

Father Leonard Van Tighem School Council meeting minutes
Tuesday May 14, at 7:00 p.m.

In attendance: Sabra Roberts, Alejandra Pulido-Guzman, Shannon Collier, Brigida Chambers, Kaleigh Rey, Laurie Campmans, Brittney Perlich, Kayla Chapman, Christa Sawatzky, Asheley Cowie, Celine Bassetto, Monique Atkins, Sheryl Benson-Loman, Linda Ellefson.

Call to Order: 7:06 p.m.

1. Opening Prayer: Laurie Campmans.
2. Those in attendance added their name to the list.
3. Approval of minutes by Sabra Roberts and second by Kaleigh Rey.
4. School Board Trustee:
 - Linda Ellefson spoke about how much she enjoyed Madagascar
 - Arts alive happening at SAAG
 - GRACE and how their theme was building relationships.
 - Her attendance at CCH grad
 - She will be attending the Edwin Parr banquet to celebrate all the nominees tomorrow.
 - She explained how the Stars are selected and said people nominate them, they are not only for students, it could also include staff members who exemplifies the virtues, mission, vision and values of the Catholic education and can be from doing great in things like sports, music and drama among other things.
 - Spiritual development happening on May 27 at CCH East campus.

5. Principal Report by Shannon Collier.

- Shannon began by thanking those who took part in organizing and running the Spaghetti Dinner.
- She talked about how successful the cakewalk was and how she was suggested to do it at the gym so people would not leave the dancefloor completely empty.
- She shared a big congratulations to the community who supported Madagascar, how everyone helped out. She said it was a fantastic showcase of talent.
- Next year's bell times will remain the same as directed by Southland based on their available staff.
- June is going to be a busy month with elementary school sports day.
- June 14 is set to be the last day of regular classes, but it doesn't mean the following week kids go home early because they don't have options.
- The plan for that week is: All Grade 7 students will do some field trips together, Grade 9 students will be focusing on their farewell, which has been moved to the Thursday, so kids are not rushed, and Grade 8 students are looking into doing some activities and fieldtrips as a group.
- The mornings will be spent reviewing PAT prep, it will all be academic.
- Time is set aside in those 4 days for outstanding assignments.
- if there's outstanding assignments, we need to find out what the kid knows, not whether or not they handed it in. It's not good enough to let a kid say, I'm just not going to do it. All assignments need to come in. We're going to focus on helping the kids understand how important it is to turn in all of your assignments.
- Grade 7 orientation went well, good turnout. Madagascar did a little demo.

6. Teacher report by Brigida Chambers:

- May 30 FNMI Heritage Day, school will gather outside for prayer, possibly smudging, activities for the kids, teams and stations around the bowl and possibly some drumming in the afternoon.
- At night starting at 5 p.m. there will be awards and a bbq hosted by the division.
- Sports Day is June 26 and she asked if School council would provide hot dogs and snacks for the kids. A motion was later put through.
- Swim Day is June 25 from 10 am to noon.
- Running Club: Colour Run on Friday if it doesn't rain, Marathon race on May 29 at 6 pm at Chinook High School.
- Kindergartner farewell happening on June 12
- Grade 9 farewell on June 20

7. Reports from Executive Committee:

- Chair: Sabra Roberts nothing new to report. Led discussion items.
- Vice: Kaleigh Rey
 - Spaghetti Dinner was very successful.
 - For Grade 9 farewell gifts lanyards with Hawks logo with the year on it were purchased.
 - Spaghetti Dinner brought in around \$6000, need to talk about where it will go.
 - \$4,000 worth of donations for silent auction
 - Extra running club shirts were ordered, two each size, \$21 each.
- Treasurer: Sheryl Benson-Loman
 - Sports Day for previous years was offered \$800
 - We're starting off the month with \$7,943.17
 - School council fees \$30
 - Family Spaghetti night tickets sale: \$795
 - Cuppers Coffee Fundraiser: \$124.20
 - No disbursements this month.
 - Commitments: \$200 for Dash for Donuts and \$3000 for FLVT school tent.
 - Closing balance \$5,692.37
- Secretary: nothing new to report
- School Events: absent.
- Fundraising coordinator: No Cuppers order available for June. Those wanting coffee will need to go to Cuppers, say they are from FLVT and they will get the logo on their coffee.

Motions:

- To not exceed \$800 for baking for Grade 9 farewell set by Sabra, second by Sheryl.
- To not exceed \$1,000 for Grade 9 farewell gifts for 2024
- To provide \$800 for Sports Day snacks set by Brigida Chambers and second by Sabra Roberts.

General discussion:

- Over 1,100 pieces of paper were saved by sending permission slips for swim day electronically.
- Suggestions were made about only using one denomination of tickets for future spaghetti night and just place a ticket amount as price I.e. ice cream is 3 tickets.
- The possibility of moving the picnic table to outside for lunch time.
- Suggestion to remind people in various ways to bring cash for spaghetti dinner to avoid e-transfers for silent auction.
- Suggestions on more activities geared towards junior high students, ask for their input of what they would like to have.
- Laurie Campmans shared that next year there will be an option for Junior High students to enrol in wrestling, to do it jointly with CCH and St. Francis, based on weight and ability.
- There are mixed reviews about tech-free days. It's a learning curve and it is something that takes time.
- Tech-free days are a good compromise, as it fits both sides from teachers and parents.
- Misunderstanding about parents that are part of school council making decisions for the school were brought up to make Shannon aware of them.
- Sewer smell was brought up and Shannon said they are taking care of it, the school now has a plumber. They are looking into placing a filter.
- The school is built on a swampy area, it needs to be fixed when issues arise, but it is not something easily fixed as it would need to be completely dug out and replaced as other parts of the city have done.
- She set the example of the golf course in Picture Butte in the ladies bathroom where they need to continue fixing an issue they have because otherwise they would need to dig out the whole building to replace it.

New Business discussed:

- Parking lot issues. People parking on the north side of the lot and not allowing others to leave.
- Shannon shared her experience with fights in the parking lot at Children of St. Martha and Dr. Probe School.
- She talked about how it is not something that is easy to tackle, as we have to be mindful of approaching others in the parking lot as that could bring up fights.
- Parking lots are never going to be perfect, suggestions on how the situation can be approached were discussed.
- One suggestion was to ask parents to only turn right when leaving the parking lot at pick up or drop off times.
- Another one was a few minutes difference at dismissal so elementary school students could be picked up earlier.
- Promote more students to use the bus now that the parameters have changed to have less parents dropping off, and therefore reducing parking lot traffic.
- The gravel along the playground that ends up on the sidewalk/path was brought up, Shannon said it gets swiped every day, the city is in charge of it, but the school takes care of it as it is a constant battle when the kids play on it and it just spills over.

- Gravel is safer for children at playgrounds and the possibility of changing it to rubber was discouraged.
- A feedback survey will be sent out in June about Spaces.

Adjournment – 8:32 p.m.