

Marguerite Bourgeoys School Council Meeting  
November 18th, 2019

1. Meeting called to order by Lindsay at 6:31pm

2. Opening prayer by Mr. Jacobson

3. Treasurer's Report :

- 10/21 Mom's pantry deposit \$106.40
- 10/21 School council fee deposit \$470.00
- 10/02 Paypal Hot lunch deposit \$3430.70
- 10/02 Paypal hot lunch Debit \$72.90
- 10/11 Visa Transaction Subway \$178.31
- 10/11 Visa Transaction McDonalds \$163.03
- 10/30 Visa Transaction Subway \$214.99
- 11/14 Debit for babysitting \$125.00

4. Correspondence : NA

5. Old Buisness :

- a. One time purchase for the school - School playground sign. Amanda motioned and Breanne seconded.
- b. Summer camp sponsorship - No students will be able to go this Summer. Looking into other possible ideas.
- c. Social Media school council page - Has been approved

New Buisness :

- a. Council voted to cover 2 hot lunches each time for students to help deliver orders. Teachers will decide who gets them. Amanda motioned and Breanne Seconded.
- b. Council voted to give \$300 for snacks and drinks in the office for kids who need it. Amanda motioned and Breanne seconded.
- c. Council voted to cover the the cost of Pizza for the staff at the next parent teacher interviews in the spring. Amanda motioned and Breanne seconded.

- d. Council voted to have Bobbie attend the Provincial school Council Conference April 24th -26th. Breanne motioned and Amanda seconded.

7. Principals report : See handout

8. Parish Report :

- Church made \$4000 at the roast beef dinner
- Tickets for fundraising for the church are \$20 and can be purchased at the school office. They have sold 789 of the 1600 tickets so far.

9. School Trustee Report:

- We continue to see growth in student enrollment each school year. We are desperately in need of more schools in our division, as almost all of the schools within our region are near or over capacity.
- Our official enrolment for the 2019-2020 school year is now at 10,483 students as of October 2019. This is an increase of 162 students, which equates to 1.7% growth.
- Our current utilization rate is approximately 95% with St. Thomas being the highest at 137%.
- St. Gregory the Great Catholic School in Blackfalds and our middle schools in Red Deer are substantially over capacity. We are unable to enlarge these schools, as they are built out to the maximum extent of the properties capacity.
- We also have significant modular needs throughout our school division. We are running out of classroom space and need to provide learning spaces for students. Our request is for two modulares for École Our Lady of the Rosary School in Sylvan Lake, four modulares for St. Matthew Catholic School in Rocky Mountain House and two for St. Thomas Aquinas Middle School in Red Deer.
- While the overall provincial funding for education has remained the same, there has been a reduction in funding for our Division of approximately \$2.5 million.
- In preparation for the 2019-20 budget, the school division undertook prudent action to reduce costs and create a budget for the 2019 - 2020 school year that is \$2m shy of the total 2018-19 budget. With the release of GOA Budget 2019 we have learned that in order to maintain the already reduced budget for this year, the board will have to draw down its reserves by \$500,000.
- Now with the release of Budget 2019, we will be further required to use our reserves to offset the remaining loss of revenue (approximately \$500,000).
- Our division strives for excellence, as we focus on the education of the whole child, helping students develop spiritually, intellectually, emotionally, socially and physically.
- Many categories in the Provincial Accountability Pillar Summary of Results are areas of

celebration for the division. In 13 of the 16 measures, our division scored higher than the provincial average.

- 93% of our parents and students reported our schools to be safe and caring (Alberta average is 89%).
- 93% of parents and students reported the quality of education in our schools as excellent (Alberta average is 90%).
- 88% of our students graduated in three years (Alberta average, 83%).
- Our focus for this upcoming school year will be a continued emphasis on our high school diploma results, both in the area of acceptable and excellence. We will continue to work with our high schools to increase these scores.

10. Teachers Report : NA

11. Fundraising Committee Report :

- a. Silent Auction has 11 baskets already.
- b. Parent Council voted to have Field and Forge do hot lunch 1x a month. Amanda Motioned and Breanne seconded.
- c. No growers direct before Christmas. Will discuss further at next meeting.

12. Next meeting January 20th, 2020

13. Adjourned at 7:47