

St. Martin de Porres School
School Council Minutes- Sept 26, 2022@ 7pm.

- 0.0 Call to Order -Mme de Champlain, called the meeting to order at 7:07 pm
- 1.0 Opening Prayer- Mme de Champlain
- 2.0 Opening Comments
- 3.0 Review of the Agenda - The agenda was adopted as read.
- 4.0 **School Council Executive Elections:**
Chair- Leah Christiansen **Vice-Chair-** Jennica Taylor
Treasurer- Erika Svanes **Secretary-** Leah McPherson
- 5.0 Business
- 5.1.1 Read-a-thon Update
- Kick off - Monday, September 26th & Wrap up date is Monday, October 24th
 - Goal is to raise \$13,000
 - Help is needed with soliciting donations for participation draws
 - Help is needed with tallying money and creating tax receipt spreadsheet on Oct 24 & Oct 25th
 - Wrap up Student Assembly Friday, October 28th at 2:30pm
 - Read-a-thon Spirit Day ideas (one per week of the fundraiser) & dates confirmed
 - Cozy up with a good book - Pyjama Day!- Sept 28
 - Hats of to reading - wear your favorite hat, crown or toque Oct 5
 - Reading is RAD so wear PLAID! Oct 12
 - Sock it to Reading - wear your favorite crazy/cool/fun socks Oct 19
- 5.1.2 Solicit volunteers to get door prizes- A letter is available for parents if they want to solicit donations in the community
- 6.0 Committee Reports/ Chairs.
- 6.1.1 Dawe Run - Sept. 20, 2022 (water and granola bars were purchased approx \$50)
- 6.1.2 Fundraising- Read-a-thon- Campaign Sept 26- Oct. 24, 2022
- 6.1.3 Staff Appreciation- **Staff Meals** - PTI (Nov 8/9 and Mar 22/23) Teacher Appreciation week (May 1-5 - PD on Friday April 28th)
- 6.1.4 Winter Fun Night / Family Dance- (2 chairs)
- 6.1.5 Shrove Tuesday- (1 chair) - *Shrove Tuesday is Feb 21, 2023 which is during winter break this year so it will be celebrated Feb. 14, 2023
- 6.1.6 Family Fun Night/ Carnival- (2 chairs)- end of April date (last Thursday in April)
- 6.1.7 Grade 5 Farewell-June 20 Sacred Heart Church @ 11am... Dianna will Chair.
Leah will help.

- 6.1.8 Summer Fun Day at the Dawe (swimming Grades 3-5; splash park Grades K-2) - (1 chairperson, 1 staff member)
- 6.1.9 Hot Lunch- Heather McPherson & team... Dates include
October 12 (Wednesday), Nov. 3 (Thursday), Nov. 23 (Wednesday), Dec. 15 (Thursday)
- 7.0 Treasurer's Report- Erika Svanes
 - 7.1.1 Balance is \$5860.00 (estimated balance)
- 8.0 Principal Report- Mme de Champlain (**included in this document**)
 - 9.1.1 Questions arising from Principal's Report
 - 9.1.2 Administrative Procedures - no administrative procedures to share at this time
- 9.0 New Business:
 - 9.1.1 **Alberta School Council Engagement Grant. \$500 per School Council**
Initial discussions with RDCRS in the usage of the \$500 grant for the 2022/2023 school year encompassed the idea of increasing the speaking series to 5 parent/speaker engagement sessions. These sessions would be provided to all parents of RDCRS and would be 5 subject areas based on RDCRS School Council feedback.
- 10.0 School Board Trustee Report- Murray Hollman
 - 10.1.1 Suggestions and feedback are always welcome.
- 11.0 Announcements/ Correspondence
 - 11.1.1 Next meeting will be Tuesday, November 1 , 2022. (This meeting will include our annual budget meeting)
- 12.0 Closing Reflection- Mme de Champlain
- 13.0 The meeting was adjourned at: 8:30 pm

St. Martin de Porres Principal's Report - September 26, 2022

Faith in our School...

- A big thank you to our staff for leading our Opening Mass on September 21 at Sacred Heart. It was a beautiful Mass and so great to welcome back our St. Martin de Porres choir! We were so very proud of our students for being so reverent and respectful in sharing their faith!

Enrollments

- We currently have 245 students in our school.

Staggered Entry and Meet the Staff

- Both our Staggered Entry and our Meet the Staff event were a great success! Feedback from parents was very positive and encouraging. Parents shared that they really appreciated meeting the teacher and having the opportunity to drop off the supplies. Other parents also shared that a morning Meet the Staff was great as it did not compete with other evening extracurricular events.

New Student Pizza Lunch

- Our counseling team and principal welcomed 29 new students to our school at our new student lunch!

Road Construction

- Thank you again to our parents for their patience with the road construction by the City of Red Deer. We are hoping that it will be complete by the end of September.

What's New at St. Martin's!

New Garden Boxes

- We have recently purchased new garden boxes made of galvanized steel to replace our wooden ones.

New Chromebooks

- We have purchased 20 new chromebooks to ensure every student has a chromebook to use in our school!

Painting of the Pillars

- On Sept. 26, our Grade 4 students worked in team with parent volunteers to paint the pillars of the school!
- Thanks to Grade 4s and our parent volunteers our school looks amazing! Stay tuned for our next art enhancement project!

Safety Campaign

- Once the road infrastructure is complete, we will begin a parking lot and pedestrian safety campaign at our schc Students will be taught safety lessons at school and then we will follow up by sending the information home for parents! Students will be taught safe places to walk, meet their parents and cross the street. In addition, students will be taught that the staff parking lot is a Danger Zone and that it is not safe to walk there.

Parent Communication

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

Wishing our entire St. Martin de Porres School Community a blessed 2022-2023!

God Bless!