

Father Henri Voisin School Council Meeting

Date: January 14, 2025

Time: 6:30pm

MINUTES

Attendance: Mike Cellini, Kim Cryer, Cynthia Leyson , Trista Carey, Rachel Stearns, Quinn Wowchuk, Alex Vandermeer, Shawna Bauer, Laura Robinson, Monica Neiderle, Sara LaGrange, Jordan Heck, Melanie Yeroschak, Annette Gero, Kara Degenstein, Brandy Scheck, Edith Jones

Call to order:6:31 pm

1. Welcome/Opening Prayer – Mike
2. Introductions
3. Approval of agenda- Trista, Alex. All in favor- carried
4. Approval of minutes from November meeting- Monica, Brandi- All in favor carried
5. Reports
 - a. Administration- Mike Cellini
 - i. There will be a Survey coming out Wednesday January 15th from Red Deer Catholic for Grades 4 and 5
 - ii. Swift Reach is no longer a system Red Deer Catholic is using. It is now School Messenger only 38% of parents have signed up for this service. If there was ever an emergency to notify parents this is a fail proof way to make that communication happen. Please sign up if you haven't already done so.
 - iii. FHV Family Rebels night is coming up on January 25th it is also Wooly Bully's birthday celebration.
 - iv. Numeracy and Literacy testing for Grades 1,2,3,4 was completed in September. The next round of testing is coming up again and it includes Grades Kindergarten, 1,2,3,4. Grade 4 is exempt from these tests but will be tested in grades 4,7,10 on Government level testing.
 1. If you have any concerns about these tests and the stress it is putting on staff and students please email your MLA your voices matter.

- v. Best Buy Grant \$5000.00 for ESports won by Father Henri
 - 1. we were selected out of 900 entries
 - 2. This is a learning opportunity for students to be used with the school Counselor to teach team building conflict resolutions and much more.
 - 3. This grant will provide us with 4 TV's, 4 Consoles, and 4 controllers per console so 16 in total.
 - 4. This system will also give us the opportunity to connect with one of our feeder schools to make connections with St.Lorenzo.
- vi. Grade 5 Basketball
 - 1. Practices have started this week, Lots of kids are interested in playing this year.
 - 2. Big Thanks to Cody Huesby for being the lead for the division we get to have all the games at FHV so no transportation will be needed which also brings player fees down.
 - 3. Four Mini Tournaments from 3:30 pm to 6 pm
 - a. January 20th
 - b. January 28th
 - c. February 10th
 - d. February 18th- Final Tournament
 - 4. School council will be putting up a canteen for the tournaments selling goodies, possibly taco in a bag for the final tournament. With the proceeds going towards new updated Jerseys for next year.
 - 5. Mike will send out a sign up sheet on our School Council group for volunteers to run the canteen during the mini tournaments.
 - 6. Mike is looking into Food safe regulations to see what we are able to provide for food for the final tournament.
- vii. Shrove Tuesday- March 4th

1. Pancake morning with Butter and Syrup. with a Gluten free option.
 2. We will be looking for volunteers for making batter and making pancakes and serving. We will also be looking for people to loan their griddles to the school for use for the pancake morning 6 griddles if possible.
- viii. Strike- ATA- Alberta Teachers Association
1. Negotiation is in progress for Wages, Working hours.
 2. Mediation starts Wednesday January 15th for 3 days, then there will be another 3 days of Mediation if there is no settlement.
- b. School Board Trustee- Cynthia Leyson
- i. School board meetings are held the last Tuesday of each month.
 - ii. Any questions or concerns that you have can be emailed to our School trustee.
 - iii. Last meeting was in November of 2024
 - iv. AERR- Alberta Education Result Report- our students have over performed the tests.
 - v. Next meeting is January 27th
 1. The main issue we are looking at for a solution is
 - a. Class sizes
 - b. Mental health of teachers and staff
 - vi. School Board of Trustees have a meeting scheduled with the MLA
 - vii. 4.77 Million Dollar deficit
 - viii. At our Next School council meeting Cynthia will present more on finance after their next Board Meeting.
- c. Financial- Lindsey was unable to attend this evening, Rachel updated us.
- i. Two withdrawals. Movie Night -\$120.32- \$79.68 surplus left from the budget. Read-a-thon cookies roughly \$21.00

6. New Business

- a. P/T interviews
 - i. Format – Student Led- We voted yes.
 - ii. Meal ideas- Checking with another couple options for catering, we also talked about a potluck format for one night. We will discuss further in our Student Council Schoology group to finalize decisions.
- b. Read-a-thon
 - i. Volunteers for counting money- January 30th- at 9 am- Brandy, Edith, Lindsey, Quinn, .
 - 1. Craft prepper volunteers needed- Monday January 20th and January 22nd. Brandy and Kim will come in Wednesday morning
 - ii. Ice Cream Party- The school will pick up ice cream treats for windup and School Council will reimburse the school for these funds afterward,
 - iii. Read around the school at 2:15 pm.
 - iv. The school council is invited to join the announcement and celebration.
- c. Schoology school council group- find it under groups on the app.

7. Old Business

- a. Movie Night- Thank you to Kim and Rachel for Bagging popcorn. Mike Sam and Rob thank you for making it happen. Great turnout and went smoothly.
- b. Holiday Treat Game/Cake Walk- Big thanks to Mike Rachel and Monica, everyone was thrilled in the school. Thank you to parents for giving treats to make this happen.
 - i. Second event around Valentine's or other date? We will discuss closer to Easter at the next meeting.
- c. Canyon Tube Fundraiser – Big interest. Mike will call Canyon to make arrangements for a confirmed date.

- d. Oilers Night – We haven't heard anything back. We are going to let this pass for this year.
- 8. Next meeting – March 11, 2025
- 9. Adjournment- 7:50 pm
 - a. Trista, Monica- All in favor - Carried.