

École Camille J. Lerouge School
School Council Minutes
November 25, 2024
7:00pm



Attendees – Kristi O’Donnell, Meleah Longchamp, Anne Marie Watson, Tara Buckley, Sinead Armstrong, Nicole Manchur, Amanda Cournoyer, Marguerite Tennant, Alanna Cellini, Cynthia Campbell, Meghan Kennedy

Call to Order – Kristi at 19:00

Opening Prayer - Sinead

Review of the Agenda - Kristi

Call for additions to the Agenda - Kristi

Approved: Meghan Kennedy

Seconded: Meleah Longchamp

Meeting Minutes - Kristi

Approved: Meleah Longchamp

Seconded: Amanda Cournoyer

School Trustee Report - Anne-Marie Watson

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Trustee’s Report – November 2024 – Anne Marie Watson

At the October Board meeting, Trustees revisited the 3% increase in their remuneration which took effect on September 1, 2024, deciding to roll back the increase as of November 1, 2024. The decision was made in solidarity with staff who haven’t seen a wage increase, and in acknowledgement of the Division’s difficult fiscal situation.

Two stakeholder engagement sessions were held in November (one online, the other in-person). Information on the provincial Education budget and the local RDCRS budget was presented, followed

by small group discussion related to setting budget priorities. The themes from the groups I was part of were mental health supports, both within the Division and in the community (lack of supports), the desire for more communication from the Board, and a desire to prioritize spending on the classroom “basics” over spending that is the responsibility of other jurisdictions (e.g. mental health funding, social work funding).

Another round of engagement sessions will occur in the Spring; dates to be determined.

Update on the court cases brought against the Board by former Trustee Monique LaGrange. The 2 cases were heard in May and June, 2024. The judge has released her decision on the first case, which was about the Board’s sanctioning Mrs. LaGrange; the actions of the Board were upheld by the Judge. We await a decision on the second case, but there is no timeline.

The next Board meeting is on Tue., Nov. 26, at 5:30pm. Everyone is welcome to attend. Some of the agenda items include the 2023/2024 Audited Financial Statements, the 2023/2024 Division Annual Education Results Report, and discussion on the 2025/2026 school calendars. Regarding that last item, note that the diploma exam schedule, which is set by Alberta Education, has students writing diploma exams almost 2 weeks earlier in the semester than normal, which will result in some significant anomalies in the calendar. Along with other school divisions in the province, RDCRS is advocating to Alberta Education to revert to the normal exam writing schedule in order to allow sufficient time to cover the curriculum. Here is a link to the [November 26, 2024 Regular Board Meeting Agenda](#)

Principal Report - Sinead

Assurance Results – overall, strong results.

Areas of growth we focused on were faith permeation and students experiencing that – improved, and access to supports and resources within our school – improved.

A snapshot will be sent out with the December newsletter. It drives the school improvement plan as a staff.

UCP Government is drafting a new curriculum for 7/8/9 in phys ed, math and social studies. They would like to put this into pilot in September. We have nominated some of our teachers who specialize in those areas to sit on the committee. If you have students in those grades, keep your eyes out.

Thank you to Cynthia and Alanna for coverage while I was out for 6-weeks. They did a great job with keeping the school running smoothly.

New Business -

- Read-a-Thon: \$15,571

- Rebels Night Out - Saturday November 30: No update (Alanna). We can do another one in the Spring.
- PD - December 13 staff breakfast: Potluck request out to families. Meleah, Nicole and Kristi to organize.
- School Engagement activity: movie night - January 30 with a PD Day to follow
- Nicole Lydiard from Canadian Parents for French: How to help my child in French Immersion – it is available on December
- Extra Ice Cream: We have 3 tubs and can sell scoops for \$1. We will find a day in December/January.

2024-2025 BUDGET - Nicole

- Removed Alberta Science Network and school social line items
- Expenses are currently higher than revenue. We will postpone approval until the new year when we have OLEP approval.

2024-2025 Activity Leads

Flower Fundraisers - Kim Templar: Not available

Staff Appreciation - Colleen, Marguerite, Amanda and Nicole: Dinner was provided one evening at Parent Teacher Interviews.

Social Justice

Giving Tree - Kristi O'Donnell: Cards can be made by dropping off or you can click the link and make a donation.

Gifts for Grandparents - Kim Templar: There are boxes available in the school.

Announcements/Correspondence -

- The next meeting date will be Monday January 20, 2025
- Lead for prayer - Renee

Closing Reflection -Cynthia

Adjournment – 19:51