

**St. Francis Xavier School
Parent Council Meeting
February 25, 2020**

In Attendance: Nick Gale, Nicole Schauerte, Laura Bohrn, Chelsey Lybbert, Kristin Liefso, Nichole Cunningham, Rhonda Gregus, Kayla Papps, Dwayne Zarichny

1. Call to Order and Opening Prayer: Chelsey called the meeting to order and Nick lead opening prayer.

2. Approval of the Minutes: Nicole approved the January 16, 2020 minutes.

3. Greetings from Superintendent (Dwayne Zarichny)

Dwayne discussed the provincial budget will be released this week on Thursday. Members of the board will be travelling to Edmonton on Friday to discuss the specifics. From that point the board will look into what changes if any will be needed for our division. Interviews are under way for the position of the principal for St. Francis. Hopefully by middle of March there will be an announcement on who will fill this role.

3. Principal's Report (Nick Gale)

- A) Registration for the 2020/2021 school year is under way and going quite well with the online registration. The school will be sending out registration reminders to families soon to current students who have not enrolled yet. Academy enrollment has increased and the projected number for next year will be around 40 students.
- B) There was an Occupational Health and Safety Review conducted at the school and St. Francis Xavier has met all requirements. At the end of this week the school will have epipens available for emergency purposes.
- C) Students went to St. Patrick's Church today for Shrove Tuesday and had a breakfast provided by the Knights of Columbus. Tomorrow is Ash Wednesday as well as Pink Shirt Day. Father Tomy will be at the school tomorrow to conduct Ash Wednesday celebration.
- D) October 15, 2020 Medicine Hat will host the Bishop's Dinner. This is a fundraising event for the division. Nick encourages parents to participate in this event. There will be a dinner and entertainment provided by different student groups among the schools.
- E) Accountability Survey. Students have completed the Accountability survey as well as recess survey. Parents are encouraged to fill this survey out as well if they received it in the mail. The survey has extended the deadline March 6.
- F) Nick presented at Teachers Convention along side Jason McLester on benefits of recess in the school day.

- G) Next month Academy program will start the partnership with Medicine Hat College education students. Students will be travelling to the college to be lead by the education students. Medicine Hat College is also hosting the ACAC Championships for volleyball and basketball in the next coming weeks and students in the academy will be going to watch some of the games.
- H) Report Cards will be handed out in March. Online booking for teacher interviews will be happening again. More information to follow in March newsletter.

4. Teacher's Report (Rhonda Gregus)

Rhonda wanted to thank all the parent volunteers and parent council for the Valentine's Dance. Everyone had fun. Chelsey thanked all the teachers who came out to be a part of the dance as well.

5. Chair's Report (Chelsey Lybbert)

Chelsey wanted to thank all the volunteers for the Valentine's Dance. Thank you to Nichole for putting together all the raffle baskets. Chelsey thanked Nick for allowing the space of the ELP classroom next week for a Focus Group they will be having for the Board. They are looking for parents to give feedback on what they are looking for in a school for their child. The ASCA is hosting a mini conference on March 6 and 7 in Medicine Hat. There will be sessions at no cost for people who would like to attend. Registration is online.

6. Treasurer's Report (Nicole Schauerte)

Budget and deposits were reviewed. Future expenses were discussed as well. Movie Night raised \$223.47, Valentine's Day Dance raised \$1452.65, Booster Juice brought in \$49.00 and Dairy Queen Hot Lunch raised \$99.41.

8. Topics for Discussion

A) Fundraising

A parent has come forward with a Dinner Night at Local as a fundraising event. Tickets would be purchased and a portion of the ticket sales will be returned back to the school. It was agreed that this is something we are interested in. Chelsey will look into more details on this. We will be selling Maverick tickets this year to help fundraise for the school year. Parent Council is also looking into having another Papa John Pizza Night.

B) Spelling Bee

Letters will be sent home with pledge forms on April 6. In class spellings tests will be on Monday April 20 and Spelling Bee will be on April 22. Awards will be

given out to the winner of each grade. Any student that brings in pledges will have a name in the draw for lunch and to spend the day as Principal.

C) Field Trips

Nick is still discussing field trips with teachers. We will revisit once he has had more discussions with teachers on this.

D) Parent Association

Parent Association meeting was last night. Budget was discussed. Different schools shared their fundraising ideas for the year. Next meeting will be on April 27 at the Board office.

10. Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 31, 2020 @ 8pm

11. Motion to Adjourn: Nicole motioned to adjourn this meeting.