

Father Leonard Van Tighem School Council Meeting Minutes Tuesday January 26, 2024

In Attendance:

Sabra Roberts, Chantelle Broughton, Emily Boutland, Sheryl Benson-Loman, Brittney Perlich, Amanda Morash, Carla Jensen, Kayla Chapman, Wendy Iwanczuk, Celine Bassetto, Justin Molas, Linda Ellefson, Shannon Collier

Call to order

7:05

Prayer- Shannon

Approval of previous minutes: motion- Sabra, second- Chantelle, All in favour

Linda- GRACE awards/nominees/promotion QR code on parish bulletins **Grateful advocates supporting catholic education**

Faith promotion for teachers- in Edmonton

Reiterated DATES for parents for holidays next year (See email for dates)

More to come in February regarding PD days, etc.

Linda's daughter got her doctorate in Education CONGRATULATIONS (Doctor Jana Elefson)

Principals report- see attached (appendix a)

Teachers report- Emily Boutland- nothing to report,

“nice to see students eating together and pray together after they eat”

Reports from executives-

Sabra- Nothing to report

Kaleigh- not present

Sheryl- see attached financials (appendix b)

Chantelle- lhop good to go

Brittany- nothing to report

Unfinished business

Winter dance-

February 1st Family dance

Tim will DJ

Gym booked 5:30-8:00pm DANCE 6-8

Photo booth

\$10/family profits made to go towards future dances and family events

Parents need to come **no unsupervised children**

Kayla Chapman grade 7 boys and girls volunteering to sell candy bags/pop/water to fundraise for Athletics.

Backdrop leadership
Motion to not exceed \$600- Sabra
Second- Brittney
All in favour
Volunteers
To sit at the front door- Carla
Cash Box Float- provided by school

Junior high dance - February 8th

Shrove Tuesday- Motion to not exceed \$500- Sabra Second Sheryl, all in favour
Must feed approximately 700 students
Syrup
Plates
Forks
Volunteers
Pancake mix donated by Ihop
Additional mix to be purchased from Costco if needed.

Librarian- Shannon & Linda- advocating but in a major deficit
library is NOT closed despite no librarian
students still get time in the library

Topics not covered/need to revisit:
cookies-*potentially March 28th
multicultural engagement

Additional comments: Choir will be singing on the 30th at the hurricanes game

8:40 adjournment

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Principal Report January 2024: Mrs. Shannon Collier

Thank you's:

- School wide Liturgical celebrations took place in our gymnasium throughout the Advent season. Thank you to Mr. Craddock and 9C; Mrs. Chambers and both Kindergarten classes; Mrs. Lawrence, Mr. Weitz and our grade 6 classes; Mrs. Koshuta and 3K who led the Advent Liturgies.

- Blessing Bags were prepared and distributed to those in need prior to Christmas. The Gr. 3 & 4 classes and Mrs. Koshuta led the school wide Christmas Social Justice Project. Thank you to Mrs. Koshuta & our grade 3,4 students for offering this very special and thought filled Advent collection.
- Thanks to our FLVT school community for generously donating cakes for our Christmas Craft Night Cake walk. We had over 30 fantastic cakes to give out that evening.
- To all those who helped with our last week of Christmas events: Christmas Craft Night led by Miss Visser; The Snowball Dance and school wide Bingo which was led by Mr. Craddock and his leadership option. The final day of school students were treated to Hot Chocolate that was prepared and given out by staff. Thank you to Dina Henderson, Thea Loose and Anna Zrim for organizing this for our students.
- We would like to send a thank you to Cargill Cares and Shauna Grant for a donation we have recently been given to support the purchase of SLR cameras and supplies for our JH option classes. Cargill Cares has generously given \$10,000.00 to Father Leonard Van Tighem School. We would also like to thank them for providing cereal, granola bars and snacks that were given out to families prior to the Christmas break.

