

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

School Council Meeting Minutes - February 6th, 2024

Call to order: 6:35pm

Meeting Attendance

Monique Aultman - Principal, Michelle Sestito - Assistant Principal/Teacher

Suzanne Morton - Chair, Rachelle Cyr - Secretary, Gregory Schell - Trustee

Meghan Sievwright, Candice Crandall, Helen Jamieson, Stacey Jost, Genevieve Gray

Acknowledgement and Prayer - ESSMY Administrators

Approval of the Agenda (as amended)

Approved by Stacey Jost

Seconded by Candice Crandall

Approval of the January 9, 2024 Meeting Minutes (as amended)

Approved by Meghan Sievwright

Seconded by Stacey Jost

Chairperson Report - Suzanne Morton

i. ASCA News - Annual ASCA conference and AGM April 26-28 at Delta Marriott Edmonton South. Suzanne is planning to attend the AGM on April 28th. For more information and preliminary program, please visit the ASCA website at: www.albertaschoolcouncils.ca

ii. ASCE Grant - Danielle Reed presentation entitled: "Raising Kids with Courage, Curiosity and Compassion", will take place on February 27th, 6:30-8:30pm at VJM (Vincent J. Maloney Catholic Junior High School) 20 Mont Clare Pl, St. Albert. Both schools would like to express their gratitude to both Administration Teams for covering the gst portion of our invoices! Parents will be receiving a Google Form to indicate their attendance for planning purposes. We strongly encourage parents to attend!

iii. GSACRD Council of Councils February 5th - was canceled. Next meeting is planned in May.

iv. February 22 ESSMY Open House - Suzanne unable to attend. If anyone would like to sit at the School Council table to greet and talk to new families, please send a message to: ESSMY.council.school@gmail.com

Trustee Report - Gregory Schell

Please see [Regular Board Meeting - 2024Jan29](#)

Inquiry from parents regarding the possibility of forming a parent committee to help write questions from a parent perspective.

Concerns from parents regarding the on-line reporting only for grade 5s and 6s. Locating information on Powerschool is confusing to some parents. Inquired about the reasoning behind no more report cards.

On-going concerns from parents regarding traffic safety/flow. Modernization plan will be Division led.

ESSMY Student Council Representatives - Franchesca Go and Erin Mendes - No Report

Administrator Report - Monique Aultman

i. Partners in Prayer - Our prayer box has come in and is located in our front foyer for students to place intentions in them. We will also share a prayer request box that will take turns going to each homeroom class to add their intentions throughout the remainder of the year.

ii. Registrations for 2024-2025 - Thank you to those parents who have already registered their children for next year. We presently have 102 students who have registered. Just a reminder that all students who register prior to March 1st will have their name put into a draw for a new Chromebook and Apple AirPods. Once your child is registered, they will receive a letter of acceptance with a link attached to give input into class configurations. Please note that option classes will be sent out later in April.

iii. Open House - Our Open House will be Thursday, February 22, 2024 from 6:00-8:00 pm. We will have a more formal presentation at 7:30 pm just before we close for the evening in our gymnasium. We will be introducing our staff and looking at a "Day in the life of a Leopard." We will also have several door prize draws for new students who complete their "Passeport".

iv. Division Assurance Survey - Now closed, but Provincial Assurance Survey is still taking feedback. Thank you to all of our families who completed our division assurance survey. Your input is very much appreciated. Note that some parents will also be receiving the Provincial Assurance Survey and are encouraged to give your feedback in this way as well.

v. Upcoming events

February 8/9 - Teachers' Convention, NO school for students

February 12 - "You, Me, and Us" Presentation- school wide @11:30a.m

February 13 - Shrove Tuesday- Pancake Breakfast for all ESSMY students- Food Bank Donation will be taken on this day.

February 13 - Valentine's Day will be celebrated today.

February 14 - Ash Wednesday Mass 9:00 a.m. @ Holy Family Parish- everyone is welcome.

February 15 - Marmot 7-9 Ski Trip

February 15 - Hey, Riel! Musical Theatre Field trip

February 16 - PD/Staff Meeting Day, NO School for students

February 19 - Family Day, NO School

February 22 - ESSMY Open House @ 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

February 23 - Horizons Leadership Conference @ MCHS

February 27 - 6:30-8:30p.m. "RAISING KIDS with COURAGE, CURIOSITY & COMPASSION", ESSMY and VJM parent session @ VJM school. All parents welcome.

February 28 - Pink Shirt Day

March 2 - Saturday Night Ski Night with ESC and ESSMY at Rabbit Hill Cost is \$35 which includes lift pass and rentals. They will offer beginner lessons for students and tubing.

March 12 - Term 2 Ends

Other: Q & A

Field Trips:

Q: Will there be more field trips this year?

A: Possibly. Field Trips are teacher and curriculum dependent. Possibility of more at year end.

Track and Field:

Q: Will the elementary and junior high track and field day be on the same day?

A: No, they will be on separate days. Grade 7 to 9 Track and Field day will be May 21st with Districts being held May 28th. Grades 5 and 6s Track and Field day will be early June with Districts being held June 17th.

Gr. 7 Drumheller Trip:

Q: Will there be a trip to Drumheller this year?

A: Possibly a day trip, yet there is not one scheduled at this time

On-going Business -Report of Sub-committees

i. Yearbook:

Candice and Monique are meeting next week

ii. Healthy Hunger:

Everything is running smoothly. Looking at a possible new vendor

iii. Staff Appreciation Committee: No report

iv. Parent Community Facebook Page: Helen asked if parents minded posting GSACRD

community-building events on the page as long as not fundraising. Members in agreement that this is acceptable.

Suzanne reviewed that disallowing fundraising on the private parent page is ultimately an issue of fairness to all parent members on the page. ESSMY does not have a fundraising society. Those wishing to fundraise can contact ESSMY Admin to see if their cause can be advertised in the Leopard's Lair

Newsletter, follow the organizations they wish to support on social media (Eg. ESC, GSACRD Foundation, Food Bank, sports teams, Stollery Children's Hospital etc) and post requests for donations on personal pages. Community building events within GSACRD are most welcome on the FB parent page.

Meeting adjourned: 8:08pm

Next Meeting Date: Tuesday, March 5, 2024