

St. Martin De Porres- School Council Meeting September 17, 2018 @7PM
Staff Room

In Attendance: Stacy T., Cassandra A., Jackie T., Dianna M., Amanda N., Leah C., Tanya J., Ann B., Jolene C., Collen Q., Shirley W., Jenn N., Cynthia Leyson (Trustee), Cathy Cameron, Kristie McCullough, Sheila Foley-Gosse

Missing: N/A

1. Meeting Called to Order at 7pm
2. Opening Prayer: Kristie
3. Review of Meeting Norms-Jenn
4. Introductions:
 - a. Cathy introduced Cynthia Leyson who spoke about her role as our Trustee and encouraged open communication between the school community and trustees. There are 21 Catholic Schools within the RDCSD and we have over 10K students registered.
 - b. School Council attendees gave a brief introduction of themselves as well.
 - c. Cathy thanked Kristie and Sheila for all the hard work last year and knew that the school and students were in very good care.
5. Approval of Agenda: Ann B. (1st), Kate B., (2nd)
6. Approval of June's Minutes: Kate B., (1st), Jackie T., (2nd)

New Business:

7. Elections:
 - a. Treasurer- Kate B., has volunteered (Unanimous Yes vote)
 - b. Vice-Chair- Ann B., has volunteered (Unanimous Yes Vote)
 - c. Cahir-Jenn N., will stay on for 2018-2019 (Unanimous Yes vote)
8. Council Committees:
 - a. Dawe Run: Ann has volunteered Megan and Jackie also supporting
 - b. General Volunteers: Sign up list was posted during Meet the Teacher and Jenn will be compiling the list of names who volunteered.
 - c. Short Notice Volunteers: Sign up list was posted during Meet the Teacher and Jenn will be compiling the list of names who volunteered.
 - d. Staff Appreciation: Sign up list was posted during Meet the Teacher and Jenn will be compiling the list of names who volunteered
 - e. Friendship Meal: last year School Council discussed no longer volunteering for the Friendship Meal. Being an elementary school the students at SMDP are too young to participate in the Friendship Meal and it was strictly driven and supported by School Council, Parents and Teachers. Discussions were held around what other ways can we involve the students Jolene C., put forward a motion to no longer participate in Friendship Meals, Ann B. seconds, vote is held and motion is passed.

9. Shrove Tuesday: March 5th. Ann B., will take the lead again and she is needing a few volunteers to help with running food etc. Sign up list was posted during Meet the Teacher and Jenn will be compiling the list of names who volunteered.
10. Fundraising Committee: Kate B., and Jackie T., are in full swing already with the QSP fundraiser. They are looking for new ideas, several people have volunteered to join this committee and meetings will take place at a future date.
11. Family Fun Night/Carnival: Sign up list was posted during Meet the Teacher and Jenn will be compiling the list of names who volunteered
12. Grade 5 Farewell: Sign up list was posted during Meet the Teacher and Jenn will be compiling the list of names who volunteered.

Fundraiser:

13. Keep the momentum going!! Students are very excited about it and to date \$7306 has been sold of which the school collects 40-45% of total.

Christmas Celebration @ RDC

14. Small Production, 12 speaking roles, each class will partake. Costumes and props will be created at school and budget is approx. \$4K. This is coming from the School's budget not School Council's budget. Date is set for December 19/18
15. Additional Fine Arts Focused events to continue taking place at school including another Full Day Create Session and a week-long residency (March 2019).

Cash Donations

16. Parents are welcome to make cash donations at any time to the school. In the future School Council may look at sending information home to parents listing fundraisers that MAY occur throughout the year to give a choice in what they choose to support.

Proposed Winter Games Day

17. Megan N., and Cassandra A. suggested this would be a great way to incorporate the Winter Games in lieu of the Family Fun night. The School has already decided to do this in February as the Create session.

Text Parents about upcoming events:

18. Jolene C., suggested that SMDP sent out texts to remind parents of events like school council. Cathy will ask Kim to do this going forward, great idea.

School Council Brochure

19. A document drafted by the Alberta School Council Association to be made available at the front desk of the office in case any new parents are curious as to what School Council is/does if they are interested in joining.

Principal Report: Cathy would like to say **Thank You** to the entire school community. She is very proud of what we have done as a school and where we are going. Please see the full Principal's Report here: [Principal's Report September 2018](#)

Budget Meeting: School Council will combine October's meeting with the Budget meeting. Scheduled for Oct 15th at 6:30pm-8:30pm.

November's Meeting is set for November 19th.

Closing Prayer-Kristie

Meeting adjourned – 8:10pm