St. Augustine School Community Council Meeting
AGM September 19th, 2022
7:00pm
(In Person Meeting at the school.)

1. Land Acknowledgement and Opening Prayer - Alison Jackson

Lord,
May your words be like a lamp that lights my way.
May your love be like a compass that gives me direction.
May your truth be like a signpost bringing clarity.
May your peace be like a measure that guides my decisions.
May your hope be like a flag that declares I walk with you.
May your words be in my mind,
Your love guide my feet,
Your truth be a sign,
Your peace be a measure,
And your hope be a flag,
As I walk close to you at this time.
Amen.

2. Call to Order

- Adoption of Agenda - Tracy Reinson adopted the agenda and Jen Kaip seconded.
- (Attendance) Alison Jackson, Jen Kaip, Tracy Reinson, Andrea Harazny, Nicole Hoffart and Lindsay Pilkington.

3. SCC member elections (elections for new member positions)

- roles and review of the SCC - It was discussed that we need to have a strategy to encourage new families to join our SCC. Ideas were: having a "booth" and be more visible during the Open House, approaching families

one-on-one, and setting up sub-committees for families to volunteer for more specific events or projects rather than joining the board.
- new President elect - we need to fill some vacant positions on our board and plan for future years as we have parents that have children moving on after this school year.
- transition for secretary (Andrea Harazny) and vice chair (Trina Webb)

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

- Support Catholic Distinctiveness
- Support Parent Engagement
- Support Reading, Writing and Math
- Support Wellbeing: Staff, Student, Families

- St.Augustine will be keeping some of the same goals as last year and will transition with Holy Family as the school division moves towards a new set of goals for 2023-2030.

5. Student Numbers and Classrooms

K/1/2/3 - 12 (3 K's, 1 1's, 3 2's, 5 3's) Meghan Kirkpatrick
4/5/6 - 19 (5 4's, 8 5's, 6 6's) Tracy Reinson
$\frac{7}{8}$ - 26 (9 7's, 16 8's) Bill Sherven

6. New Staff

- EA - there is one full-time EA position that needs to be filled

7. Future Meeting Dates

- It was discussed that Monday's may be an option but over the next few weeks "children's extra-cur" schedules should be set and we will move forward with meeting dates at this time.
- October November December January February March May June

8. School Communication

- Monthly newsletter - it was decided that this publication is no longer necessary. There continues to be a weekly wrap up that contains pertinent information in a timely fashion provided by Alison Jackson. This is emailed to all families on Friday's as well as added to the school's Facebook page. It was suggested that Alison also include a one-page summary at the end of each month to highlight the Room Award Winners. It was agreed that this is worth celebrating and parents would appreciate this.
- Facebook Page

9. Fundraising

- The SCC account currently has a balance of $2009.76 but this will increase when the school division allocates the annual amount of approximately $700. These funds are used for subscriptions throughout the school year for student programs (including math and reading supplementary programs).

10. Facility Maintenance

- Metal boot racks have been ordered but we are waiting on installation because they are back ordered. Last year there were new windows, window coverings and air conditioner installed. These were major upgrades and have received positive feedback from students and staff.

11. Future Events

- Sept. 23rd - Lyndon Linklater
- Sept. 27th - Open House - 15-minute session in each classroom
- Sept. 29th - Orange Shirt Day
- Sept. 30th - Truth & Reconciliation Day **(NO SCHOOL)**
- Oct. 6th - X-Country Meet in Wilcox
- Oct. 7th - Mass at the church
- Oct. 10th - Thanksgiving **(NO SCHOOL)**
- Oct. 24th - In School Faith Day **(NO SCHOOL)**
- Oct. 28th - Pumpkin Celebration and Turkey Lunch
- Oct. 31st - Halloween

- A new initiative started in room three and all the students will be participating in sub-committees for social justice and leadership skill building. This will provide a transition from previous years when SRC student groups met weekly over the lunch hour. Students will organize events, fundraisers, etc. For example the students want to have an orange shirt day to support Lydon Linklater when he visits.

12. Discussion Items

- Outdoor Classroom/Garden Project
- Gazebo - still a work in progress
- Hammocks - huge success the students love them
- Trees - maybe look at planting some new trees
- Snack (fruit) - the healthy snack is always eaten by the students and we would like to continue this but we need to find an alternative to getting the fruit to the school. Last year SCC members volunteered to pick up fruit but we need more participation from families.
- Goals

- Parent Engagement
- Fundraising - There are so many options for fundraisers: First Aid Kits, Mom's Pantry, Bacon, etc. but we would like to focus on a few major ideas: bringing back the Spring Musical, keeping the annual Spring Growing Smile Fundraiser (plant sales) and we will have a bottle drive.

13. Other - The current smart boards in the classroom need replacing. New smart boards are priced at approximately $4000 each. We need to do some strategic fundraising to make this possible.

14. Closing Sign of Peace/ Adjournment
- 8:48 pm the meeting was adjourned