

St. Boniface Catholic Elementary School
11810 40 Avenue

Student Advisory Council Meeting

March 12, 2025

Student Learning Commons

Sign In Attendance	Tom Rees, Nicole Lamoreaux, Leah Fiorillo, Cressida Raffin, Lisa Cushman, Chelsea Boychuk, Nick Boychuk, Anita Haggerty, Juliana Lambert
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Opening

- Call meeting to order at 6:08pm
- Opening prayer and Treaty Six Acknowledgement

Approvals

- Motion to approve today's agenda (Chelsea approves, Cressida seconds)
- Motion to approve last meeting minutes (Chelsea approves, Cressida seconds)

School Report

- Division prediction for registration numbers for 2025/2026 school year is 266 students; current registration numbers are sitting at 236.
 - Looking like there will be 2 Kindergarten classes again with 30-something kids total (split into two classes)
 - New registrants in older grades mainly coming from Edmonton Public
- STEAM School Wear is ready for purchase
- Beginning Home Safe and Babysitting Courses for Div 2 students (babysitting just for grades 5 and 6)
- Open House went well, not as busy as last year but still good
- Skiing field trip has been postponed due to cold weather and rescheduled to April 1st.
 - **Volunteers are still required to be able to execute the field trip. Send reminder.**
 - Grade 5 no longer attending as they have Aviation School on the same day
- Shrove Tuesday went well; used Tutti Frutti this time for pancakes and they were delicious.
 - Also much cheaper than McDonalds - \$2/child vs \$6/child for McD's.
- Ash Wednesday – Deacon Gordon led it this year. Well received.
 - Deacon Gordon is returning to look at the Grade 1's Cities they have created.

- Community Of School Councils (COSC) – attended by Tom Rees and Leah Fiorillo. Went well. A great resource for parents.
- STEAM Presentation week of March 17th – **Cannot reach the parent signed up, might be either Tom or Leah who present this time.**
- Year is coming to an end, already starting to prepare for next school year!

Old Business

- SAC Compliance documents are all in order and sorted
- \$500 Grant Allocation – need to decide where to spend this. Suggestions are:
 - Faith Development in Elementary School – this was a session held at COSC. **Nicole will contact the facilitator as she knows her personally.**
 - AI Session – Exploring AI and teaching parents and children what to look out for and be aware of when encountering it. **Tom will reach out to his contact regarding this to see if they can do a session on it or recommend something on the topic.**
 - Money needs to be spent before August, so prior to the end of the school year ideally.
- No update on the outside sign yet
- Division is coming next week to look at the playground, drainage and stones issue.
 - There was a binder found in Maintenance that had tasks that need to be done to maintain grounds, these got lost in the mix and no one was aware of it until now.
- Tickets have been created to get rid of the dead trees on the school grounds this spring.

New Business

- COSC Evening. Only open to a few parents per school. If anyone on the SAC would like to attend the next one, please let Leah know.
 - They have sessions on Faith, Math, Mental Health, AI etc tailored towards parents, not to much educators
- **Volunteers are needed for a décor and prop session for the *Feast of Life Musical* on Saturday, March 22 from Noon to 3pm.**
 - Things to be done include simple sewing, tie-die t-shirts, cutting strips of fabric etc
 - **Will need to send out email to ask for volunteers**
- Communication with Newsletters – sometimes not enough details provided about happenings around the school ie; no appointments required for the Celebration of Learning
 - Lots of comments from parents within the Whats App group chats about information that is provided in the newsletter or on the calendar online.

- Open rate is around 50% of people who receive the newsletters
- Will move the upcoming relevant dates for events to the top of the newsletter under Tom's letter
- It is possible to link the school calendar to a personal calendar and have it update as the school calendar is updated.
- More details about registration numbers by grades:
 - Will be two Grade 1's
 - Likely a Grade 2 and a 2/3 Split
 - There will be 46 Grade 6's so deciding how to manage that
 - Must decide where to take the losses when dealing with splits etc
 - Try to put the money into the younger grades to be able to build a solid foundation for them
- English Language Learner Educator (ELLE) Betty Joseph is doing amazing with the English Learners and is taking on some of the other struggling readers when her case load allows it.
- The reading specialists from Edmonton Catholic have commented that our teachers are right on track because the reading level for our Grade 1's is amazing.
- Parent to 3 St Boniface students, Brad Giffen, leads a 30 min gym session each morning for those students that need to burn off energy before the day begins. He volunteers his time to do so.
 - **Perhaps give him a small honourarium as a thanks at the end of the year?**
- Assurance Surveys – only 18% of parents have completed it. **Send Reminder to parent community.**

Meeting adjourned at 7:06pm

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Fundraising Society Meeting

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Opening

- Call to order at 7:06pm

Approvals

- Motion to approve today's agenda (Nick approves, Cressida seconds)
- Motion to approve minutes from last meeting (Chelsea approves, Cressida seconds)

School Proposed Projects/Expenditures Updates

- Financial Asks:
 - Aviation School for Grade 5's - **\$505 still required** (received an \$1800 grant from the ECSD Foundation)
 - School Jerseys – initial Jerseys ordered were too large. Need to order some smaller ones. **\$250 required.**
 - T-Shirts for parent band for Feast of Life Musical – 8-9 adults, STEAM branded t-shirts. **Up to \$250 required.**
 - Motion to approve up to \$1000 for these three items – Juliana, Chelsea Seconds, all approve.
 - Will try to have all come from the Casino fund – Lisa C. to confirm.

New/Old Business

- Cheque presentation to Amy's House from the proceeds of the Christmas Market – to be presented at the Feast of Life Musical. **Teri will contact Phil to see which day works for him.**
- Mustard Seed for City Hall School – confirmed that the kids will be putting together the care packages themselves therefore maximizing the social justice as aspect of the experience.
- Purdy's fundraiser – begins March 13, pick up before Easter

- Healthy Hunger is the largest fundraiser. SAC is looking for feedback from the parent community about it.
 - **Chelsea will put together a couple questions, Nick will create a Google form, Tom will send out on behalf of the SAC.**
 - Interested in potentially adding a snack option for some months ie; Booster Juice on Thursday morning snack time. See if there would be parent volunteers available to do so.

Treasurer's Update

- Casino Fund – Outflows are happening throughout the year rather than at the end as it is simpler for accounting purposes.
 - Balance is \$52,751.51
 - Should not change much before end of year (besides the \$1000 aforementioned amount) because most big expenditures have been made for the year.
- General Fund – Lisa to double check the amounts deposited from Davidson Orchards and the amount of lead time for deposits from Purdy's and Growing Smiles.
 - 5 Different GICs have been bought from the funds in this account: 6 months, 12 months, 14 months, 2 years and 3 years
 - Last year the total inflows was around \$11,000, total outflows around \$8700 for a fundraising net of around \$2300.
- Lisa will buy a GIC for \$25K of the Casino Funds

Meeting adjourned 7:53pm