

Father Leonard Van Tighem School Council meeting minutes
Tuesday, November 5 at 7:00 p.m.

In attendance: Sabra Roberts, Kaleigh Rey, Alejandra Pulido-Guzman, Brigida Chambers, Laurie Campmans, Kayla Chapman, Celine Bassetto, Sheryl Benson-Loman, Valerie Archibald, Valentina Mazzocco, Crystal Lee, Justin Molas.

Call to Order: 7:03 p.m.

1. Opening Prayer by Justin Molas.
2. Those in attendance added their name to the list.
3. Approval of minutes by Sabra Roberts and seconded by Kaleigh Rey.
4. School Board Trustee, absent but report given by Laurie Campmans. She handed out information about a virtual opportunity for school councils for a virtual engagement event on November 23, from 1 to 4 p.m. It's an interactive session hosted by zoom the agenda includes a greeting from the Ministry of Education, an update on like advocacy things, initiatives, operations and upcoming events.
5. Principal Report by Laurie Campmans and Justin Molas:
 - Laurie talked about the wrestling program in partnership with St. Francis and CCH and the interest that students have shown for it. She said one of the reasons to give wrestling a boost is because the university of Lethbridge now offer it as well.
 - For the grade 8 students they will have some mental capacity building teams coming to do a session with them on managing social conflict and relationships and other things that are important when kids are in junior high school.
 - Try outs for Basketball are underway, with really good turn out.
 - Christmas concert is coming up on December 4.
 - Immunizations on Thursday.
 - Remembrance Day assembly is coming up at 10:40 on Thursday.
 - Handmade sale raising funds for choir.
 - No School November 8, 11 or 12.
 - November 13, start of quarter 2 with new options for the junior high students.
 - Grade 6 volleyball jamboree is coming up on the 16.
 - Parent teacher interviews are November 20 and 21.
 - The choir and STEM clubs are underway.
 - Justin talked about the chip fundraising, which sold around 700 bags of chips.
 - He said there was great feedback and he believes that is something that could continue in the future as it was very well received.
 - Halloween parade was well attended by parents
 - Him and Laurie completed their Continues Improvement Plan (CIP), which is something that admins discuss to plan for the upcoming year to be able to align the school's goals with the School Division's goals. And there are 4 goals they look at.

- Strengthening our Catholic faith is one goal. At FLVT it is done through daily prayer, liturgical celebrations and other activities taught at Religion classes.
- There will be a Religious retreat in advent for Junior High students called Access 52. A Faith based retreat that runs for about 70 minutes on December 4.
- There are weekly gospel classes for junior high school students.
- The school is trying to increase their partnership with St. Martha's parish, by bringing members of the church to do classroom visits.
- Trying to connect Junior high students with a youth minister that goes between All Saints and St. Martha's parish to participate in youth nights and family events.
- Second Goal is learning through quality teaching and they looked at the PT results from Grade 6 and Grade 9 students, common math assessments, FNP and early literacy reports and they seem to be on par with the province.
- He said they are trying to focus on assessments and improving overall educational practices that are happening within the school.
- Justin and Laurie will be visiting classrooms and checking out what is going on in them, to provide feedback afterwards.
- There is a lot of positive feedback about Spaces.
- Laurie talked about the third goal which is living truth and reconciliation. She said this is a big thing for Catholics. And this year actually, they have extra resources at FLVT for enhancing our understanding of Blackfoot, Metis and Inuit culture.
- We now have two Blackfoot teachers, we have a success coach to help students who aren't performing well academically, we also have a Niitsitapi facilitator who helps with heritage events and welcomes our families, connects them and makes them feel a part of the school system.
- We have lots of heritage days because of all the extra people. Rock your Mocks is coming up on November 15.
- We have Elders and Blackfoot language nights and everyone is welcomed to attend.
- And the fourth goal is belonging in a diverse community and that's when we celebrate not only First Nations, Metis and Inuit culture, but also all of our cultures.
- Last year we had some Ukrainian guests come in and some people of Mexican background. And we're welcoming anybody.
- If anyone knows someone who would like to celebrate any culture that we have in our school or to celebrate our kids of any cultures, we would love to have them.
- Junior High students have ComuniTEA for them to connect.
- We have a wellness team, a full-time counsellor who does lots of things for us. We have lots of school events and clubs for kids to belong to and connect. And we also have dances, theme days, intramurals, clubs and buddies and we try to celebrate their achievements through our Junior high Awards that are coming up and we celebrate elementary students in their classrooms.

