

St Catherine's School Council Meeting Agenda

November 13, 2024 7:00 pm

1. Call to order (7:01)
2. Record of attendance – Cheryl, Dan, Crystie, Andrea, Amy, Marla, Lexi
3. [Opening prayer and Land Acknowledgement](#) - Dan Vanden Dungen
4. Review and adoption of [minutes from previous meeting](#)
 - quickly reviewed the microwave issues from last time for those who were missing.
1. Old Business:
 - a. Update on Personally Owned Devices Policy - Dan Vanden Dungen
 - Website resource: [How can we make schools phone-free?](#)
 - Are we taking it further to say no screens during their break times?
 - The stats point to how technology is linked to anxiety. School-wide/ community-wide approaches have proven to be beneficial.
 - If we want to go there we would want to gather some data and opinions first. It would have to be a step-by-step plan.
 - Dan walked us through the above link and pointed out some of the stats and implications. Dan encourages us to look at it. He would like to start a conversation with parents - an after school info meeting? Bring in a speaker? We want to survey parents in some way but we're not sure how to go about it yet.
 - Maybe doing some sort of advertising during parent teacher interviews?
 - b. After School Volleyball - Update from Dan
 - Basketball just started - Fridays are available.
 - Just grade 4s and 5s
 - We could maybe do one day after school and push back jr.high practices.
 - We will survey for interest on Fridays and go from there.
2. Reports:
 - a. Principal (attached below)
 - The interim superintendent floated ideas of another pre-K program and possibility of moving to full day kindergarten 2 days / week.
 - The Bishop came out to see our school. There will be a report with recommendations.
 - b. Chair - See [document below](#)
3. Correspondence:
 - See school engagement fund
4. New business:

a. Assurance Measure Results

- Gr 6 PAT and Gr9 excellence levels were lower than we'd like.
- Noticed a slightly lower trend level for "Welcoming, caring, respectful, safe learning environment" so we want to dive into that number.

b. School Engagement Funds

- Oct. 24 email from Acting Secretary Treasurer, Amanda Lindemann
- \$1364.53 in an account waiting to be spent
- [School Council Ideas 2024-25](#)
 - They've been applying on our behalf for funding that we need to spend because we can't apply for more due to the amount in our account.
 - Can purchase some books for parent education.
 - Keynote Speaker Tammy Schamuhn - Crystie is seeing if we are allowed to share the link with parents.
 - Looking at doing some events in the coming months such as Pre-K coffee, wanting to do a dance, maybe some guest speakers, etc.

c. School clothing orders update - 65 orders went in. No big issues. Margaret is looking into the budget codes for us. Should be here in 4-5 weeks.

d. Home and School update - April 5th has been approved for the auction.

5. Next meeting: Thursday, December 12th

6. Closing prayer

7. Adjournment

Principal's Report

1. Staffing:

- a. Welcome to University of Lethbridge PSI student teachers **Jared Beler** (3/4O) and **Madison Hetu** (3/4C) who will be with us from November 6 to December 12.
- b. Mr. Vanden Dungen and Mr. Gatner met with the associate superintendent and interim superintendent on Oct. 21 to discuss staffing and enrollment. Our number of students per teacher FTE is lower than they would like to see but our classes are large enough that there is no easy way to solve it by double grading. They would like us to find ways of getting teachers more preps.
- c. Our new superintendent, **Chantel Axani**, officially took on the role Nov. 7. She met with Mr Vanden Dungen on Nov. 7 and plans to return soon and spend more time meeting staff and students.

2. Home and School

- a. **Hot Lunch** - November 25
 - i. Pizza on our FEAST DAY!
- b. **Christmas Potluck** - December 11th
 - i. Exploring purchasing meat (Turkey and/or Ham) and buns for that event.
 - ii. Would be supplemented with deserts and sides as donations from families. Disposable containers preferred.

3. Assessments / Data

- a. Early assessment results received and reviewed by the lower elementary collab group. In literacy for gr 1, 54% are requiring additional support, in gr. 2, 25%, and in grade 3, 47%
- b. Just received the Assurance Measure results which are being reviewed by administration and will be shared with staff and school council over the next month. We will be looking for an opportunity to discuss the results in the next month or so with staff and to share with Council and with the public.

4. School Goals / Improvement Plan

- a. Josh and Dan met with the Director of Learning and the Associate Superintendent to discuss school goals and improvement plan
- b. Supporting struggling students has emerged as the number one concern (particularly in literacy and particularly with EAL students)
- c. Spaces implementation and shift in assessment and reporting practices continues to be a focus as well.