

École Père Kenneth Kearns Catholic School
January 21, 2020

IN ATTENDANCE	
Krystal Gaudet - Vice Chair	Leanne Starko - Treasurer
Danielle Nelson - 4PR	Sheila Olsen- 1/2A, 3BD
Allison Sywenky - PreK	Jania Balog - Past Chair and AM
	Charles Ward- 1/2A
SCHOOL STAFF	
Mme. Julie LaFrance	Mme. Carmen Emery

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<https://ÉPK.eics.ab.ca/parents/school-council>

I. Call to Order

- a. Krystal Gaudet called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm
- b. Opening Prayer (Mme LaFrance)
- c. Approval of Minutes from November 2019: 1st - Jania Balog; 2nd - Allie Sywenky
- d. Approval of Agenda: 1st - Danielle Nelson; 2nd - Allie Sywenky

II. Old Business
N/A

III. Reports from Council

- a. Administrative Report (J. LaFrance)
 - General
 - Outdoor recess and loose parts play will continue now that the weather is mild again
 - Faith
 - Parish Priests have been visiting classrooms regularly
 - Modernization
 - Volunteers needed to help pack up classrooms that require moving before the end of June.
 - A schedule has been set for which rooms need to move during/after Spring break.
 - Registrations
 - Kindergarten will begin on February 1st
 - Pre_K will begin March 1st.

- ½ days with 2 days or 3 days offered
 - Peer Partners
 - Students still meeting monthly with OLPH students
 - School Choir
 - Students meet weekly to practice
 - Will sing at Ash Wednesday school mass
 - Swimming Lessons
 - Start Jan 28
 - Male volunteers still required for change rooms
 - Celebrations
 - Ash Wednesday Mass at OLPH Parish on February 26 at 1:30
- b. Executive Report (K. Gaudet)
- Library packing up - Monique has already been in touch with BookMobile through the County to come weekly (hopefully) for May & June
 - Ohana Doughnuts
 - We did request if Ohana could offer a few more varieties but they declined.
 - Voted if we should give Ohana a try and it was decided we will.
 - Bussing to OLPH
 - Bussing continues to go well - it will take a break until after swimming lessons end, as too many bussing trips interfere with teachers meeting the mandatory teaching time
 - EPK is currently paying for the bussing, and once they have finished for the season, Council will reimburse them. We will continue to try to post to social media on days they go, just to keep you informed!
 - Mme. Carmen commented that the kids LOVE going!!!
 - Shrove Tuesday, Pancake Breakfast
 - volunteers needed Monday (Feb 24th) and Tuesday (Feb 25th)
 - Very soon we will put out a request for Volunteers for Shrove Tuesday. We will be looking for a couple of volunteers to come in on Monday (Feb 24th) to help cut and prep a fruit tray for each class (day prior).
 - We have the pancakes being donated from Northern Bear Golf Course restaurant, and they will provide hot chafing dishes to help keep them warm.
 - We will also look for approximately 9-12 volunteers for Tuesday morning to help operate approx. (3) pancake stations
 - We plan on having three stations in the hallways on trolleys near the classrooms (one in the portable, one near the preschool and gr1's, and one near 3BD/2D/K), and volunteers would help serve the pancakes to the students in their classrooms (as we don't have a gym to serve them in this year)
 - Council will purchase syrup, fruit, & juice. We are looking into alternatives for a couple children with egg allergies and GF, but we only have a couple kids on file and will discuss options with their parents.
 - We will request compostable cutlery and plates from the County

- Class Reps → please communicate with Teachers if they want a small Valentines party (i.e. small shared snack)
 - Some teachers don't have anything big other than handing out Valentine cards, some like to have a tray of cookies or a small, simple party (smaller than Halloween). Most have a small party.
 - Teachers stated that if kids want to bring Valentine's cards, they must have Cards for EVERYONE
- Volunteers needed for classroom moves near the end of April-June
 - End of April: Kindergarten will be moving to the preschool room and preschool will be moving to the library.
 - Library books also need packing
 - There will be some classes shifting around sometime after spring break, and volunteers will be needed to help pack up the library books etc (more info to follow from Julie & the school closer to the date)
 - End of June - all classes required to pack up everything so construction can happen in the ceilings over the summer. Teachers will be doing this slowly before the end of school and will be looking for volunteers.
 - Julie is contacting Mr. Dumont (ABJ Principal) to see if any students require Religion Community hours and can help
 - Council proposed that Sarah & Julie look into setting up a Sign Up online and get moving on booking volunteers for specific time slots soon
- Update on shed
 - Shed is built, we have a lock, and the siding should be on soon. They were just waiting for the cold snap to end.
 - We had two construction guys come in for our grand Thank You Celebration. We thank Doug and his crew for all their kindness and support!

c. Upcoming Events and Celebrations (K. Gaudet)

- Jan 23rd - OLPH Gym morning (gr.1-4)
- Jan 23rd- PM- Kindergarten & Preschool Open House
- Jan 27th - Ohana Donuts Open
- Jan 28th - Swim 1/2A,3LA,1M,3BD
- Jan 29th- Swim 2D/2E,4PR/4T
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- Feb 4th- First day of Club Moo session 2
- Feb 4th - Swim 1/2A,1M,3BD/3LA
- Feb 4th - Ohana Donuts Closes
- Feb 5th- Swim 2D,2E,4PR,4T
- Feb 5th - Report Cards available online
- Feb 5th - Early dismissal, Beach Day
- Feb 6th & 7th - No School/Teacher Conferences
- Feb 11th - Swim 1/2A,3LA,1M,3BD

- Feb 12th- Hot Dog Day #3
- Feb 12th- Swim 2D,2E,4PR,4T
- Feb 13th - Ohana Doughnuts delivered (pick up times 11:15-11:45, 3:00-5:00)
- Feb. 13th - Carnaval @ OLPH School in the afternoon
- Feb 14th - No school/PD Day
- Feb 17th - No School/Family Day
- Feb 18th - Swim 1/2A,3LA,1M,3BD
- Feb 19th- Swim 2D,2E,4PR,4T
- Feb 25th - Shrove Tuesday, Pancake Breakfast
- Feb 25th - Swim 1/2A,3LA,1M,3BD
 - We will serve the first swimming group their pancakes after they return from swimming. The group that goes swimming second will have their pancakes served as soon as school starts.
- Feb 25th - School Council Meeting
- Feb 26th- Ash Wednesday Mass @ 1pm @ OLPH Parish
- Feb 26th- Swim 2D,2E,4PR,4T

IV. New Business

N/A

V. Adjournment

- Meeting was adjourned at 7:31 pm

The next school council meeting is Tuesday, February 25th @ OLPH School at 7pm.

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