

St. Paul School Council Meeting Minutes

Wednesday January 16th, 2019 6:30pm

1. Meeting called to order at 6:37pm.
2. Opening Reflection- Provided by Laura Fraser
3. Motion to approve Minutes from November 8th, 2018 made by Tracy H, seconded by Crystal G. Approved.
4. Introduction of Alene Mutala, our school board trustee.
 - a. Alene wanted to meet everyone and remind parents there is an election coming up, and to remember to ask your candidates if they support Catholic education.
 - b. Also to remind everyone to check their City of Edmonton notice of Assessments to be sure that the school support declaration box is marked as catholic education.
5. Administration Report-Gina Almquist, Principal
 - a. Upcoming Dates:
 - i. January 14- 18: SoundKreations Residency.
 1. Kinder performance- Friday Jan 18th @ 10-10:30 AM
 2. Grs. 1-6 – Friday Jan 18th @2-3 PM
 - ii. January 21- Jean Forest Leadership Academy Presentation- Gr. 6 girls 12:45-1:30 PM Learning Commons
 - iii. January 21 – 23- Makerspace Residency
 - iv. January 24 – St. Rose VB Tournament at St. Rose. 1:15-5:30 PM
 - v. January 30 – Kindergarten Open House 6 PM – Learning Commons
 - vi. January 31 – St. Mary’s VB Tournament
 - vii. January 31 & February 7 – Babysitting Course 12:30-4:30 PM
 - viii. February 4 – Michael Mangan Concert @ 10:30 AM – School Gym
 - ix. February 5 – Faith Development Day- no school for students
 - x. February 6 & March 11 – Snow Valley Ski Trip grades 3-6
 - xi. February 11 – Grade 6 FT to Aviation Museum
 - xii. February 11- Indoor Games open practice @ 3 PM
 - xiii. February 12 – Immunizations Round 2 PM
 - xiv. February 18- Family Day- No School
 - xv. February 19- Running Room Games @ 1:30 PM
 - xvi. February 22 – Gr 5 students to visit St. Rose – 9-11:30 AM. Lunch provided
 - xvii. February 27- Talent Show @ 10:30 AM
 - xviii. February 28- March 1 – Teachers Convention- No School
 - xix. March 13-Demo of Learning along with Kinder Open House
 - b. YMCA Childcare-Survey has been sent out. If there is enough interest the YMCA will attend the Demo of Learning/Kinder Open House on March 13th to accept registrations. Survey close on Jan. 25th, 2019. Must attend St. Paul to use the childcare.
 - c. Karen Filowich our Writer in Residence from last year will be coming for a follow and to support our learning.
 - d. Cartoonist residency will be coming up soon.
 - e. Communications:
 - i. School will continue with the weekly updates along with the monthly newsletter.
 - ii. Will try to only send swift messages out on Friday’s only to avoid people being overrun by messages.
 - iii. St. Paul has a Twitter account.
 - f. The district has approved to have the roof replaced and the Wifi network improved to increase bandwidth. The smaller projects will be deferred till next year.
 - g. Bring your own device: Some concerns have arisen regarding students being asked to bring their own devices starting in grade 4. An alternative option put forward is to have the SAC purchase the devices that will remain property of the school. The idea proposed for next year is to purchase a cart of devices for the grade 4 classes. The cost to do so would be roughly \$1000/student all-in (this includes the iPad itself, carts, cases, cords, AppleCare, etc.). Money to do this would need to come from casino funds which typically are about \$40,000/year. If the

casino funds are used, the majority of funds would be consumed by devices alone and other programs sacrificed (you can see the typical spending in the financial report attached)

BYOD vs School owned devices:

- Will not influence the use of technology for instruction. Technology-use is a school board decision, not a school or parent.
- School currently owns 3 Chromebook carts that are utilized by the lower elementary classes.
- iPad tablets are the preference in the upper elementary classes because of the flexibility to use the stylus and/or a keyboard.

