

Katherine Therrien School Advisory Council (SAC) – Casino Meeting Minutes

Location: Katherine Therrien Catholic Elementary School (Held remotely- via Zoom)

Wednesday, November 17, 2021

Meeting Called to Order 7:00 pm Minutes

Attendance:

Jody Hertlein – Principal KT

Annarita Chiesa – Chair PAC

Erica Peacock – Secretary PAC

Aaron Gregson – Treasurer PAC

Selam Habtzghi – Guest

Jen Sibug – Guest

Janis Roxas – Guest

Jennifer Charrois – Guest

Christina Letwin – Guest

Shauna Wasik – Teacher 5 Grade

Railed Yengo – Guest

Maria Vazquez – Guest

Selihom – Guest

Mohes Habashy - Guest

Absent:

Grace Salaysay – Vice Chair PAC

Approval of Agenda: not done

Approval of Meeting Minutes:

October 6, 2021 – Meeting Minutes (1st Aaron/2nd Erica)

October 21, 2021 – Meeting Minutes (1st Aaron/2nd Erica)

Principal's Report: Jody

1. Student Code of Conduct – every year we have to share with Parent Council Alberta Education Act – engage with children in restorative justice approach.
2. Any questions can take them now – Student Code of Conduct shared with Parent Council – will come out next Wednesday.
3. Student Dress Code – standardize how students present themselves in school. Jody shared slides began in 2019 in the winter. We talked about this in our school council. Brought issue to chief superintendent. Guidelines need to be reasonable. Slides shared by Jody. Recommends Collaboratively established/trustees looked at. Dress Code sets clear expectation of student dress. Students expected to dress in honour of the human person. Reflective of Catholic Learning environment. Have a conversation with students. Clear guidelines will continue to allow certain headwear. Junior/senior high to match work attire. Designed to not disrupt learning. Will complete form tonight to go back to division office in January.
4. Parents asked is there a bias towards female identity. What about limiting individual freedoms. Fashion might be only item they can control in their lives. Concerns about who is going to enforce the dress Code will it be the responsibility of the parents.
5. School Growth Plan: on Katherine Therrien website has four goals – ensuring we are looking at deeper symbols, sharing good news to each other. Children are currently drawing postcards to give to new immigrants. We are continuing growth in numeracy and literacy. Building our future together – looking at the child and what they can do not what is wrong with them. (All on school website)
6. School Budget – Katherine Therrien budget is restricted – 97 percent of budget goes to staffing not a lot of room for additional spending for the children. School is in a deficit. Bare minimum in operating expenses.
7. January 18, 2021 – School Council Meeting

Fundraising:

Purdy's chocolate: \$1137.00 proceeds. Easter will do the Purdy's again.

Ice cream shop fundraiser, local product. Will ask if can be delivered to the home and not the school due to freezer space. Could have fundraiser in January. Decided would be done in February and if popular could do again in May.

Hot lunch:

Hot lunch will start in the end of January. Christmas lunch to be provided. Good to proceed with turkey lunch – Catering – turkey sandwiches individually wrapped. Student's to pay \$5 each rest covered by Council.

Parents asked for professional kitchen staff and licenced professional cooks and not volunteers. Fully vaccinated people. Teachers to pick up and deliver to students. Due to COVID there were not a lot of activities for the children nice to have a lunch. 146 students and 20 staff at approximately \$15 a plate. Goodwill for parents as they would probably like that their children received a nice Christmas lunch.

Doing virtual scholastic book fair. Demonstration of Learning.

General Account:

Account Balance: \$4202.08

MOTION: To provide up to \$2000 dollars from the General Account towards the Christmas meal for the students and staff. 1st Aaron/2nd Jennifer.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:17 pm