



OCT 2023 PARENT COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

October 17, 2023

Ecole Good Shepherd School Library 7pm

1- Opening Prayer, Treaty Acknowledgement, and call to order by Jenny Barrett @ 705pm

2- Attendees

Parent Council Executives: Jenny Yemen Barrett, Mindy Pumphrey, Jessica Theroux, Holly Couillard, Ashely Schwab, Audra Brown & Kat Johnston

School Administrators: Jacealyn Hempel & Brittney McDonah

School Board: Andrew Gustafson & Andrea Keenan

School Parents

3- Regrets

Parent Council Executives: Christine Wilson & Jayne Melenius

School Administrators: Paul Lavery

4- Welcome, Prayer and Treaty Aknowledgegement – Jenny Barrett

5- Action Items Update – Jenny Barrett

- Minutes from last Parent Council meeting are up on the webpage
- Bulletin board has been updated outside of the front office
- Volunteer links are up and active on the webpage

6- Halloween Dance – Mindy Pumphrey

- Friday October 27, 2023 6p – 9p in the EGSS gym
- Still looking to fill a few volunteer security positions
- Cost \$5 per family, \$1 for tickets to use for concession stand and games
- Family and Adult Costume Contest with prizes, starting at 730p.

THIS IS A FAMILY EVENT; ALL CHILDREN ARE REQUIRED TO BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT.

7- Principal's Update – Jacealyn Hempel

- Turkey trot was fun, some children were sent home with some “prizes”.
- Good Shepherd Live In Me Award (Generosity, Service, Leadership, Integrity and Mindfulness) is given out monthly, each class has a recipient chosen by the teacher. Family School Liaison Worker, Krista Aiello and McMan Family Services are presenting “BIG FEELINGS” sessions in November, more info coming via email from Mrs Hempel.
- There will be a GRADE 6 GRAD this year
- Catholic Education Sunday is Sunday Nov 5th 2023. 5pm Mass at St James, and the teachers will be there. Everyone is welcome to attend.

8- New School Update – Jacealyn Hempel

- New school will be K – 9, Dual track (French and English) K – 6, 7-9 is still undecided
- Close to blueprints and floorplans.
- Very strategic learning spaces.
- Oversized gym, 2 playgrounds, Chapel, intelligent parking, bus hub, Kindergarten area, woodworking shop, food lab, band room, drama space and large atrium with balcony.
- P3 build, not date yet but hopefully shovels in the ground soon.

9- Creative Breakout Sessions – Jenny Barrett

- McMan Family Servies will come to a Parent Council Meeting to provide a presentation, probably in January 2024. Topic options were provided and each table chose their top 3 and added any topics that they thought would be beneficial. Jenny has the results and will update us at the next meeting

10- Board and GrACE Update – Andrea Keenan

- Andrea and Andrew reinforced the importance of making sure the Catholic Board box is ticked off on our tax forms. If the way money is distributed by the province to the schools changes then this box will be very important and it shows support for Catholic Education should this ever come into question
- There has been modest enrollment increase in the division, > 10,000 students now.
- Council of Councils is Nov 8th 2023, let Jenny know if you are interested in attending.

11- Action Plan – Jenny Barrett

- Breakout suggestion results to help make decision of McMan topic.
- Minutes to School webpage.
- Halloween Dance Friday Oct 27, school gym, 6 – 9pm
- Figure out COBS fundraiser information

Next meeting Tuesday Nov 21st 2023, EGSS Library 7pm

12- Closing Prayer and meeting adjourned @ 810p by Jenny Barrett