

St. Martin de Porres School
School Council Minutes - March 14, 2023@ 7pm.

- 0.0** Call to Order - Leah Christiansen 7:05pm

- 1.0** Opening Prayer - Dorice de Champlain

- 2.0** Opening Comments - In Attendance: Leah C, Mme de Champlain, Leah M, Erika S, Jennica T, Dianna M, Wade T, Marilyn P, Brittany M, Amanda M, Lisa M.

- 3.0** Review of the Agenda

- 4.0** Business
 - 4.1.1 Cilantro and Chive Ice Cream Sandwich Fundraiser (May 24)
 - Funds have been designated towards the purchasing of new and/or replacements of school sports equipment.
 - School Ice Cream Sandwich Day has been set for [Wednesday May 24th](#).
 - The Ice Cream Sandwich will include: Two fresh baked gluten free cookies stuffed with cookie monster ice cream topped with whipped cream and crushed mini eggs (It's both gluten and nut free)
 - Smaller school versions will be available for \$4
 - Future conversation on the best way to gather payment (cash or online ordering using Rycor). This year, it has been decided that an order form will be provided to students and cash will be collected. Once orders are in, a spreadsheet will be created for counting the cash. **Please note only cash will be accepted.**
 - We will need to determine how many and what classes would like to have help with delivery and assembly.
 - Orders will be taken a week in advance, using numbers to gauge the amount of time needed.
 - Noon hour for delivery if this is executed the same way as our hot lunches, however, if every child will receive an ice cream delivery would be at the end of the day. Solution is to have an ice cream or treat day for the whole school at another time.
 - Do we want to add funds from the council to make sure every child receives a sandwich? This can be decided when we know how many orders are placed.

 - 4.1.1 Staff Appreciation- Next Staff Appreciation meal is [March 22](#) at 3:30pm - Staff will enjoy supper from OPA on that evening.

4.1.2 School Carnival - Need to determine if this is something we would like to move forward with and set a tentative date (May 9th 5-7pm). Roles to be filled:

- Volunteer/Communications coordinator (advertise carnival, organize volunteers, create google survey/RSVP doc) (Lisa M)
- Ticket Coordinator/Seller/Finance - Erika S. & Jackie T.
- Food Coordinator (for other food/drinks to sell in hall ie. Popcorn and water inside (Leah M)
- Food Truck Coordinator (Ann B)
- Cookie Walk Coordinator x2 (Jennica T & Danielle)
- Games Coordinator x4 (Amanda, Leslie, Dianna & Sasha)
- 20-24 event day game volunteers (Amanda/Kacey Mack/Jessica T & son)
- Tattoo Station and Selfie Station

- We currently have Jennica, Dianna, Erika, Amanda Dawson, Lesli R, Jackie T, Sasha and Danielle as volunteers for the above roles depending on the date selected. Need to confirm date and firm up role allocation.
- Utilize email list for more volunteers (Criminal record checks are not needed)
- Possibility of buying popcorn or finding a donation to limit the time it would take to make it. Leah M will look into donations and/or pricing.
- Have a floating volunteer to ensure all is going well.
- No food or drink in the gym (Leah M will do signage)
- Utilize games we have available already in the school.
- Find a volunteer to run a tattoo and selfie station.
- Proposed date for School Carnival: [May 9th 5-7pm](#).
- Within the next week or two have a meeting with leads(Leah C. will plan)

4.1.3 Grade 5 Farewell - [June 20 Sacred Heart Church @ 10:30 am](#) -Dianna will chair. Leah C. will help. A Fire Truck has been booked for a water fight @ 1pm however timing may not work out so an alternative activity might be required.

- Possibility for an activity after the water fight.
- Continue communication with Grade 5 Teachers on the schedule for the day.

4.1.4 Summer Fun Day at the Dawe (swimming Grades 3-5; splash park Grades K-2) Capstone as an option for K-2

- Dawe replied with [June 23rd 1-3pm](#).
- Communicate with Dorice to stagger bussing and work out the schedule of the day and work with transportation. Erika S will maintain contact with Dorice.

- 4.1.5 Hot Lunch- Heather & team... new dates include
April 13 (Thursday) Papa Baldy's, May 1 (Monday) Subway, May 23 (Tuesday)
Boston Pizza
- 4.1.6 Summer Create Hot Dog Day - Tentative Date June 5th
- 4.1.7 Field Trips
Bus Shortage, awaiting information from pending discussion that will happen with
administration.
- 5.0 Treasurer's Report- Erika
- 6.0 Principal Report- Mme de Champlain
- 7.0 Next meeting will be May 15th 2023 at 7pm at the school
- 8.0 Closing Reflection/ Prayer - Dorice de Champlain
Meeting adjourned at 8:35pm

St. Martin de Porres Principal's Report - March 14, 2023

Faith in our School...

- A big thank you to our School Council for serving pancakes on February 14 to celebrate Shrove Tuesday one week early! Students and staff really appreciated the tasty treat!
- Thank you to 2Mc for leading our Lent Liturgy on March 1. We learned that when we give up something we really like for Lent, we are making more room in our hearts for Jesus! Grade 2Mc, we appreciate your leadership in sharing your faith!
- We look forward to 3T leading us in our Holy Week celebration on April 6 and to our Easter Celebration led by Ms. DeGraff on April 11.

What's New at St. Martin's!

- Our "Pound It- Hip Hop Artist in Residency" was a big hit! Every class was able to learn some new dance moves and perform in a whole school assembly. We are grateful that Rico from Pound It was able to lead our students again this year! Thank you to the School Council for funding this amazing fine arts experience!
- The Fish in Schools program is well on its way. We have had a few hiccups along the way due to fungus spreading over a weekend and lack of oxygen during travel time. This was a very important lesson for all of us as it shows how delicate life truly is! Even though our aquarium is a controlled environment where there are less variables to interfere, we still have experienced a small survival rate. Fortunately we have approximately 20 growing and developing! Sadly some of these still have coagulated yolk disease. Coagulated yolk disease is a condition caused by unfavorable conditions such as lack of oxygen or water temperature where the yolk creates fatty tissue which in turn affects the fish development. We will continue to try to create a favorable environment for the remaining fish, continue to pray and hope for the best! If the project is not successful, we will continue to learn and try again!

Parent Teacher Conferences

We look forward to meeting with parents either in person or by phone on March 22-23 for parent-teacher conferences to celebrate your child's progress and make goals for areas of improvement.

Career Create

We are super excited for our Career Create on April 18, 2023. We have some great presenters including: a horticulturist, a chaplain, a chef, a florist, a registered nurse, an engineer, an urban

farmer, a foreman for a gas plant, a pathologist, a RCMP, an agriculturalist and City of Red Deer Emergency Services. It promises to be a great afternoon of learning!

Field Trips

As part of classroom field trips, many classes are planning to attend other fine art productions in our community. On March 16 & 17, many classes are attending the St. Francis production of Willy Wonka!

Parent Support Group and Counseling Groups

- Parent Support Group with Ms. Swinston on January 23, 2023. | Topic: Supporting Children through Grief and Loss | 1:00-2:00pm
- Current small group focuses include Family Changes (Grief and Loss), Friendship as well as Social and Executive Function skills
- Universal lessons in January, February and March have focused on stress and coping skills.
- Cultural lunches with the Indigenous Education services team kicked off in March. They will meet once a month in April, May & June

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!**