

# School Council Meeting

St. John XXIII Catholic School, 9526 89 Street, Fort Saskatchewan, AB

MINUTES – March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017

7:00pm School Library

In attendance: Donamarie Lukie, Vanessa Gillis, Trina Terry, Samantha LeDrew, Lucielle Yeud, Jody Greene, Tracy Melnyk, Sandy Weller

1. Call to Order/Prayer – Donamarie Lukie  
**7:06 pm**
2. Approval of Agenda  
**1<sup>st</sup> Jody Greene, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vanessa Gillis**
3. Approval of Minutes from January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2017  
**1<sup>st</sup> Donamarie Lukie, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vanessa Gillis**
4. School Report – Attending Teacher  
**See Attached Report.**  
**Regarding Jr. Options teachers request for funding.**  
**Motion of \$25 per teacher per month (to be re-evaluated at the end of the year).**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Jody Greene, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lucielle Yeud**  
**Motion Passed**
5. Administration Report – Tracy Melnyk
  - **New portables have been approved for the school.**  
**Construction begins summer 2017.**
  - **Reconfiguration**  
**They are wanting to know what parents would like to see. They're listening and looking for feedback.**
  - **New calendar approved.**
  - **Brighter Beginnings**  
**Going to be renamed EICS Pre-Kindergarten. Current needs remaining, however also being extended to the community. Faith based. Prioritizing to the Catholic community. Soft launch March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017.**
  - **Kindergarten open house April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2017**
  - **Retired Principle Michael Smith covering Tracy Melnyk medical leave for 6-8 weeks. Coming on March 15<sup>th</sup>.**
  - **All data has been collected from surveys.**
  - **Grade 4 teachers feel Essential Skills is not the right program for them. Mathletics is a program they're looking into. To be discussed at next meeting.**
  - **Thank you to the council for donating to Shrove Tuesday.**
  - **Thank you to the council for couches.**

Teacher Report: March 8, 2017

1. Terry Fox Thank you letter
2. Grade 4 art project "Goodle" was a total hit!! They should be finishing up this and next week. Then we move to our research and art project "
3. 4V: Portrait of a saint". Grade 4s will be working a story with their Google as the main character!! Should be a wonderful exploration of imagination and words!!
4. Many of our classrooms are experimenting with flexible seating arrangements in their classrooms with huge successes in children's attention and learning. Innovative learning environment fosters collaboration and imagination!
5. Mrs. Matheson's class is as silly as a barrel of monkeys! That's because they are reading all about the silly monkey named Curious George! They will be sharing their new learning during student led conferences later this month.
6. The grade 2 students are working on place value in math, on learning how to skip so that they can have fun outside once Spring appears and finding out all about magnets.
7. The grade 4s attended the Edmonton symphony in February for a fantastic performance celebrating Canada for 150 years. Along with the symphony performance they included First Nation hoop dancers and Metis jiggers to the show.
8. Spring Concert for choir, chimes, and handbells is April 26.
9. 1SW has begun their own twitter account and has been using this as another way to connect with our parents and community. They have also buddied up with another grade one class in the district to tweet and skype with as they explore how to be responsible digital citizens. Thank you to Mrs. Melnyk for helping them get set up!
10. Friendship Friday Club: Starting in March on Fridays our counselling team will be holding a friendship group in the library during the entire lunch time. This group will focus on building friendship and social skills with other children similar in age. Students who seem to be lonely or are lacking peer connections could benefit from this group. The team will be able to take a maximum of five students from each class and will spend the entire lunch time with them. Groupings will be split into a 1&2 group and a 3&4 group. Teachers will provide names to the counselling team of those students they feel would benefit from participating.
11. Jr. Options will begin in April and be held every afternoon of early out Wednesdays for the remainder of the school year. Students will have the opportunity from 1-2 p.m. to sign up and visit another teacher who has a planned project/activity for the afternoon. In order to offer some variety in programming (such as cooking, painting etc. ) teachers would like to know if parent council would financially support this initiative. This initiative is to replace after school clubs from previous years so that all students and staff could participate.

Treasurer's Report

Balance in accounts in \$31695.47

Previous balance \$31489.17

Community Relations

\$1220.27

Cultural Events and  
Music \$8502.76

Health and Wellness

\$1465.26

Hot Lunch

\$11454.34

Literacy and Library

\$11.04

Milk Program

\$6890.80

Technology

\$2151.00

Please keep in mind that Hot Lunch and Milk are in and out accounts for now. Mrs. Doderai has spent \$556.10 for music program. We have also receive \$111 from Mables labels so I put that into music as well so that Ms. Cyca can purchase some instruments if she needs to. The school has spent \$556.10 on sport supplies and Mrs. Buban has almost used up her allotment for Literacy and Library. Bottle drive funds have been allotted to Cultural Events and Music.