

St. Michael's School Council Meeting

Meeting Minutes from January 21, 2019

SUMMARY OF SCHOOL COUNCIL ACTION ITEMS

- **ACTION (Rob)** – We'd like to have agendas done a week ahead to send to everyone.
- **ACTION (Rob)** – Chris is coming in March. We need to plan for and promote this.
- **ACTION (Jeanette)** – Coordinate with Friends
- **ACTION (?)** – Coordinate next speaker event
- **ACTION (all)** – Continue thinking of and refining ideas for planning

Speaker Series

Feb. 6 - First Nations Blanket Ceremony

March 20 - Literacy and Leveled Learning Intervention with Denise and Louise Kenodle

April 17 - Curriculum Changes with Lorelie

May 15 - Numeracy with Diane Brody

IN ATTENDANCE:

School Council: Rob Sissons (Chair), Jeanette Davis (Vice Chair), Natalie Barfuss (Secretary), Melanie Provost, Lori Clark, Savannah Jackson, Sarah Eugene, and Christy Gustavison

Administration: Karen Schmidt (Associate Principal)

Special Guest: Suzanne (ASCA)

1. MEETING WELCOME – Suzanne

2. PRESENTATION – Suzanne

ASCA School Council Plans

Key Points

- Include an acknowledgement for Truth and Reconciliation.
- ASCA provides resources and training opportunities for School Councils.
- All parents are automatically members of the School Council.
- Legally, the School Council can only ADVISE the school administration on matters relating to the school.

Take Aways

- We need more communication between our Council and the Friends.
- We'd like to continue our Speaker Series next year.
 - Other councils do these once a quarter.
 - Idea: Mental Health
- We'd like to have more representation on our council from all age groups and departments, including a student rep.
- We need to review our policies.
- We'd like to have a long-term plan and agenda for our School Council.

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3. REVIEW OF OLD PLAN - Jeanette

- Many of the action items in the old plan have been carried out successfully.
- We hope to continue to support some of the initiatives from that plan.
- **Appreciation** – For teachers, staff, and MAINTANENCE.
 - **Ideas:**
 - Perfect Potluck App – a lunch for teachers and staff on a Wednesday
 - Gift Cards – Could request funds from Friends. Don't forget the maintenance staff.
 - Toonies for Teachers Day
 - Volunteer Appreciation Tea – teachers submit names of the volunteers who come to their classrooms to help.
- **Recruitment** – Grow your Own.
 - We're concerned for Fine Arts. We want to keep Mr. Lawrence.
 - School Council
 - Ideas:
 - Bring a friend
 - Teachers need a rep
 - Staff rep
 - Keep meetings to 1 hour with a timed agenda
 - Involve new members in the meeting by having them make the motions
 - Have a report from each class
- **Promotion** – We are a voice for Rural Schools. We'd especially like to promote the French Program
- **Tools for Parents**
 - More speaker ideas:
 - Learning Literacy Intervention (LLI)
 - Religion Home Portal
 - Social Media – Paul Davis and Constable Lawrence Harvey
 - Drugs and Vaping – Resource Officers and AHS

4. SMART PLANNING

- Christy
 - Increase participation on the School Council to be more representative, especially with Middle and Upper School
- Melanie
 - Need a School Council Handbook (a basic explanation of what it is and does)

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- Address school communication to parents. It would be nice if it used a common platform for all teachers.
- Jeanette
 - Plan to thank the teachers
 - Continue the speaker series
 - Coordinate with the superintendent
 - Idea: have it be an annual event
 - Get new members
- Natalie
 - If we plan to dedicate time and volunteers to a basketball plan, I'd also like to see an equal amount of dedication to the Fine Arts. We'd like to offer options to students who are not as interested in sports.
- Rob
 - Increase French
 - Ground Plan
 - Playground Committee
- Karen
 - New Playground ...
 - One person from each division and teacher reps on the school board
 - Old School Memorabilia Night
 - Possibly as a raffle
 - Reprint the mural
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5. NEXT SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

- February 11 at 7 p.m. in the Den
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