

School Council Meeting Minutes

November 20, 2024

Venue: St Lorenzo Ruiz School, Red Deer.

Time: 6:00 p.m. - 7.00 p.m

Attendees: Melissa R, Kelly M, Stephanie D, Monica W, Barbara H, Rob Coumont (Principal), Anne Marie Watson (Trustee), Pamela T, Monica N, Tolu Taiwo.

Opening Prayer and Acknowledgement of Traditional Lands

Review of Agenda: Approval of Minutes from September and October 2024 meetings.

Introduction of Faith Representative, Pam T. Pam has graciously accepted the position of the Faith Representative. All the members of the SLR School Council were in favor of this position.

Reports : Principal's Report: Report Attached

- a. **Feedback on Parent- Teacher Interview formats: There was a drop-in over 2 days. There was also a phone format. The opportunity to discuss with the teachers via phone was welcome. Some communication/clarity on the role of the Drop-In appointments may be needed to ensure confidentiality. A survey will be sent out to SLR parents.**
- b. **Soar Like Golden Eagles:**
- c. **SLR Hockey Night will take place on Saturday December 7, 2024. This is also an opportunity for a Toy drive. The Grade 7 students will take the lead on this.**
- d. **St Lorenzo Ruiz School Report: The**

**Measures are based on the surveys .
The categories are: Student Learning
Engagement; Citizenship; Education
Quality; Welcoming, Caring, Safe,
Respectful Learning Environment,
Access to Supports and Services; and
Parental Involvement.**

- e. Faith Survey Results: 96% of students understand how helping others is what God teaches us to do. 100% of staff believe that St Lorenz ruiz encourages students and staff to understand the church's mission in helping the community and their personal responsibility to actively participate in our community through social justice.88% of parents believe that SLR creates opportunities for students to encounter and make connections with our faith through various experiences such as scripture reading, liturgies, sacraments and celebrations.94% of students understand what it means to love and help their neighbor as a Catholic member of our community.**
- f. Community Events: The goal is to have 5 community events this school year run through the School Council.**
- g. Required Alberta Education Assurance Measures - Overall Summary provided. The Grade 6 and 9 PATs scores were compared to the Provincial Average.**
- h. ADVENT: Advent devotions will occur daily after the daily prayers throughout the Advent season. Advent Mass will occur on December 12, 2024, at Sacred Heart from 0930- 1030 h.**

Board of Trustees Report :

**Trustee's Report – November 2024 – Anne Marie
Watson**

**At the October Board meeting, Trustees revisited th 3%
increase in their remuneration which took effect on
September 1, 2024, deciding to roll back the increase as of**

November 1, 2024. The decision was made in solidarity with staff who haven't seen a wage increase, and in acknowledgement of the Division's difficult fiscal situation.

Two stakeholder engagement sessions were held in November (one online, the other in-person). Information on the provincial Education budget and the local RDCRS budget was presented, followed by small group discussion related to setting budget priorities. The themes from the groups I was part of were mental health supports, both within the Division and in the community (lack of supports), the desire for more communication from the Board, and a desire to prioritize spending on the classroom "basics" over spending that is the responsibility of other jurisdictions (e.g. mental health funding, social work funding).

Another round of engagement sessions will occur in the Spring; dates to be determined.

Update on the court cases brought against the Board by former Trustee Monique LaGrange. The 2 cases were heard in May and June, 2024. The judge has released her decision on the first case, which was about the Board's sanctioning Mrs. LaGrange; the actions of the Board were upheld by the Judge. We await a decision on the second case, but there is no timeline.

The next Board meeting is on Tue., Nov. 26, at 5:30pm. Everyone is welcome to attend. Some of the agenda items include the 2023/2024 Audited Financial Statements, the 2023/2024 Division Annual Education Results Report, and discussion on the 2025/2026 school calendars. Regarding that last item, note that the diploma exam schedule, which is set by Alberta Education, has students writing diploma exams almost 2 weeks earlier in the semester than normal, which will result in some significant anomalies in the calendar. Along with other school divisions in the province, RDCRS is advocating to Alberta Education to revert to the normal exam writing schedule in order to allow sufficient time to cover the curriculum. Here is a link to [the November 26, 2024 Regular Board Meeting Agenda](#) (note that there are several reports linked into the agenda).

6. Chair: No new reports
7. Vice Chair: No new reports
8. Secretary: No new reports
9. Treasurer: No new reports
10. Faith Rep: No new reports
11. Fundraising/Event Coordinator: Halloween Raffle - \$357.90 was raised.
12. Communications rep: No new reports.

13. Old Business

Break a Rule day - This will be called Privilege Day to place a positive connotation to this event. Two tentative dates have been sent to the School. The dates will be communicated when available. Skating is the proposed activity. This will likely be in January 2025.

Other activities being planned are Hide-and-Seek and a Spring Dance.

14. New business : Personal Mobile Device Administrative Procedure Review: This draft document was presented to the SLR School Council. Personal Devices include Smart watches, IPADS, cellphones and other technological devices. The draft document was reviewed with some recommendations made.

15. Dates for next meetings

January 15 , 2025.

February 19 , 2025

March 19 , 2025

April 16 , 2025

May 21, 2025

16. Closing Prayer

The Meeting was Adjourned at 7.08 pm