

St. Angela School

Council Minutes (Annual General Meeting)

Wednesday, November 25, 2020- 6:30 PM (Virtual)

1. Call to order/ Agenda. Attendance not taken (as virtual via Microsoft teams)

Welcome Prayer and Treaty 6 Acknowledgement??

3. Administrators report

- John Fiacco:
 - Engagement with St Angela and the vision of the North West Sector
 - Work with the community to get more students
 - Acknowledge the advocacy of Mr. Terence Harris, Trustee, supporter of the division as a whole and very involved with the schools in his ward.
 - Work with St Angela community: install the tarmac, new playground, prop up the school from the outside, make the school more attractive.
 - Future focus increasing St Angela's profile, giving it a sense of identity to make a name of St Angela and attract parents for new programing.
- Jolene Thompson:
 - Parents survey: sent out to parents on Oct 29 to Nov 13. 52 parents responded to the survey, once it is ready, it will be discussed with senior administration and school administration, then come up with a plan. In the new year for the parent's council meeting, the marketing and communication departments will be invited to start the new process.
 - 27 % of parents were interested in full day kindergarten.
 - 74 % of parents were interested in academic programing either STEM or another type of enrichment.
 - Number of parents have suggestions in school such as flex programing, some musical instruments options
 - That information shared with admin team earlier today (Nov 25).
- John Fiacco asked if there are any questions from parents
 - Established Polish program will not be coming to St. Angela's as previously thought.

- Terence Harris:
 - Meeting with Principal Mrs. Maas and Mrs. Catherine Wojcichowsky about the math up program
 - Recruitment of new superintendent Mr. Robert Martin
 - Major changes: funding model and the loss of some preschool programs and high school completion
 - Covid 19 and school closure and near normal reopening
 - Developing robust plans and to readapt to the near normal
 - Offering the online learning option
 - 35% of St Angela students chose the virtual learning
 - 50% of schools in Edmonton Catholic have been impacted by Covid 19.
 - 5% of the population was infected and 10% have been impacted by isolation.
 - No significant in school spread
 - Thanks to the Federal government that provided substantial support for the school re-entry.
 - 15.6 million dollars used to support staff, PPE, custodians.
 - Cost due to Covid is approximately 25 million dollars, the rest of the money will come from the divisional reserve to cover that.
 - The province helped with some needed resource area such as PPE, and flexibility and the ability to use the resources to cover off Covid which is very appreciated.
 - Trustee Harris expresses appreciation to parents, staff, and administrators for doing their best with respect to the preventative measures across the school.
 - Annual education result report shows how Edmonton Catholic fares on the accountability pillars with the province.
 - Alberta shows the best educational system in Canada and Edmonton Catholic elevates that level.
 - Edmonton Catholic exceeds the provincial average on 12 of the 16 measures.
 - Highschool completion is 86.5%
 - Edmonton Catholic in comparison with the other 4 metros has 8 Excellent ratings, and highest number of improved.

4. Principal report:

- Mrs. Maas thanked John, Jolene, and Terrance for their participation.

- Areas to Celebrate:

- District Satisfaction Survey Students Grades 4-6 (covered religious celebrations at school, importance of Prayer, Respect other cultures and religion, teacher's expectations, and use of technology tools.)

- District Satisfaction Survey Parents (covered developing academic skills literacy and numeracy, religious celebrations, quality of education, and students learning to their best ability)

- Areas to Target for Growth:

- District Satisfaction Survey Students Grades 4-6 (covered students know how to reach out for help, learning using technology, safety in the school building, and students' behaviours handled fairly.)

- District Satisfaction Survey Parents (covered satisfaction with the information and resource accessibility, how the parents' input is valued, additional support for children when needed, how parents feel about being welcomed at school, and level of satisfaction to access information about activities at school).

- Accountability Pillar summary:

covered different categories such as Safe and caring school, student learning opportunities, student learning achievement grades k-9: St Angela has a very good evaluation overall.

- Safety:

- Lockdown Practice update: new automated system at school, push up bottom, lights flashed outside. New protocol will involve parents.

