

St. Martin de Porres School
School Council Minutes January 17, 2023@ 7pm.

0.0 Call to Order - Leah Christiansen

1.0 Opening Prayer- Mrs. Arsenault

2.0 Opening Comments

3.0 Review of the Agenda
Approved by Jennica and seconded by Erica

4.0 Business

4.1.1 Update Parent Volunteer Sign Up from Parent Teacher Conferences

- 26 volunteers signed up
- Jennica emailed everyone on the list and has had 7 responses
- If we have a specific help request... We can send our volunteers a note requesting their help.

4.1.2 Winter Fun Night - February 16 from 6 to 8 pm

- This event has not been possible for the last couple of years due to COVID
- It is a simple event - Skating and sledding at the West Park skate shack, and music in the gym for a school dance.
- Jennica & Leah M will organise the event
- ACTION - volunteers are needed for the event

4.1.3 Shrove Tuesday - Tuesday, February 14th

- Ann can support with making pancakes
- Ann will purchase supplies and Leah C. will reach out to coordinate volunteers.
- 6 volunteers needed for the morning 9am - 12pm (runners & cooking helpers)
- Heather M., & Amanda can volunteer. Please note more volunteers are needed.

4.1.4 Budget Update- Adjustment to Grade 5 Field Trip funding

- Reallocated to ensure all grades had equal allocations

4.1.5 2023/24 Boundary Changes/ Parent Communications

- 2023/24 year there will be a boundary change due to the opening of the new Middle School - Many St. Martin students will now be attending St. Thomas
- Communication will be sent to the Grade 5 students to show the new boundary map via the Grade 5 teacher's week at a glance.
- ACTION - Mme de Champlain will follow up with Division Office regarding further communication to parents pertaining to boundary changes
- Suggestion: Have a hard copy map available for parents

- 4.1.6 Cilantro and Chive Ice Cream Sandwich Fundraiser (May)
 - Leah C - We need to designate the funds for this Cilantro and Chive fundraiser
 - We could ask for student voice
 - Suggestions: baseball gloves, hockey nets could be purchased
 - ACTION: Mme de Champlain will investigate school needs & make suggestions
- 4.1.7 Cricut
 - Mrs. Arsenault has a cricut that she would like to donate to the school
 - Is the School Council willing to support the pieces that are needed to update the cricut? The extra pieces should be approximately \$100.
- 4.1.8 School Council would like to set up a Google Drive to access their documents
 - Explore having a School Council tab with access to volunteer activities, minutes, google form for volunteers to sign up
- 4.1.9 Calendar
 - Can it be updated and have short descriptions of the event below for parents?
 - Can we map out easy spirit days and provide enough notice?

5.0 Committee Reports/ Chairs.

- 5.1.1 Staff Appreciation- Next Staff Appreciation meal is either March 22 or 23 at 3:30pm - we need 1 volunteer to take the lead on coordinating orders / delivery
ACTION: find a volunteer and select a restaurant
- 5.1.2 Winter Fun Night / Family Dance- (2 chairs) Jennica and Leah M
- 5.1.5 Shrove Tuesday- (Ann & Leah C) - Tuesday February 14
- 5.1.6 Family Fun Night/ Carnival- (2 chairs)- last Thursday in April
Amanda Dawson will help
ACTION: select a Chair/Co-chair - find a committee - likely 5-7 people needed
 - Join the School Council meeting and then make a sub-committee
- 5.1.7 Grade 5 Farewell - June 20 Sacred Heart Church @ 11am -Dianna will chair.
Leah C. will help.
- 5.1.8 Summer Fun Day at the Dawe (swimming Grades 3-5; splash park Grades K-2) Capstone as an option for K-2 (1 chairperson, 1 staff member needed)
We have to look into what needs to be done to confirm this.
 - Proposed dates: Jun 22, 2023 or Jun 23, 2023 or Jun 27, 2023
 - Erika has contacted the Dawe and put forward a request for the above dates.
 - Waiting to hear back for the Dawe on booking availability.

- 5.1.9 Hot Lunch- Heather & team... new dates include
January 18 (Wednesday) Opa, February 9 (Thursday) Taco Time, March 8
(Wednesday) Original Joes, April 13 (Thursday) Papa Baldy's

Cilantro and Chive will be doing ice cream sandwich day in May (Leah C - has emailed to determine a date) Free Hot Dog Day in coordination with Summer Create Day (tentatively June 5)

- 5.2.0 Curling Rocks! Learn to Floor Curl! - Lynne along with RDCC volunteers will facilitate a session on January 23rd - each classroom group will get 30 minutes of instruction and information about curling.

