discussion about the prevalence of vaping and about resources to help educate parents.
  - Discussion about whether the school is providing enough information to support parents. Danielle Karaki will evaluate whether school should bring in a speaker to discuss these issues, both from a student perspective and parent perspective.

### **Open forum**

- Jennifer Abrantes (Fowler Parent Council Chair and parent) opens the floor

- No added items
- Next meeting will be February 8<sup>th</sup>
  - St. Albert High will be present at this meeting

**Meeting close**

- Meeting called to a close at 7:37pm.