Holy Spirit Parent Council Meeting Minutes, April 17, 2019

Attendance: Kim Metro, Erin Dawson-Meyers, Jodi Ostrosky, Sherry Matheson, Dave Kornder, Andrea Saruk, Jenna DeVries, Carole Johnston, Ed Kucy, Kim Pennock,

1. Call meeting to Order and Opening Prayer
   1. Jody called the meeting to order at 6:36pm
   2. Opening Prayer led by Ed Kucy
2. Approval
   1. Jodi made a motion to approve March 19, 2019 meeting minutes, seconded by Kim M, carried.
   2. Jodi made a motion to approve today’s agenda, seconded by Kim M, carried.
3. REAL Foundation Presentation by Dave Kornder (Religious Education Activities for Life)
   1. What is REAL Foundation?
      1. Since 2001, 18 years of supporting for Catholic Education in EICS.
      2. Advocates for Catholic Education
      3. Promote Catholic Faith in our students, staff and parent communities.
   2. What do we do to promote and support Catholic Education?
      1. Annual Donation of $20,000.00 for faith activities such as FACE 2 FACE Ministries, guest speakers, faith retreats for new teachers to EICS, faith retreats for veteran teachers to EICS (Re-Ignite)
      2. Purchase the grade 4 Bibles
      3. Highschool student Faith conferences at the National Youth Congress, National Catholic Youth Conference.
      4. Catholic Leadership Scholarships in each of the 4 High schools $500 each.
      5. Spirit Award $500
      6. The One called Jesus- travelling sculpture and devotion exhibit.
      7. Partnered with GRACE Committee
   3. How can You help?
      1. Support Catholic Education through your own conversations with friends and community members.
      2. Be a Sponsor for the annual REAL Golf Tournament – looking for Businesses in our community to be a sponsor $250, $500, $100. Come out and golf with a team on May 22 Registration on website, [www.real-foundation.com](http://www.real-foundation.com)
      3. Pray for ongoing strength in Catholic schools and catholic education in our province and especially in our EICS District.
4. Teacher Presentation: Grade 1
   1. Jenna DeVries and Carole Johnston
      1. Grade 1’s are enjoying their time working with Tinker Tubs, STEM Bins in the mornings, they have become very creative. Looking to add new items to the Stem Bins such as Keva Blocks.
      2. They are doing an Author Study right now on Mo Willems and they are thoroughly enjoying it.
      3. Working on writing sentences with more detail and correct spelling.
      4. Mrs. Y still a great support for the kids regarding her reading groups.
      5. Learning Math manipulatives to improve skills. Discussing having a Fall Family night next year to play math games with Families to both serve parents and kids to play math games together and teach parents new games to work on math facts.
      6. They will be making rosaries with their buddies using beads and wire.
      7. Discussing Baptism and learning about each other’s baptism similarities and differences.
      8. They have had many field trips and more to come such as Prairie Gardens, Build a Zoo, Marble Run, Scuba Charlotte, Muttart, First Families, Yoga, Arbor Day, Yoga, Fort Sask Museum, Symphony.
5. Business arising from previous meeting
   1. Dave to go to Meeting

Details re. the ASCA AGM Vote:

In preparation for the ASCA AGM, I thought I would send out the revised proposed ASCA Advocacy Resolution P19-18, effective March 14, 2019.  This revision indicates the changes that were made to the proposed resolution, as well as comments from the contact representing the School Council that is putting this forward.

 Although the decision was made to strike the statement including “a single publicly funded education system” they are still requesting an “independent review on education to identify challenges with the current funding model to inform direction for potential restructuring of the funding framework”, which may have the same intent with just different, less direct wording.  Please also refer to the clarification that is provided at the bottom as it identifies a funding review to identify challenges and recommendations for efficiencies within Alberta, “such as shared transportation services, external support services, and facilities, where and as appropriate”. There are a number of avenues Catholic School Boards can leverage if the resolution is passed so by no means would this be final. I have a feeling there will be strong representation from Boards provincially on the 28th.

As indicated in an earlier note. I plan on attending the ASCA AGM (April 28th, Delta Edmonton South) and will issue a vote against the resolution on behalf of Holy Spirit. If you want to attend with me, you’ll need to register for the AGM here: <https://www.albertaschoolcouncils.ca/about/annual-general-meeting/registration>. Strength in numbers here.

1. Mental Health Capacity Builder – Erin Dawson Meyers
   1. Building Resilient Kids MAY 6TH 6-7:30 @ OLPH
   2. Vaping 101 MAY 23RD 6-7:30 @ Lakeland for Parents and Teens, extremely informative!!
   3. Junior High Journey JUNE 11 and AUGUST 27TH 6-7:30 @ FCS Parent will learn about teens Brains!
2. Administration Report
   1. Discussion regarding Farewells for Grades 4-8, what can be done to represent all grades. Still will have a Grade 8 Farewell, and then also to fit in Awards ceremony.
   2. Committees have been put together regarding school areas for next year to better serve a K-4 environment, looking at classroom spaces and ways to furnish them.
   3. Becky and Ed are working on Assurance Plan for next year.
   4. Mrs. Gumpinger to be moving to St. Theresa’s next year and Mrs. Y will be moving into the Assistant Principal position.
3. Jodi adjourned the meeting at 8:01pm.