Welcome to University of Lethbridge Student Teachers:

Please join me in welcoming two PS 3 Intern teachers and ten Education 2500 students from The University of Lethbridge:

Intern Teachers:

Chloe Labrie will be working alongside Mr. Templin & teaching the grade 1T students

& **Felicia Yoner** will be working alongside Mrs. Clewes & teaching the grade 4C students during their professional semester three internships from January 8th – April 19th, 2024.

Ed. 2500 Student Teachers:

Dates of practicum for M/W students = January 22 to March 27, 2024 (mornings only)

Dates of practicum for T/TH students = January 23 to March 28, 2024 (mornings only)

Bultsma	Connor	TTh	LeeAnne	Jetten
Hanusich	Reese	TTh	Tracy	Jans
Hofer	Sarah	TTh	Brigida	Chambers
Hynes	Hannah	TTh	Emily	Boutland
Parmar	Ashwin	MW	Emily	Boutland
Schnell	Jessica	MW	Tracy	Jans
Stewart	Brendan	TTh	Hannah	Evans
Trotter	Spencer	MW	Hannah	Evans
Wade	Jackson	MW	Brigida	Chambers
Weasel Moccasin	Tatiana	MW	LeeAnne	Jetten

Grade 6 Confirmation Retreat:

All westside grade 6 classes (SPFA, CSM, FLVT) took part in a Confirmation retreat at St. Martha Parish on Thursday, January 11th, 2024. The retreat was well received by students and staff. It was a wonderful opportunity for students, from all three westside schools, to come together with our Youth Minister, Zachary Hampton and Father Monis.

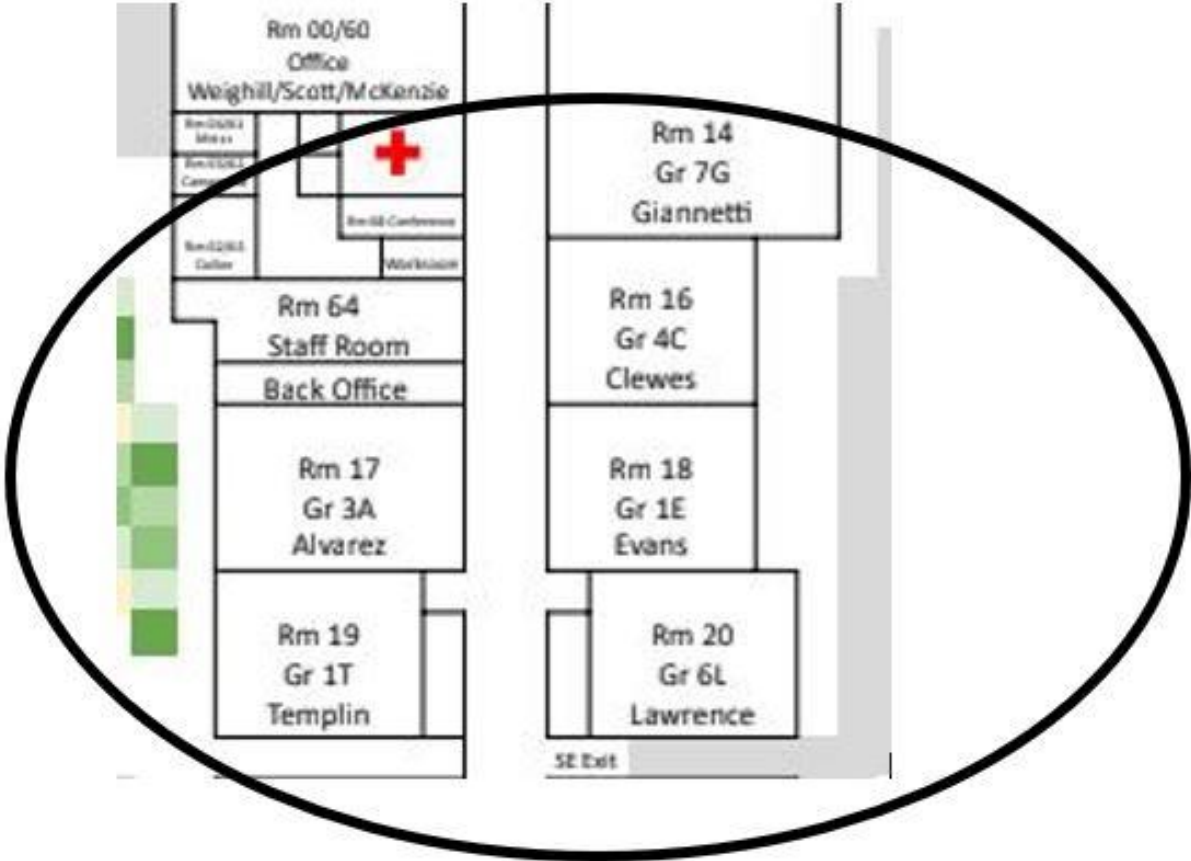
Fire Sprinkler Line Break Update:

