

## Holy Spirit Parent Council Meeting Minutes

September 19, 2018

Attendance: Kristie Phelan, Erin Dawson-Meyers, Justin Routley, Michele Yuzdepski, Michelle Derk, David French, Jodi Ostrosky, Kim Metro, Ana Marrero, Pamela Rushton, Kim Pennock, Jason Duniec, Lisa Leavitt, Karen Jones, Ed Kucy, Bernadine MacDonald

1. Welcome, Opening Prayer & Introductions:
  - a. Dave called the meeting order at 6:31pm
  - b. Prayed the Our Father
  - c. Introductions – everyone introduced themselves and stated their position and or students they have at Holy Spirit Catholic School
2. Approval of Minutes and Agenda
  - a. Jodi made a motion to accept the minutes, Kim seconded, approved.
  - b. Jodi made a motion to accept the agenda, Kim seconded, approved.
3. Teacher Presentation: Jr High
  - a. Justin Routley
    - i. 3 grade 8 classes, 3 grade 7 classes
    - ii. Some activities for Jr High students include: Athletics, Field Trips: Reynolds Museum, River Watch, Fr Catfish day (a mini youth conference), News initiative – run by students – good opportunity for all, Video Game Tournaments
  - b. Kristie Phelan
    - i. Foods Lab is always busy, during lunch hour - tutors math,
    - ii. Trying to get ski trip running again this year for Gr 6, 7, 8 students
    - iii. Always have open doors upstairs, gets to see Gr 5 & 6 too
  - c. Michelle Yudepski –
    - i. Works with group of 4 students at a time to read with, Gr 1s - phonics, will work later with math – both in class and one on one. Kindergarten music, Kindergarten Phys Ed, busy school -great school!

Ed Kucy – Would like to thank these 3 staff members for going above and beyond the call of duty in the school, great personalities!

4. Mental Health Capacity Builder - Erin Dawson-Meyers
  - a. Family Community Services (FCS) – did a reorganization, her title is no longer KEYS, now MHCB
    - i. No roll changes – Still working with admin, teachers, parents, students – Promoting Positive Mental Health, building resilience – problem solving
  - b. Terry Fox Run this month provides a great resilience story
  - c. Mental Health 101 lessons – what is mental health, we all have mental health
  - d. Pack the Park meet the Staff night – coolest energy, loud, messy – great community!
  - e. SWAT/ Health Champions – gratitude theme for October
  - f. Strathcona Community – Boys and Girls Club has a new coordinator – ART NIGHT (Wednesdays), GIRLS NIGHT (Tuesdays), MASTER CHEF PROGRAM (Mondays), SPORTS NIGHT(Thursdays) - \$2 per session age 6-16
  - g. Danielle Bussiere – Holy Spirit's Family Wellness Worker – providing short term supportive assistance to students and their parents and guardians.
  - h. Caregiver Education Sessions put on by Alberta Health Services – free sessions held throughout Edmonton and area schools, available to anyone.

5. Business arising from previous meeting
  - a. Nothing to report
6. Parent Council Executive Elections
  - a. All current executive positions chose to stay on for the current school year, no challenges for positions, no elections required
    - i. Chairperson – Dave French
    - ii. Vice Chairperson – Jodi Ostrosky
    - iii. Treasurer – Kim Pennock
    - iv. Secretary – Bernadine MacDonald
7. Administration Report
  - a. Enrollment is 669 students at present – was worried about a massive decrease in enrollment, however, we are on track with last year. Stabilized funding – no need to make a change in staff
  - b. 3 Kindergarten classes – smaller classes this year
  - c. Meet the teacher evening – thanks to Parent Council for their effort and help
  - d. School Counsellor, Connie Therrien, helping to transition the role of Counsellor to Family Wellness Worker. Mrs Therrien is transitioning into retirement. Currently only 4 counsellors in EICS right now.
  - e. Exciting year – new staff members stepping up to be lead roles – great to see their energy
  - f. Adoration Oct 2 – 5<sup>th</sup>. Blessed week, mass
  - g. Catholic School Review – every 3 years. EICS does their own review of our Catholicity. The board will have conversations with parents, staff, and students. Looking for Faith presence. Many provinces have lost the choice of Catholic education. There is a difference being a Catholic school! We need to proudly identify with our faith. Oct 16-18.
  - h. We-Day coming up – Jr high students – leadership group. This year in Edmonton at Rexall
  - i. Collaborative Response Model Meetings held every Wednesday – subs go into classrooms. On session this week included Gr 2 teachers, admin, educational assistants, and our FWW. Go through and discuss every single child! In the past, the discussions only typically included students with ISPs. Doing a team approach – it is going great, two weeks in. Ready Fire Aim. Fine tune the process as the school year continues. The Grade Levels cycle through every 5 weeks. 2 grades in a day. At the end of the session, we discuss what is our action plan & who is doing what. Check back in 5 weeks and reassess every student.

Adjourn at 7:11pm