6. Teacher report by Brigida Chambers: She mentioned rock your mocks begins at 9:15 and everyone is welcome. The winners of the "We are all Treaty people" will have a dance for each division.

- Teacher-Parent interviews can be booked starting tomorrow.
- Advent begins December 1, preparations are underway.

7. Reports from Executive Committee:

- Chair, Sabra Roberts: Nothing to report
- Vice Chair, Kaleigh Rey: Nothing to report
- Treasurer, Sheryl Benson-Loman: went over the financial report attached.

Father Leonard Van Tighem PTA Council Financial Report

Monthly report ending October 31, 2024

FLVT PTA held account Balance as of October 1, 2024

10,671.44

Receipts

School Council Fees
Family Dance & Pulled Pork Dinner Ticket Sales
Cuppers Coffee Fundraiser Payout

425.00

305.00

210.60

940.60

Disbursements

Freezer for Foods Lab

660.39

Total Disbursements

660.39

Bank Balance at October 31, 2024

10,951.65

Commitments to November 2024 (estimate amounts)

We Are All Treaty People Poster Contest

300.00

HAWKS Virtue Vouchers

1,000.00

Collier Family Bereavement

100.00

1,400.00

Estimated Balance at November 30, 2024

9,551.65

This financial statement has been reviewed and approved

Sheryl Benson-Loman
Sheryl Benson-Loman - Treasurer

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Date

- Secretary, Alejandra Pulido: nothing to report.
- School Events: Vacant.
- Fundraising coordinators, Christa Sawatzky and Crystal Lee: Crystal talked about the posters for the winter fundraising and Justin asked for specificity in the blurb about what the funds are going to be used for.
- Avoid the word initiatives.
- Crystal is having trouble with the website, but Sheryl has no troubles going on it.
- So far there are 81 orders for the winter fundraising.
- Wreath drop-off will take place on December 2 and pick up will be on December 3.
- They will be stored in the library.

Motions:

- Sabra motioned to invest in resources to host a numeracy evening for students and their families to not exceed \$364 and it was seconded by Sheryl. Everyone in favour.

General discussion:

- Pulled pork dinner and dance unfinished business from last meeting.
- Approximately \$5,000 worth of silent auction items.
- We want staff members to attend.
- The class that sells the most tickets will get a pizza party.
- There are 150 lbs of pork available for the dinner.
- Lots of food items are being donated, like the pork, buns, coleslaw, potatoes.
- Volunteers needed by 4 p.m.
- KOC and St. Martha's will provide extra tables.
- Cake Walk will take place in the gym.
- We now have a POS machine.
- Please remind people it is a fundraising and the price is fair.
- Encourage middle school students to attend.
- Outdoor classroom is for everyone. It has been approved but the Board will not provide any funds.
- Use Council funds from last year to have a math literacy night to engage families.

Unfinished Business:

- Amendment to previous motion for Christmas concert approved up to \$1,335.95 and all proceeds generated will come back to School Council and all proceeds above the cost of concert will go back to the music department. Money was not disbursed.
- How much money was left after paying for the online tech presentation.

Feedback:

- Need to specify who the information is for when sharing it, as it is confusing to know if it is geared towards elementary or junior high school. Especially for families coming from other elementary schools.
- Moving forward, ask parents if they would like multiple small fundraisings or one big gala instead.
- Involve students in events by giving them a job to do.
- Laurie suggested to bring back School News, Elementary News and Junior High News. To make sure everyone knows what is directed to them.

Meeting adjourned at 8:26 p.m.