St. Augustine School Community Council Meeting
AGM September 25th, 2024
7:00pm

In attendance: Alison Jackson, Clara Pfeifer, Rachel Langley, Tiffany Dale, and Lindsay Pilkington

Regrets: Jennifer Kaip, Tracy Reinson

1. Land Acknowledgement and Opening Prayer- Alison Jackson

2. Call to Order
    - Adoption of Agenda- Clara, seconded by Rachel
3. Celebrations:
    - Student Numbers are at its' highest- 65!!
    - Additional staffing- Mrs. Rhonda Ryan is .40; Monday's and Wednesday's and she covers prep coverage for the classroom teachers and works with the Kindergartens Wednesday mornings.
    - Renovations We are so grateful for the School Divisions support in ensuring we can provide the very best for our students and maximize our spaces in a meaningful and helpful way. We look forward to the opportunities these new updated spaces will bring this year. We have 2 booth-type-seating ordered for the library which should be here before Christmas.
    - Partnership with ND- We have 4 Grade 8's who are dorming at Notre Dame and attending school here this year. We continuously find ways to have Notre Dame students come and work with our students as well as they invite us over to join them in things like "Terry Fox Run," and we are able to utilize their gym space during the day. It is an excellent partnership that will continue to flourish.

4. SCC Constitution Review
- President, Vice Chair, Secretary

  We reviewed this as a group and had a conversation around what the SCC looks like here at St. Augustine school. It may look different from the other schools because a lot of our members

are staff members as well, but at the end of the day, when activities or events are going on, our SCC members always step up and provide the support that is needed. This group is about it first and foremost being student-centred.

We may want to look at transitioning our President and Vice Chair for this year as both have Grade 7 students who will be gone after next year, so we will look at transitioning those roles.

Would it be helpful to create some kind of information session on what the SCC does so that new members aren't concerned about committing to being a part of the SCC? We also are wondering about the direction the SCC needs to take and what it looks like in the future.

5. St. Augustine Project Plans/Holy Family Strategic Plan & Theme

- Support Catholic Distinctiveness
- Support Parent Engagement
- Support Provincial Education Plan (Student Outcomes, Early Years Transition into school, Mental health and well-being, and First Nations and Metis Education Policy Framework)

School goals will be created around these areas and we would love for the SCC to find ways, when they are presented, to support these goals. Goals will be shared at our next meeting,

6. School Communication

- Facebook Page- SCC St. Augustine
- Edsby- As we continue to learn more about this platform, we will be using it to share more communications with the families.

8. Future Events

- Sept. 30th- Truth and Reconciliation Day and Co-Convention (no school)
- Oct. 4th- Mass
- Oct. 14th- No School Thanksgiving
- Oct. 21st-System Leadership Day
- Oct. 25th- Turkey Dinner

- Oct. 30th- Pumpkin Carving
- Oct. 31st- Pumpkin Liturgy (am) and Halloween Parade (pm)

10. Discussion Items
  - Parent Engagement/Involvement-**new ideas**
  - **What if we look at the calendar annually, plan all of our hot lunches, special days, etc and do a few fundraisers that will cover the fees associated with them rather than having the kids bring cash- a toonie here, $10 there for special lunch. The consensus was that we would like to do this**
  - **Lindsay P said if we plan a hot lunch every second Wednesday of the month, she can deliver it. Funding for this year could come out of Parents Committee Fund.**

-Turkey Dinner: sheet set up- do we allow people to sign up and then delegate those who do not sign up? *Last year*

- We decided that we will delegate items just as we have in the past. It is very important in our communication to families that they label all of their dishes/lids that they send as we end up wondering what belongs with whom.
- SCC will purchase the turkeys and Lindsay P said she will get Costco pumpkin pies. We will make sure to have a few different flavours of pies for those who do not like pumpkin pie.

-Fundraising:
- Purdy's at Christmas for next years' kitchen shelf stocking
- Musical

-Discussion around other ideas for fundraising. There was talk of chips, pizzas, and bacon. It becomes a bit difficult to plan fundraisers when the kids are involved in various extra curricular activities that also rely on fundraising to cover costs of tournaments/fees, etc.

11. Closing Sign of Peace/ Adjournment- 8:34pm- Alison closed the meeting, Lindsay P seconded.