I would like to **formally thank Bryce Shakotko and our Plant Operations Coordinator, Vivien**

Kossuth for their quick and appropriate response to the fire sprinkler line break on Friday, January 12th,

2024. Their response and the helping hands from all maintenance staff throughout the Division allowed

for equipment to be moved and water vacuumed up quickly. Fire Safety Service as well as Service Master spend the past 3 days making sure that this clean up was done properly before students and staff return to the school. The classrooms that were affected were rooms 14,16,17,18,19,20, the staff room and some offices (Shannon & Laurie's). The burst pipe was adjacent to the SE doors (entrance to the portables) and water flowed down towards the front doors of the school.



Please note the water that was coming out from the burst pipe was from the ceiling and was water from the fire sprinkler line (potable water).

Lunch Break Updates:

The grades 4-6 students are currently eating in the canteen area during nutrition breaks. Grades 1-3 have

moved to Tech. Free Tuesday and Thursday's during eating periods and will remain eating in their

classrooms during nutrition breaks.

We will be moving to extend the JH lunch break starting February 5th, 2024. Thank you for bringing

concerns about the length of the lunch break forward. At this time, we are finalizing the changes to make

sure there are no conflicts with the gymnasium schedules. The minutes have been adapted from breaks

in between classes as well as the afternoon nutrition break. I am currently working with our District

personnel to make sure the reflected changes run smoothly when updated in power school.

Learning Bar Survey will be administered to our grade 4-9 classes in the month of January (formerly Tell them From Me Survey). This survey is a district survey that allows us to collect input and data from our students. We use the data for our school goal discussions as well as reporting in our meetings with Senior Administration Leadership Team (SALT).

The parent information letter was sent out from the office the first week back from Christmas break. It is also attached to my report. This survey comes from the Alberta Government and guides are planning discussions as well as provides input from parents, students and teachers. We plan to administer the survey to our students in early February. Teachers will also be given Random Access Codes (RAC) at that time.

CIP and Assurance Measurement Plans include data, each year, from both of the surveys:

Father Leonard Van Tighem Continuous Improvement Plan 2023 2024 Father Leonard Van Tighem Assurance Measurement Plan 2023 2024

The Alberta Education Assurance (AEA) survey:

Scheduled to open the **week of January 22, 2024** for parents of grade 4 and 7 students.

JH Mid-Term Exams: January 29th – February 1st, 2024

Monday, January 29	Tuesday, January 30	Wednesday, January 31	Thursday, Feb. 1	Friday, Feb. 2
Math	English Language Arts	Social Studies	Science	No School PD Day

In the afternoon, JH students may be dismissed (with parent permission) or choose to catch up on assignments or study in an assigned room. A letter was sent home for parents if they choose to permit their child to leave after their exam on those days.

Staff Wish List:

Staff have put together a “wish list” with items that we are hoping to secure over the next few years, with the support of School Council. As the year goes on, additional wish list items will be added.

