

St. Edmunds Elementary School/Junior High School
School Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

January 16, 2019

St. Edmunds School

1. Call to order at 6:06 p.m. - Rosy Moore
2. Opening prayer- Rosy Moore
3. Roll Call – Tara Killam, Cindy Boucher, Sylvia Szeles, Cindy Hanzel, Christine Bowers, Tannis Kozens, Heidi Maas, LeeAnne Evans, Susan Freitas-Neil, Fernando Runco, Valentina Padovani, Rosy Moore.
4. Motion to approve minutes of November 21, 2018. Motioned by Cindy Hanzel, second by Tara Killam. Approved.
5. Financial Report – Cindy Hanzel: casino balance, \$98,141, but still required to write cheques, once cheques are cashed, balance of \$37,306 will remain. General account has balance of \$21,868. Christmas concert basket fundraiser earned \$540. Trustee Harris gifted parent council with \$100.
6. Principal's Report – Fernando Runco:
 - A. Excellent turnout at Christmas concert and wonderful support with gift basket fundraiser. Amazing teamwork to transform gymnasium for concert.
 - B. Focus on catholicity by beginning a rosary club, a prayer board and also having Father Mark visiting.
 - C. Special dates ahead: January 31st, PYP goes live, February 4th is grade 8 retreat, February 5th is faith development day and there will be no classes, February 18th is Family Day, currently rescheduling the skiing field trip with new date to be announced once confirmed, see newsletter for complete calendar.

- D. Began a new group to celebrate indigenous learning, group meets twice a month and focuses in literacy and numeracy in an alternate way, group is open to all students with parent's consent.
 - E. Intramurals are ongoing and basketball is currently underway. The running club has an upcoming competition at the Butterdome.
 - F. Planning for next year has already began and we have invited students from the feeder schools to see what St. Eds is all about. Information sessions are scheduled for February 20th for IB and academy programs; in addition, the Annex open house for 100 voices and kindergarten will be held on February 6th. In contrast, our graduating students are receiving presentations from surrounding high schools.
 - G. In terms of renovations, phase 2 is still ongoing and phase 3 has started. This is the most impacted stage yet but the students are adjusting amazingly. Group discussion respecting the potential to sell the old bricks as fundraising opportunity.
7. Capital Initiative Program Grant: The government offers three intakes for grants annually in January, May and September and offers up to \$75,000 max contribution. There are two types of grants available with the first providing schools the option of doubling their money. If parent council has a project goal in mind, such as purchase of Chrome Books, we can submit an application to have the government match the amount to double the number of Chrome Books. The second grant type is to apply for a \$10,000 maximum grant without the requirement for parent council contribution. Discussed requirements.

8. IB/PYP Update: live group plan in PYP changes. Long term planning is completely dependent upon the provincial election. Currently focusing on literacy, support, determination, and development.
9. NYP Update: service learning for grades 8 and 9. Focusing on conducting acts of service in the community. Acknowledge that helping others is not necessarily looking for cash donations, but also helping with spending your time. Some of the students have volunteered their time to working in soup kitchens while others completed fundraising to raise money for a local soccer group. Apart of the IB curriculum requirement is to demonstrate support to charities with acts of service. This strategy effectively maximizes learning while helping others. Win-win!
10. Next School Advisory Meeting is scheduled for February 27th at 6:00 pm, all parents welcome.
11. Called to order motioned by Rosy Moore at 7:05. Seconded by Tara Killam.