

**St. Francis of Assisi Middle
School Council Meeting
October 2, 2023
7:00 p.m.**

Attendees: Jamie Flett, Carrie Keylock, Ms. Robinson, Mr. Jacobsen, Angie McCrindle, Blair Christiansen, Laura Oster, Anne Marie Watson, Bridget Green, Nicola Weimer, Rosanne Frasier, Michela Wasyluk

1.0 Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.
Opening Prayer by Mr. Jacobsen
Intros – Around the table

2.0 Approval of Agenda

Agenda was approved as circulated. Motioned by Nicola Weimer. 2nd by Angie McCrindle.

3.0 Approval of Meeting Minutes

AGM minutes were approved as circulated. Motioned by Angie McCrindle. 2nd by Rosanne Frasier.

4.0 Reports

4.1 School Admin Report – Kelly Jacobsen and Ms. Robinson

Reviewed through Principal report. *See attached:*



St. Francis of Assisi
Middle School.pdf

Would like to have our parents more involved in the school.

Truth & Reconciliation painting of handprints in the gathering area was such a beautiful tribute.

4.2 School presentation – Phys Ed Team – Program and Equipment requests

The Phys. Ed. team of Ms. Poulin, Ms. Chatwood, and Mr. Christiansen have lots of new ideas.

- Would like to get the older students off campus more. Will start with grade 9s and go to a facility of their choosing by sending out a survey to students. Could go to the Rec center for lane swimming, go do cross fit at Pure Fitness, go to Ride spin studio, etc. The bus can take 24 students at a time and would plan to spend half a day there. Want to keep Phys. Ed. exciting and encourage students to want to take Phys Ed in high school. We most likely also have connections within our school community that we could possibly go to their businesses. Everyone would get one opportunity/experience this year. Wondering if school council can substitute some costs approx. \$1000.

- Looking for used equipment to be donated. Ball gloves, fitness room heavier weights, bench for bench press, items for outdoor education such as sleepings pads, firewood, etc. Will send out an email to the school community.

4.3 Board update – Anne Marie Watson

Enrollment is up 4% across the division and we have just under 10,000 students. Gov't changed walk distances to school buses. We have a year's grace as it comes in to effect next Sept. Elementary 1km, middle school and above 2 km. Additional 10-15 buses across division would be needed. Govt is providing some funding for more buses. New middle school grand opening in Oct. Opened with more students than anticipated. Very nice school, the band clinic is there, and an e-Sports lab. We are down 88 students as some went to St Thomas and we lost the foundations/blended program of 50 students.

5.0 Council Budget

5.1 Presentation of proposed 2023-2024 council budget

Jamie reviewed through proposed budget. We have 42% paid in school fees thus far. Field trips is still \$15/student which is a very tight budget for field trips. Misc. would be where the Phys. Ed money would come from.

Motion was made to approve the budget. All were in favor. Approved this year's budget as is.

6.0 New Business

6.1 Friday PD Day

Need more volunteers for donations. Will send out one more reminder through text.

6.2 Halloween Dance

October 26th 6-9 p.m. Volunteer schedule as before. Food list student council will decide. Need a lot of coin for float as were running out last time.

6.3 Red Deer Rebels – Family night

Carrie will get a couple dates to send out to families.

6.4 New initiative / events discussion

Family Movie night – 1st week of Dec, Christmas movie, popcorn machine
 Family Skate night – possibly January, Bower Ponds, Fire & hot chocolate
 Family Game night – mid-November, Wed November 15th, 6-8 p.m. Families could bring games and the school has some.

7.0 Set Date for Next Council Meeting

Monday November 20th @ 7:00 p.m.

8.0 Meeting adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 8:13 p.m.