Benefits of BYOD:

- BYOD makes differential instruction easier.
- Teaching how to use the device becomes less of an issue, students become experts in their own time which means less time spent on tech support and more on learning.
- Students take better care/more responsible with their own device
- Devices come to school charged, updated, ready to go.

Pitfalls of BYOD:

- Families incur the cost all at once.
- Must have purpose for devices. Free time to play games is not acceptable, or an effective use of school time.
- There is a spectrum of device standardization make/model/specs to ensure compatibility.
- Reduced control over applications, content, and activity on personal devices.

School-owned Benefits:

- School controls apps. No possibility of games or other unnecessary apps being installed.
- Less opportunities for students to access their devices.
- Devices are stored and controlled at school

Pitfalls of School-owned devices:

- More damage to devices occurs; no pride of ownership.
- Projects, documents, pictures, etc. need to be wiped from the devices after each use. Therefore, all work must be kept in cloud storage. Not all apps support cloud storage for shared usage.
- Students do require access to a device at home to log into Edmodo or Google classroom. As well for other homework purposes.
- Scheduling of shared class carts could become an issue if grades require use at the same time.
- Lifespan of these devices are typically short and will require constant fundraising to update/replace.

If St Paul continues with BYOD, there will continue to be a lease-to-own option, as well as other financial support provided from the school if needed. If we do not continue with BYOD the school will grandfather in class set carts purchased with casino funds. A decision will need to be made on this topic at the next SAC on March 11th 2019; prior to school supply lists being made.

6. Council Report-Christin Bryant, Chair
 - a. Christin and Belinda will both be stepping down from their positions of Chair and Vice-Chair this year as their children will be moving on from St. Paul. Please start submitting nominations for Chair and Vice-chair for the 2019-2020 school year. Final voting for all positions occurs during the last SAC meeting of the year (usually May).
7. Introduction of Committee Chairs and Committee Reports:
 - a. 21st Century of Learning- Michelle Bessette and Heidi Gibb
 - i. Would like to vote in the plant fundraiser at the next meeting.
 - b. Grant application-Nadine Morris
 - i. The CFIP grant that we applied for regarding the playground drainage issues was granted. We received the full amount of \$101 000. This money will go back into the 21st century of learning account.
 - c. Casino- Tami Lackey and Heidi Paranych-Report read by Christin.
 - i. It was very hard to find volunteers for this casino. Tami suggests looking into sharing the next casino with another school/organization. But, this would also mean sharing the profits.
 - d. Environmental Enhancement-Jennifer Assaly, Jennifer Book Postma, and Mrs. Nicholson