- Covid re-entry plan update, check website on regular basis. No positive Covid cases at St Angela

- Upcoming events: (Mrs. Carol Dunford)

- Virtual book fair: Nov 30 to Dec 07, link on website and google classroom. Wednesday free shipping for all book orders

- Christmas Concert: virtual, Mrs. Moor is preparing it for Dec 16 each class separately

- Advent Celebration: Mon Nov 30 Teams link the launch of Advent season virtually. After that date, it will be celebrated in the classrooms.
- We care Challenge: (Mrs. Maas), raise funds for particular charity, this year it will be the Edmonton Catholic Schools foundation, they provide funds for schools for special projects and to families in need. The plan is to do popcorn and pajamas on Dec 17 which is a Thursday before going for Christmas holiday. Donations can be made powerschool.

Questions:

- Jillian: Mrs. Rudolski (music teacher) is back on part time basis. Mrs. Chapman and Mrs. Moor will continue till January to help Mrs. Rudolski with the transition, Mrs. Chapman is the dedicated music teacher sub. Mrs. Moor will move to another position in the district.
- Budget for we care challenge, can not be determined because of Covid situation.

- School budget: 95% of the school budget covers salaries, and 5% to cover learning resources, printing costs, building maintenance and other supplies

4. Correspondence / playground grants (unfinished tarmac)

- James: would it be a large pavement on the other side?
- Mrs. Maas: there was no intention to do both sides at the same time, the 1st one cost around 50 thousand dollars to do. The grant for the other side is suspended due to covid, it would cost 70 thousand dollars. If school council find that it is a priority, then the school division might match the price. It all depends on the list of priority.
- James: it is nice to finish with the playground work.
- Mrs. Maas will explore more on the tarmac and the playground issues.
- James: playground should be definitely done.
- James: casino fund pending. Received a phone call from the lady who issued the fund for the park, asking about the final report (due date Nov 24).
- Jillian: Next meeting we will have clarifications on the tarmac.
- James: Dona Emsley, former casino events coordinator, will get back to James with all the information post the casino, she organises the fund gift cards

4. Approval October 05, 2020 Minutes

- motion to approve the Minutes: James motion to approve the minutes and Stephanie second and all in favor

5. Upcoming events: Christmas Hampers

- Providing families in need with gift card because of Covid.
- Set a budget of \$700 for Christmas Hampers pending on the discovery of number of families that requires such hampers

6. Treasurer's Report: Stephanie Garcia

- Balance of \$6631.45

7. Fundraising ideas: (Christmas gift cards and M&M)

- virtual coupon book?? For next year

8. Vacancy for Classroom Representative

- no names yet

9. Old Business

- all covered

10 New Business: Classroom photos

- Contact Lifetouch to make a collage classroom photo that should come from the school admin.
- Coming after Christmas

11. Next meeting dates:

- January 20, 2021
- March 17, 2021
- May 19, 2021

Miscellaneous:

- Troubles with the school voice mail

Meeting ended at 7:40 pm

St. Angela Society Meeting Nov 25, 2020

Call to Order

1. Approval of meeting minutes
 - All Motion to be approved (James), Stephanie second
2. Treasurer's Report – Stephanie Garcia
 - \$61,461.87 balance, there is:
 - \$20,000 for the playground contribution
 - \$2063.83 field trip, books
 - \$39,398.04 current balance
3. Casino Update
 - Next meeting for more information
4. Old Business
 - None
5. New Business
 - Grade 4 Bibles cost \$793.36 (**on hold next meeting**)
 - Faith day “Through Mary’s Eyes” (virtual), on January cost \$800.00
Approved
 - Materials to Christmas ornaments \$150.00 **Approved**
 - Popcorn \$80.00 **Approved**
 - Badminton poles \$462.25 **Approved**
 - 18 Lacrosse racquets \$486.00 **Approved**
 - Badminton birdies \$70.00 **Approved**
 - 40 Pinnies \$ 241.50 (**on hold next meeting**)
 - Boomwhackers \$120.25 **Approved**
 - Drumsticks \$115.00 **Approved**
 - Drumming buckets \$126.00 **Approved**
 - Egg shakers \$35.00 **Approved**

- 30 Lab coats: \$135.45 **Approved**
- School sign \$14000 (**on hold next meeting**)

Meeting ended at 8:00 pm