

Father Henri Voisin School Council Meeting

Date: January 12, 2022

Time: 6:30pm

MINUTES

Attendance: Shane Chrisholm, Angie Nevins, Kimberley Cryer, Anne Marie Watson, Trista Carey, April Connolly, Kara Bacho, Jamie Barrow

Call to order: 6:31 pm

1. Welcome/Opening Prayer – April
2. Approval of agenda- April, Kara, All in favor - Carried
3. Approval of minutes from November meeting- April, Angie, All in favor- Carried
4. Reports
 - a. Administration -
 - Rapid tests and masks There is a shortage of rapid tests in Alberta. We are unsure of the dates. There will be one kit of rapid tests per student and 20 masks then two weeks later there should be another kit provided at a later date. No dates are provided at this time.
 - Grade five basketball we are holding onto hope to still do this.
 - Absenteeism hasn't been an issue so far within our school we have been very blessed.
 - If you receive any rapid test kits that are not wanted please turn them back into the office.



Acknowledgement of the Land

The Father Henri Voisin School community wants to take a moment to thank God for all creation. We recognize the honour we share being on Treaty 7 land north of the Red Deer River which so many people utilized before us, including the First Nations, Métis, and Inuit people, whose footsteps graced these lands for centuries. The care they showed for the land has allowed us to be here together to honour the Creator and enjoy His ongoing blessings.

Feedback:

1. Student recognition awards

Information Items:

1. Welcome back to Mrs. Colpitts to our Kindergarten program on January 5th. Thank you to Mrs. Tirpak for her dedication and time to our Kindergarten program.
2. Our school was granted 0.4FTE for Literacy Interventions to occur over a 12 week period starting mid-December - mid-March for Grades 2 and 3.
3. Father Henri Voisin staff will begin 'Trauma Informed' training on the January PD day.

Celebrations:

1. Grade 5 Faith Retreat was completed on Nov. 30th @ Sacred Heart Parish. This was our second successful retreat at Sacred Heart Parish.
2. Grade 3 Class attended daily Mass @ Sacred Heart Parish on Wednesday, December 1st.
3. Advent Celebrations' are currently underway, including Advent Reflection/Prayer on morning announcements led by our Grade 5 students.

School Priorities

1. Being Faith leaders - [8 Characteristics of Catholic Identity](#) - Community and Tradition are the two characteristics we are focussing on this school year. Our Faith coach provided professional development to our staff about Community and Tradition on Sept. 24th, Oct. 8th, Oct. 22nd, Nov. 26th and December 10th.
2. Mental Wellness - common language/programming school wide - Our counseling team (school based counselor and FSEC) started the school wide program on Oct. 1st, called "i-Mind", to support student mental health and self regulation. Class presentations continue every Friday.
3. Strategic Alignment of our Numeracy and Literacy programming - School Improvement Plan/PD Plan/Teacher Quality Standard/Professional Growth Plan

Professional Development Update:

1. Focus remains: Literacy, Inclusion, Faith, Technology (L.I.F.T)/Mental health for students and staff
2. Ongoing sessions in numeracy/literacy to continue
 - a. Professional Development Day - Dec. 10th - Mental Health/Data-Inclusion
 - i. The morning will be a focus on our personal mental health with a presentation about the 40 developmental Assets through AHS.
 - ii. The afternoon will be a continuation from November 26 PD day, we will be reviewing data, determining student support and where to focus our LIFT.

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b. School Board Trustee - Anne Marie Watson

- Board directed a mandated Covid vaccine or Rapid test for staff, Monthly. <https://meet.google.com/sxe-zmjw-iyk#:~:text=https%3A//www.rdcrs.ca/download/378133>
- Next board meeting will be January 25th, 2022

- Item of interest, developing boundaries for the new middle school St.Lorenzo in Kentwood. First draft will be either this month or February. We encourage you to attend and provide your feedback on the Draft meetings.

c. Financial -

Bear Trax deposit- \$4325 Invoice - \$2933.65 Profit-\$1391.35

Healthy Hunger deposit \$139.95

Bank balance to be updated for the next meeting.

5. New Business

a. Alberta School Council Engagement Grant - \$500 dollars were given to each School Council to use to benefit. We will look to present some ideas at the next School Council meeting.

b. Read-a-thon - January 24- February 11th, we look to be under budget so far. We would need a volunteer to fill envelopes and money. Battle of the books is always a huge hit with the kids and also get more books into the library. Kimberley has volunteered to get the envelopes ready for distribution.

c. Family Skate Day - We will have to cancel this due to the Provincial restrictions of Covid again this year.

D. pink shirt day- February 18th, Shane will touch base with Steve Jackson to see if possible to get it into place.

6. Old Business

a. Bear Tracks fundraiser - Profit \$1391.35- In the future we may reconsider different options.

b. Hot Lunch - Erin was unable to attend tonight, but she did inform Trista that everything is running great. Very nice and easy program so far. Thank you Erin for making this Healthy Hunger such an easy program to use.

Reflection - April

Adjournment: 720 pm- April, Kara- All in favor- Motioned

Next Meeting – February 8, 2022 @ 6:30 (_____ - Prayer & Reflection)