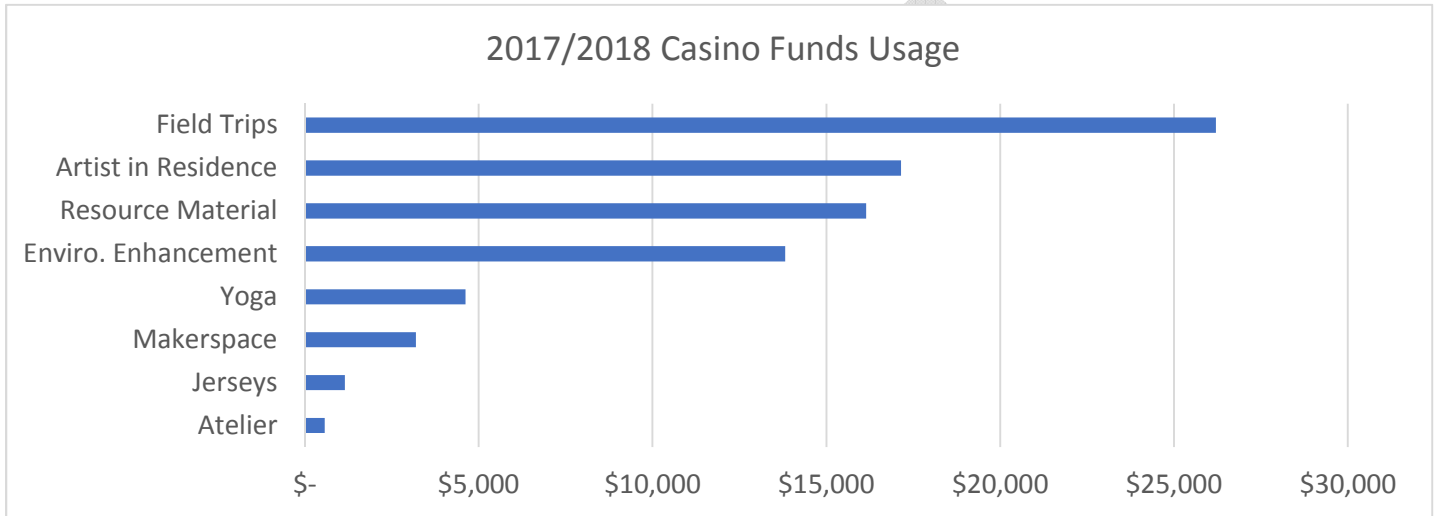
- i. The committee would like to begin the spring garden club in April. They will send out notices inviting students to join the club, but will need to cap the number around 25-30 students. The committee would also like to start this year's plants indoors, and having the garden harvested in September.
 - e. Fundraising-Jenna Sdao
 - i. The "Our Money for Our Kids" ask letter was emailed out in December. \$1100 has been raised to date. Jenna will next send out the letter via paper copy with the Friday mail.
 - f. Hot Lunch-Miranda Jones
 - i. Everything is running smoothly. Ana M. made a motion to have the committee provide a pizza lunch for fun day on June 24th as well as pancake breakfast for Shrove Tuesday on March 5th. Seconded by Amy M.
 - g. Family Dance- Lisa Sadd
 - i. Date has been set for Friday April 26th from 6:30pm to 8:30pm.
 - ii. Committee will be working with the grade six students to come up with a theme.
 - h. Pancake Breakfast- Amy Mackenzie & Teryl Sporns
 - i. Amy gave a word of thanks to various families for their donations and to all the volunteers who contributed to making this year another wonderful event.
- 8. Adjournment at 7:54pm.

St. Paul Parent Advisory Association Meeting

1. Treasurer's Report/Financial Overview- Christine DeRose

Account Information

- a. St. Paul PAC Account Balance: \$32,977.69 (as at January 15, 2019)
- b. Casino Account Balance: \$ 3,660.80 (as at January 15, 2019)



2. Funding Requests:

- a. Tracy H. made a motion for the SAC to subsidize \$20/student for the grades 3-6 ski trip. Seconded by Laura F.
- b. Jennifer P. made a motion for up to \$700 for the Spring Garden Club to purchase supplies and plants. Seconded by Ana M.
- c. Andrea A. made a motion for up to \$1875 to be spent for the Hot Lunch committee to provide pancakes for Shrove Tuesday and a Pizza lunch for Fun day. Seconded by Amy M.
- d. Jennifer P. made a motion to spend \$760 on:
 - i. Bussing for the running room games (\$340)
 - ii. Bussing for the St. Mary's volleyball tournament. (\$170)
 - iii. A social justice project for grades 1, 2, and the 2/3 classes. (\$250) Seconded by Alex F.

All motions approved.

The following funds will be used from the Casino account in the 2018/2019 school year – totaling \$ 10,500.00

- a) Kindergarten - Fieldtrips (\$1300)
- b) Grade 1 - Fieldtrips (\$1300)
- c) Grade 2 - Active Academy & Fieldtrips (\$2500)
- d) Grade 3 - Biking & Fieldtrips (\$1300)
- e) Grade 4 - Swimming & Fieldtrips (\$1300)
- f) Grade 5 - Nourish Me & Fieldtrips (\$1300)
- g) Grade 6 - Camp & Fieldtrips (\$1500)

Meeting adjourned at 8:04pm.