

École Père Kenneth Kearns Catholic School

School Council Meeting Minutes

October 25, 2016

IN ATTENDANCE	
Natalie Wallace - Chair	Barb Crowley – Incoming Treasurer
Karen Bohaychuk– Vice Chair	Heather Weiss - Secretary
Scott Endres	Dora Berry
Alison Cabay – Outgoing Treasurer	Fernando Soaret
Amy Berube	Lisa Ritchie
Sarah McDonald	Natalie Lavigne
Carla Weyland	Aimee Banack
Tammy Start – Fundraising Chair	
SCHOOL STAFF	
Mme. Gravelle - Principal	Janelle Tremblay – 1J
Carmen Emery – 2E	

I. Call to Order

- Natalie Wallace called the meeting to Order at 7:24 pm
- Opening Prayer – “Heart Prints” (Mme. Gravelle)
- Approval of Agenda: 1st – Dora Berry; 2nd – Heather Weiss
- Approval of Minutes from September 27, 2016 1st -Karen Bohaychuk; 2nd – Tammy Start

II. Old Business

a. Update on Caring Corner

- Looking for a volunteer to take on this project to create an online tool for parents to donate needed food for the caring corner
- The Caring Corner supplies kids who are in need of extra snacks, have a forgotten lunch etc... and is used regularly in the school.

b. Update on Greeting Card Fundraiser:

- Thank you to the teachers for their assistance in this fundraiser. School Council is aware of the commitment and time that it takes and looks forward to working with teachers next year to come up with a smoother process
- The pictures have been sent and sample cards for each student will be sent home before November break.
- The ordering process will be outlined for you when samples go home and will need to be in by mid-November.

III. Reports from Council

a. Administrative Report -Mme Gravelle

- Introduced teacher reps: Mme. Carmen and Mme. Janelle
- Thank-yous: to the hot lunch and Club Moo volunteers, and those involved with the Caring Corner and the looming Project.
- Meeting with staff from OLPH and ABJ to discuss French immersion in Sherwood Park. Plans are underway to have a French mass (with English subtitles) for the students of all the EICS French immersion schools tentatively on May 12, 2017. Also planning to have an authentic French cuisine dinner tentatively on Feb 18, 2017, likely at ABJ School.
- Mme. Gravelle brought forward for discussion the possibility of beginning full-day kindergarten in the future. This would be either a 2-day/3-day per week schedule, or 5 full days per week schedule (which would have an added fee built in). Invited input from parents on this topic.
- Assurance Plan (Three year education plan): reflections on this were done by all attendees, each table rotating to reflect upon a specific goal and give feedback on the goal up to this point.

b. Executive Report – Natalie Wallace

- Discussion on planning Session from Oct. 18: Council will be doing a simple exercise next month to help formulate our School Council's 3 year plan. This should provide more continuity from one year to the next, given the high turnover in a K-4 school.
- A table will be set up at the Three-way conferences in November with lists of various activities that volunteers are required for, to promote more parents volunteering in areas such as Hot Lunch, Club Moo, etc.
- Thank you to Alison Cabay for her tremeandous contributions to the school and to School Council and best wishes to her and her family in Red Deet.
- Delighted to announce that Barb Crowley has been acclaimed as Treasurer for the School Council effective November 1, 2016.

c. Report of Upcoming Events and Celebrations – Karen Bohaychuk

- October 27: sibling photos, class photos, and retakes
- October 28: ÉPK Bank grand opening
- October 31: Halloween – students will do work in the morning, then in afternoon will parade in costume in the gym, do activities and dance, followed by recess then in-class parties with snacks. Students should still bring a lunch, as snack will occur near the end of the day.
- November 2: Early Dismissal and PJ Day
- November 2: Safety in Internet parent session – to be held at the Board office at 6:30 pm.
- November 6 and 26: First Reconciliation Retreat Dates
- November 7-10: French Scholastic Book Fair

- November 7 & 9: Three-Way conferences
- November 10: Order forms for Prairie Perogies go home
- November 11 -20: Fall Break.

IV. Adjournment

- Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm by Natalie Wallace