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/11QWHNEUenIO5SZjbY5XqczDUMxTLIcnDABa1QPM31cE/edit>

June Provincial Achievement Exams: Grades 6 & 9

The General Information Bulletin can be located at:

https://www.alberta.ca/system/files/custom_downloaded_images/edc-pat-general-information-bulletin.pdf

Holy Spirit School has gained approval for all grade 9 students to write on the following dates:

Holy Spirit Grade 9 June 2024 PAT Schedule: (*all exams 9:00 am start*) Mon. May 13 ELA Part A

Mon. June 24 ELA Part B

Tues. June 25 Math Pt. A & B

Wed. June 26 Social Studies Thur. June 27 Science

Grade 6 PAT's will be written as per the schedule in the GIB:

Wed. May 15th ELA Part A Wed. June 12th ELA Part B Thurs. June 13th Math Part A Friday, June 14th Math Part B Wed. June 19th Social Studies Thurs. June 20th Science

Upcoming events:

Hawks SV Basketball Tournament at CHS: Friday, January 19th & Saturday, January 20th, 2024

Hawks JV Boys' Basketball Tournament at Raymond: Friday, January 19th & Saturday, January 20th, 2024 Hawks Home SV Basketball Tournament: Friday, January 26th & Saturday, January 27th, 2024

Hawks JV Basketball Tournament at Senator Joyce Fairburn: Friday, January 26th & Saturday, January 27th, 2024 School Council Sponsored Family Dance: Thursday, February 1st, 2024 6:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Junior High Dance: Thursday, February 8th, 2024 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Hawks Home JV Basketball Tournament (rescheduled): Friday, February 9th & Saturday,

February 10th, 2024. Shrove Tuesday: Tuesday, February 13th, 2024

Ash Wednesday: Wednesday, February 14th, 2024

Junior High Basketball Zones Championships: Friday, March 1st & Saturday, March 2nd, 2024

Alberta Education Assurance Survey

Information for parents and guardians

About the survey

Every year, Alberta Education surveys students, their parents and all teachers on behalf of schools and school authorities to assess what is working well and where there is room for improvement. The survey asks students in grades 4,

7 and 10, and their parents, about their thoughts, feelings and experiences in school. The survey will be administered between January and March 2024. In some schools, all students in grades 4 and above and their parents will be surveyed.

Participants will be asked questions on a variety of topics, such as welcoming, caring, respectful and safe learning environments; student learning engagement; and parental involvement. The survey does not ask for names and cannot be used to identify individual participants.

Why is the survey needed?

Alberta's Assurance Framework requires school authorities across the province to report their performance according to a number of different measures that provide key information about how the education system is doing. A provincial survey allows all school authorities to be measured on the same things at the same time.

Participation in the survey is voluntary:

- All participants may opt out of taking the survey at any time with no repercussions and/or skip any questions they do not wish to answer.
- All responses are anonymous. The survey does not collect personally identifiable information and Random Access Codes will be used to group responses by survey type, school and authority.
- Only grouped data where there are more than six responses are reported.
- All data collected will be managed in accordance with the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.
- If you have any questions regarding the survey or your child's participation, please contact your child's school directly.

How will I take the survey?

- Parents or guardians are issued a single-use Random Access Code mailed through Canada Post to complete the survey online.
- The code must be used to access the survey and helps Alberta Education group your response as being from a parent/guardian. It is not used to identify individuals.
- Monitor your Canada Post mailbox starting late-January 2024 for the survey invitation package from Alberta Education.
- Parents or guardians with more than one student in an eligible grade will receive a separate survey invitation package for each child.
- Paper copies of the survey can also be requested through your school principal once the survey opens.

How will students take the survey?

- Students complete the survey at school.
- Before the survey begins, your child's teacher or school staff will explain to the students that the survey is not a test – there are no right or wrong answers. They will also explain that there are no repercussions for opting out of participating and that they may skip questions they do not wish to answer.
- Responses are submitted anonymously. Random Access Codes will be used to group responses by survey type, grade, school and school authority only.



Details about the assurance measures and how to obtain results are available online at www.alberta.ca/alberta-education-assurance-survey

If you have questions or concerns about the survey, please contact your school principal.



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