



ST. MARTIN'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL
SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL

September 11, 2023
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VIA Google Meet

- 1.0 Call to Order at 7:00 PM
- 2.0 Introductions: Jocelyn Mouyios, Ashley Bolivar, Jessica Klassen, Bridget Yaremko, Candace Gegolick, Charlene Bicknell, Jennifer Dixon, Joe Kucy, Kristen Warawa, Lisa Gegolick, Melanie Sorochan, Shannon Mandrusiak, Danielle Hanson, Tricia Bodnar, Amberleig McRae, Neila Nelsen, Tricia Bodnar
- 3.0 Opening Prayer: Joe Kucy
- 4.0 Approval of minutes June 12, 2023. JK made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. JD seconded. Minutes approved as presented.
- 5.0 Approval of Agenda. JK requested specific additions to the New business as presented by parents. AB made a motion to approve the amended agenda. JD seconded. Agenda approved.
- 6.0 Standing Business
 - 6.1 Principal's Report: See Below
ADDITION: Babas Best came to discuss the change in nutrition grant and being unable to fund a good breakfast. Grant has decreased which works out to less than \$0.96 per child per day. Questions asked to Babas best and discussion will be added to Foundation meeting.
 - 6.2 Teacher's Report: Charlene Bicknell
 - 6.2.1 Terry Fox at the end of the Month
 - 6.2.2 Good start to the year.
 - 6.2.3 Sept 20 School Wide Mass 900 am
 - 6.3 School Trustee Report: Teresa unable to attend
 - 6.4 CEPAC Report – Jessica Klassen Next Meeting Sept 21
 - 6.5 REAL Foundation Report – Jocelyn Mouyios
 - 6.6 St. Martin's School – Historical Status



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7.0 New Business

- 7.1 Gym Logo: Facilities is painting the gym, discussion about the importance of saving or repainting the logo. Joe will talk to facilities about putting logo back.
- 7.2 Handicap parking: AM will draft a letter to add an additional parking space for handicap students requiring more assistance on the south side of the school.
- 7.3 Grade 5⁶ numbers. School was able to apply for some funding to help split the class for some of their core subjects. More info in the principal report below.
- 7.4 Babas best parking: Looking to try signage first and then painting.
- 7.5 School Supervision: discussion about after school supervision. Discussed the difficulty in identifying which students stay and play on the playground and who is waiting for pick up. Staff do make a lap around the building after school. Request to show students how to get back into the school if their ride does not show up etc.
- 7.6 Staggered entry: mixed feelings about staggered entry as we were the only school in our town who did this. Some parental confusion around this. Teachers and staff appreciate the staggered entry, they feel it decreases anxieties around the first day of school and can give more focused attention to each student and assist in making the start of the year successful. Some students in split classes struggled with not having friends attend the first day.

7.0 Adjournment at 8:23 pm

Next Meeting October 10, 2023 at 7:00 pm



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Principal Report

Submitted by Joe Kucy

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Enrollment - Our current enrollment sits at 247 students which is up from 235 from our September 30th count of last year. Much of this increase is that we have new families moving into Vegreville and we have received 9 students from Andrew School (which closed). Our ECS is sitting at 26, which is small for the future, but we have 16 PreK this year, so that is up. Some of the numbers will have an impact on class configurations moving forward. Always accepting more students in our non hotspot classes. We have applied for Contingency funding from EICS to help with more co-Teacher time in Math/Language Arts for our Grade 5 and 6 classes. The application was sent on Friday afterschool, so we are hoping to hear this week some time.

Smooth Start up, continued with 10 periods 32 min , at noon, we continue our reverse recess, so the students go out first to play and then come in for lunch. 5 min break in the afternoon, Dismissal times the same. Staggered start was a great way to start the year with all our students. Facilities added a new bathroom reno for our Grade 1 boys bathroom. This has removed the smell. Grade 5, 6 and Chapel and some other areas were repaired and painted in the tower. Our gym had heating and plumbing retrofit done in the summer, those areas are being finished off shortly when the Contractor is available. General maintenance around our school was upgraded in key areas Boilers, heating.

All the grades have continued their separate entrances like last year, keeps crowding to a minimum for all grades, and modified where Grade 3, 4, 5 enter to reduce congestion and use our entrances more efficiently.

Had a Fire Drill already on Monday September 11, and will set up more for this week, weather depending, but it looks great.

Division Theme: GLOW - more information will be available in our newsletters

Options - Options for grades 4/5/6 will begin in October and our enhanced Junior University 1/2/3 options will begin in October. We are looking forward to these revamped programs.

Breakfast program will begin in October?, and the reduced grant helps pay for this valued program at the school. Hot Lunch Boston Pizza begins Oct. 4, this year we have it on Wednesdays, we are looking at having a Hot Dog Friday with a donation supplied by CALS.

Upcoming Events



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- Second School Newsletter September 15
- Terry Fox - Friday September 22
- CEPAC meeting - Thursday September 21? 7 pm Google Meet
- National Day for Truth and Reconciliation Day - Friday September 30 - No School on Monday October 2, 2023
- School Photos Thursday October 12
- Fire Prevention week in the Second week of October 8-14