

St. Martin de Porres School
School Council Minutes
7:00 p.m.
September 9, 2019

“Lord, light the path and I will lead others!
Seigneur, illumine le chemin et je guiderai les autres!”

- 0.0 Call to Order at 7:00 pm - Dorice called the meeting to order at 7:00pm as there is no elected Chair at this time.
- 1.0 Opening Prayer- Mme de Champlain
- 2.0 Introductions: School Council members introduced themselves and completed sign in sheet.
- 3.0 Review of the Agenda - The agenda was adopted as read.
- 4.0 Call for Nominations- Executive Roles
 - Chair- Kate Balon nominated Tyler Yates and Jackie Tomalty seconded.
 - Vice-Chair- Megan Newfield nominated Ann Berry and Kate Balon seconded.
 - Secretary- Jackie Tomalty nominated Stacy Thygesen and Leah Christiansen seconded.
 - Treasurer- Kate Balon nominated Erica Svanes and Stacy Thygesen seconded.

Congratulations to our new School Council Executive:

Chair- Tyler Yates

Vice-Chair- Ann Berry (once confirmed when she returns)

Secretary- Stacy Thygesen

Treasurer- Erica Svanes

- 5.0 Business
 - 5.1.1 Annual School fundraiser- *See three attached Handouts*
 - School Council decided to lead a READ-A-THON this year. \$500 start up was allotted for this initiative at the June meeting.
 - Prizes for classes and students will be awarded for both pledges/donations and minutes committed to reading.

- Prizes and fun activities will be set out throughout the month to encourage continued reading.
- Staff have volunteered to take a pie in the face if a certain amount of money is raised - Thank you Mr. Touchette!!
- Packages will be distributed to families on September 16, 2019 and families will be asked to return their donation forms on October 17, 2019 (4 weeks of reading)
- A donation of \$20 or more is eligible for a tax receipt. Donations are to be made payable to Red Deer Catholic Regional School Division #39.
- Dorice suggested the wording be changed from Pledges to Donations.
- There will be one set day to collect the read-a-thon packages, however if packages are brought to school beforehand they will be collected at the office.
- A special announcement will happen on Friday Sept. 16th @ 1:45pm to let the students know about the Read-A-Thon.
- Members of School Council will meet at 1:30pm in SMDP's staff room on Friday Sept 13 to stuff information packages/envelopes for each student.
- Gently used book donations will be collected at this time as prizes/gifts for randomly chosen students who are reading throughout the 4 weeks.

5.1.2 Additional Art fundraiser ideas from June, 2019 meeting

- ACORN Cards/Wall Decals/Window Clings. Proceeds are a 60/40 split. School Council will support Tara Lawrence in this endeavor. These have been ordered and shipped to the school.
- Additional idea that are still being considered: Art Auction- kids create art that could be sold perhaps at RDC during production. Kristie to inquire with RDC. Additionally, if more chairs are painted by students ... is it possible to auction them off.
- School Council continuing to look at hosting a raffle for Front of the House Seats for Production

6.0 Committee Reports/ Chairs

Please note that a committee may have nothing to report at various times of the year.

- 6.1.1 Dawe Run - School Council will budget \$15 for water (Stacy motioned and Cassandra seconded) Megan will take water down to Dawe Run, Jackie will take banner down. We will need a volunteer who can stay to hand water out.
- 6.1.2 Fundraising- Read-A-Thon- discussed in business
- 6.1.3 Staff Appreciation- Megan volunteered to chair
- 6.1.4 Winter Fun Night- Cassandra, Megan and Dianna have volunteered
- 6.1.5 Shrove Tuesday- Ann will Volunteer
- 6.1.6 Family Fun Night/ Carnival- (to take place in early January)

6.1.7 Grade 5 Farewell- Tyler, Shirley may volunteer

7.0 Principal Report- Mme de Champlain (included in this document)

7.1.1 Questions arising from Principal's Report

7.1.2 Administrative Procedures - There were no administrative procedures to review.

8.0 New Business:

8.1.1 2019-2020 Meeting Dates are listed below.

October 28 Budget Meeting at 6pm

October 28 School Council Meeting to follow at 7pm

November 18 Meeting at 7pm

January 13 Meeting at 7pm

February 10 Meeting at 7pm

March 9 Meeting at 7pm

May 11 Meeting at 7pm

June 8 Meeting at 7pm

8.1.2 Fun Lunch/Hot Dog Lunch- The staff are exploring the idea of hosting monthly hot dogs sales to support Social Justice endeavours. Eg. September/October- Cancer, November/December - Food Bank. Stay tuned for more details.

9.0 Announcements/ Correspondence

9.1.1 Next meeting date will be on October 28 at 6 pm.

10.0 Closing Reflection- Mme de Champlain

11.0 The meeting was adjourned at 8:05pm

St. Martin de Porres Principal's Report Highlights for the School Council Meeting- September, 2019

We Welcome New and Returning Staff Members...

Mrs. Lordana Santos, Teacher, Grade 2

Mrs. Morgan McMullen, Teacher, Grade 3

Mrs. Lana Kostenuk, Teacher, Grade 4

Faith in our School...

- We will celebrate our Opening Celebration at 11:30 am in our gym on September 19, 2019. A BIG thank you to Ms. DeGraff and our entire staff for leading this celebration. Parents are always welcome to join us!

Meet the Teacher Event

- On September 6, we held our Meet the Staff Event at 8 am. This event followed our Optional Drop off on August 30 from 10 am until 12pm. Both welcoming events were a great success! We are very blessed to have wonderful parents who are committed to being actively involved in their children's education.

Enrollments

- Current enrolments are at 267. This is a huge celebration as this is the highest our enrollments have been in 4 years! Thanks to all of our families for promoting our amazing school, the only Catholic Fine Arts school in Red Deer!

What's New at St. Martin's!

- Our school will be performing another Christmas production this year after a highly successful performance last year! This year's show, *Back to the Manger*, will have all the same fun and energy of last year's production and promises to give our students an amazing opportunity to let their God-given talents shine. Save the dates of **December 17 and 18th** to make sure you and your family are able to participate in this event! All students will sing multiple times in the production. Grade 4 and 5 students are invited to audition for featured singing, dancing, and speaking parts. Auditions will be held at lunch recess Sept 17 and 19.
- Our first CREATE of the year is scheduled on the afternoon of September 24 after the DAWE Run. The theme for our first CREATE is space..

Parent Communication

- Parents are always welcome and encouraged to discuss questions or concerns directly with the classroom teacher or the school principal.