

FATHER MICHAEL TROY SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL

Regular Bi-Monthly Meeting

Minutes

September 19, 2023 @ 6:30PM

In Person/Online

ATTENDEES :

ONLINE :

Christine Villapando

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Christine

Comfort

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IN PERSON:

Amanda Venters

Rose Singurian

Pamela Santos

Michelle Lovelock

Subash Grover

Kara Pelech

1.0 Meeting called to order at 6:41 PM

2.0 Prayer

3.0 Review of agenda

- One change to agenda is that meeting minutes must be approved before the elections. Approve of minutes moved to 5.0.
 - Agenda passed: Kara Pelech, seconded by: Kari Brennan

4.0 Welcome and Introductions

5.0 Approval of June 5th Minutes as presented.

- Meeting Minute approval- Kara Pelech moves to approve, seconded by Comfort.

6.0 Elections:

- Open positions Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, Treasurer
 - Chair Nominations: Kari Brennan, 3 calls for chair,
 - Kari Brennan elected as Chair.
 - Vice Chair nominations: Kara Pelech, 3 calls for Vice-chair.
 - Kara Pelech is elected as vice chair.
 - Secretary nominations: Karen Garlitos, 3 calls for secretary
 - Karen Garlitos is elected as secretary.

- Treasurer nominations: Rose Singian, 3 calls for treasurer
 - Rose Singian is elected as treasurer.

7.0 Reports

7.1 Administration - Principal Report for SAC – Sept. 19, 2023

- End of August:
 - Staff Opening Mass
 - Welcome to new teachers: Mrs. Eldon and Mr. Opichal
 - We have a great support team in addition to our teachers:
 - Maria Duarte – Counsellor
 - Amanda Good – Family School Liaison Worker
 - Michael Kayser – Therapeutic Assistant Emotional Behaviour
 - Sarpreet Gaba – Educational Assistant
 - Tahany Dassouki – Educational Assistant (continuing from last year)
 - Mrs. Lupul is still on leave, and Mrs. Belland will continue working as an Acting Assistant Principal in addition to her Learning Coach role.
- September:
 - Our enrollment went up from the projected numbers. We currently have 350 students.
 - Opening of school year activities: registrations, photos for all grades.
 - Gr. 7 Orientation
 - Grade Retreats occurred last Wednesday, on September 13th. The students had a chance to connect with each other and get to know new students.
 - Gr. 7 – Strathcona Wilderness Centre
 - Gr. 8 – Camp Warwa
 - Gr. 9 – Camp Nakamun
 - We had our Opening Mass at Corpus Christi Parish on Thursday, September 14th, followed by a Meet the Staff Evening BBQ. It was so nice to talk to the parents at the BBQ and in the school.
 - Our students once again wrote a short reading screener. We use these screeners to identify students in need of reading intervention.
 - This past Friday, we had our first Renaissance Rally of the year to celebrate grade 8's and 9's from last year.
 - This week is Father Troy Spirit Week, and many activities are planned at lunch for our students. Also, this Friday, our school will take part in the Terry Fox Run in the community around FMT. The whole school will take part. They will be running for their family members, friends, and or classmates.

7.2 Chair Report

- ASCA membership is up now- FMT wants to apply for. No fee for it. ECSD pays for the membership. Good to see the roles and responsibilities, etc.

8.0 Old Business

8.1 Corporate Bylaws

- Karen Garlitos and Kari Brennan to revise and submit changes to Corporate.

8.2 Staff Appreciation Lunch follow-up

- Last June- special thank you to Kara Pelech for organizing and catering.

- Suggestions for next year- Kara is happy to cater it again, however, would love additional notice.

8.3 Team Uniforms follow-up: Grant from Fulton Meadows Community League

- If FMT holds a bottle drive to raise funds for athletics jerseys and equipment, FMCL will match the amount raised, up to \$2500.

MOTION: I move that we hold a bottle drive for a school fundraiser to put towards jersey/athletic equipment purchases.

- Karen Garlitos: made the motion.
- Michelle: seconded.

9.0 New Business

9.1 New CIP Grant Application

- Anna Gomez applied for CIP grant for the school. Matching grant, up to \$120,000. SAC would contribute \$54,000.
- Furniture for school (inside) (\$18,000, half from SAC).
- Outside furniture for the school (tables and benches, outdoor classroom etc).
- Portable sound system.
- Scoreboard screen.
- 20 more Chromebooks.
- Application has been submitted- will take 8 months to hear results.
- SAC would cover \$54,000 over the next two years.

MOTION: Karen Garlitos moves to change the signing authority for the general account, removing Amanda Venters and adding Kari Brennan, for the general account signing authority.

- Karen Garlitos made the motion.
- Rose Singurian seconded- all in favour.

10.0 Next meeting:

- November 7, 2023, 6:30 PM

11.0 Meeting Adjourned at 7:38 PM

FATHER MICHAEL TROY SCHOOL PARENT ASSOCIATION

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ATTENDEES: see minutes from SAC

1.0 Meeting called to order at 7:38

2.0 Review of Agenda

- Addition of fundraising for Christmas to agenda
- Agenda approved Rose S., seconded by Kari B.; motion passed.

3.0 Approval of Minutes as presented (June 5th)

- Minor spelling adjustments
- Minutes approved, as amended: Amanda V seconded by Kari B

MOTION: Kara Pelech moves to change the signing authority for the casino bank account, removing Amanda Venters and adding Kari Brennan, for the casino account signing authority.

- seconded by Rose S, all in favour.

4.0 Reports

4.1 Treasurer Report

- \$21,969 was paid to the school for their Wishlist 2022-23 school year.
- \$49,876 in the account
- We need to spend at least \$39,000 by end of December (or March)
- Note that some of this money has been committed to the jersey purchases already. Mr. Belous will start ordering the rest of the jerseys to ensure that the funds are spent.

5.0 Old Business

6.0 New Business

6.1 Elections:

- Move that the school advisory council slate be moved over to the School Parent Association slate.
 - Pam Santos made motion and Sarah seconded.

MOTION: Kari Brennan made the motion to have a Casino Chair (a committee chair) for this year

- Karen G seconded
- Casino is March 3-4, 2024 (Sunday and Monday)

6.2 Fundraising

- Fundraising will be bottle-drive and Purdy's chocolate fundraiser at easter this year.

7.0 Next Meeting: November 7, 2023

8.0 Meeting adjourned at 8:07 PM