6.0 Treasurer's Report- Erika

7.0 Principal Report- Mme de Champlain (report attached)

8.0 Announcements/ Correspondence

School Council Conversations

The Alberta School Councils' Association (ASCA) is asking school councils to engage their members in a short, facilitated discussion around the question, **“What are the solutions you would like to see the Alberta government implement to improve education for your children and/or school?”** To be gathered by Feb. 3, 2023, school council feedback is then to be recorded through ASCA's [“Hopeful Conversation – Stand for Public Education”](#) online survey. Parents unable to join their school council can also share their views through the feedback tool. Spread the news!

ACTION: Determine a time to meet and discuss

9.0 Next meeting will be March 14, 2023 at 7pm at the school.

10.0 Closing Reflection/ Prayer- Thank you Mrs. Arsenault

St. Martin de Porres Principal's Report - January 17 , 2023
St. Martin de Porres Alberta Education Assurance Measures- Overall Summary
LET'S CELEBRATE OUR AMAZING REPORT CARD RESULTS!

- Celebrations.. We are proud to have exceeded the provincial averages in all areas!

Assurance Domain	Measure	St. Martin De Porres School			Alberta			Measure Evaluation		
		Current Result	Prev Year Result	Prev 3 Year Average	Current Result	Prev Year Result	Prev 3 Year Average	Achievement	Improvement	Overall
Student Growth and Achievement	Student Learning Engagement	91.6	92.5	n/a	85.1	85.6	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
	Citizenship	97.9	95.5	95.7	81.4	83.2	83.1	Very High	Maintained	Excellent
	3-year High School Completion	n/a	n/a	n/a	83.2	83.4	81.1	n/a	n/a	n/a
	5-year High School Completion	n/a	n/a	n/a	87.1	86.2	85.6	n/a	n/a	n/a
	PAT: Acceptable	n/a	n/a	n/a	67.3	n/a	73.8	n/a	n/a	n/a
	PAT: Excellence	n/a	n/a	n/a	18.0	n/a	20.6	n/a	n/a	n/a
	Diploma: Acceptable	n/a	n/a	n/a	75.2	n/a	83.6	n/a	n/a	n/a
	Diploma: Excellence	n/a	n/a	n/a	18.2	n/a	24.0	n/a	n/a	n/a
Teaching & Leading	Education Quality	98.4	96.8	95.6	89.0	89.6	90.3	Very High	Improved	Excellent
Learning Supports	Welcoming, Caring, Respectful and Safe Learning Environments (WCRESLE)	98.4	96.6	n/a	86.1	87.8	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
	Access to Supports and Services	94.8	94.2	n/a	81.6	82.6	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Governance	Parental Involvement	86.4	81.4	87.0	78.8	79.5	81.5	Very High	Maintained	Excellent

- We have maintained very high averages in all areas with a very slight decrease in Student Engagement from 92.5% to 91.6%. Parental Involvement has also increased from 81.4% to 86.4%. We strive to continue to improve our parental involvement percentages in the future.

Faith in our School...

- A big thank you to 5Z/KTT, 4J, 2S and KMW for leading us in celebrations every week for the season of Advent. Students, we appreciate your leadership in sharing your faith!
- Our entire school was able to celebrate faith and Fine Arts in our recent production of Isaiah Jones. The feedback received from parents and our audience was overwhelmingly positive! Even student pickup from Studio A and B feedback from parents was positive! A BIG thank you to the Catholic Education Foundation for providing funding for this amazing endeavour for our students! It was definitely the highlight of the year for our school community!

What's New at St. Martin's!

Zoe the Therapy Dog!

- Zoe and her handler Mrs. Miller continue to read with students Monday and Wednesday afternoons. Students and staff look forward to their visits and are grateful for this opportunity!

Learn to Curl

- Learn to Curl is coming to SMP on January 23! Every class will benefit from this new learning experience thanks to the generosity of Lynne Entz. Lynne is volunteering her time at a number of schools to promote curling within our city.

Grade 5 Basketball

- Thank you to Mme Kelsey for leading Grade 5 Girls Basketball and Mr. Touchette for leading Grade 5 Boys Basketball! This is an exciting opportunity for our Grade 5 students!

Parent Support Group

- Parent Support Group with Ms. Swinston on January 23, 2023. | Topic: Supporting Children through Grief and Loss | 1:00-2:00pm

Pound It Hip Hop Sessions- Artist in Residency

- Rico from Pound It comes to SMP the week of February 13 to teach our school community some cool new dance moves!

Dance Sessions with Mrs. Nightingale in the New Year

- For the month of January, Mrs. Nightingale will be teaching Grades 3 to 5 and offering extracurricular classes at lunchtime for interested students. We are so excited to bring this added fine arts learning to our students!

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 safe and blessed New Year!

God Bless!