

**St. Patrick's Community School Council
Minutes**

Date: January 28, 2019

Time: 4:30pm - 5:30pm

Location: Band Room at St. Patrick's Community School

Chair: Mrs. Mundorf

1. **Call School Council Meeting to Order:** Mrs. Mundorf
2. **Prayer:** Mrs. Coe
3. **Introductions:**
 - A special welcome to Mrs. Cynthia Leyson, from the Board of Trustees, who is our school designate. Regrets from Mrs. Leyson, who was unable to attend.
 - Laura Starchuck, Melanie Burke, Amanda West, Monica Sagan, Tracy Cossins, Batnag, Princes Kate K, Mr Sia, Mr. Heck and TaShawna Roberts
4. **Additions to Agenda:** update on gym
5. **Parent Learning:**
 - Number Talks- Mr. Heck invited parents to participate in 2 different Number Talks.
6. **Family Advent Craft Night**
 - We will debrief about this event.
 - Great turnout, but would encourage family participation at stations next time.
 - Recommendation: Continue again next year.
7. **Budget**
 - The school council budget will be finalized.
 - Wish list suggestions: Keep replenishing makerspace materials, senior team out of town in years coming, uniforms for volleyball (update this year), new basketball jerseys needed next year sept.
 - Budget voted on and passed. Finalized!
8. **First Friday Coffee**
 - The last one was November 28, 2018. Do we continue hosting this event?
 - Cancelled, due to lack of attendance.
9. **Upcoming school council events:**
 - Movie Night. February 7 at 6:00pm. Due to the modernization and not having access to our gymnasium, we will have to cancel this event.
 - Popsicle in the Park. May 15 3:30-5:00 pm.

10. Modernization update

- A letter was sent to parents on December 4, 2018, outlining Phase 2 of the modernization. We will answer any additional questions about the modernization.
- On Tuesday, February 5, 2019, from 3:30-4:30pm, parents are welcome to come and walk through the new part of our school.
- Question:options while gym construction: Dawe Centre for team practices, 7 am starts Feb 1 Tues-Thurs. St Teresa Gym an option. There were concerns raised about the loss of athletics, practices and games. This information was shared with students and parents on December 4, 2018, however, we did lose the use of our gym, 4 days earlier than expected.

11. Parent Concerns

- We appreciate all of our parent support. If you have a concern, we ask that you please read Red Deer Catholic's Administrative Procedure No. 353 Parent Concerns
- <https://rdcrs.ca/download/24057>

12. Reports: See below:

- A. Treasurer's Report
- B. Trustee's Report
- C. School LIFT Report

13. Next meeting date: Monday, June 3, 2019. This is a dinner meeting. Time and Location TBD.

REPORTS:

- A. Treasurer's Report- N/A
- B. Trustee Report- available after meeting
- C. School LIFT Report

St. Patrick's Community School

Literacy, Inclusion, Technology, Faith (LIFT) Report

Literacy

1. Our school participated in the Red Deer Public Library's 'Read for 15' challenge.
2. Please encourage your child to read for at least 15 minutes each day.
3. Focus areas for St. Patrick's
 - a. Building background knowledge
 - b. Academic language
 - c. Content language
 - d. Review long range plans for English Language Arts and Mathematics and develop common assessments.
 - e. Levelled Literacy Intervention for Grades 1-9

4. First Nation Metis Inuit - our school elementary focus is on the 7 Sacred Teachings and introducing Talking Circles to middle school and elementary students.

Inclusion

1. Bell Let's Talk - January 30. Our school counsellors have shared resources with teachers to facilitate with our entire school to create an openness and share strategies about promoting positive mental health.
2. Our school counsellor focus this year is also on positive mental health for our students. Each month a presentation is shared with our teachers to facilitate discussion about mental health and mindfulness with our students.

Technology

1. Students have continued to learn about Digital Citizenship. The parent site will be up and running shortly at www.rdcrcs.ca, with resources parents can use at home.
2. Staff and students have been learning more about Google Translate, an app that has several different for students and staff.

Faith

1. Our two areas of focus are: Sacramentality and Humanness.
2. Ash Wednesday- our school community will be joining St. Joseph High School for our Ash Wednesday service on March 6 at St. Joseph High School. Due to the modernization, we do not have access to our Home Economics Lab, therefore, we have contacted a local bakery and will have a donut for students and staff that day, as opposed to pancakes.
3. St. Patrick's Day Liturgy- Due to the modernization, teachers will lead a St. Patrick's Day liturgy, with their students, in their classrooms.
4. Grade 8 and 9 Faith Day is Tuesday, April 16, 2019. APEX ministries will be facilitating this day for all Grade 8 and 9 students in Red Deer Catholic, at the Westerner.
5. Thursday, June 13, is our year end mass at 9:30am at Sacred Heart Parish.