

**ECOLE ST. Paul ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL
SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY JAN 19, 2016**

Minutes

ATTENDEES – Karol Cabaj-Martin, Bodie Akindele,
Dwight Wiebe, Jenn Looy, Kirk Wilson, Mario &
Nicole Plamondon, Rebecca Corriveau, Carol
Babcock

A. WELCOME & CALL TO ORDER

B. THE LORD'S PRAYER

- C. PRESENTATION** - Greenscreen technology during Christmas Concert; speech to text; students can work on a project at the same time; Google platform has facilitated collaboration, websites, BlackGold.ca, Mathletics, AR and other reading

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

E. APPROVAL of MEETING for December 15th Meeting

F. PRESENTATION –

G. BUSINESS ARISING

1. **Parking Lot/Morning Supervision**- people should not be parking along the cement barriers, preparations
2. **3 Year Plan Review** – 3rd outcome reviewed to reflect school's new vision of Live, learn and lead like Jesus – next meeting check on strategies under 2nd last heading and Goal #2
3. **Feedback on last parent recruitment** – tables to next meeting
4. **Plan to implement playground improvement – (In spring/summer? – to be reviewed)**

H. NEW BUSINESS

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I. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

**School Council Principal's Report
for January 18, 2015**

*Live, Learn & Lead like Jesus
Vivez, apprenez et menez comme Jésus*

*Through collaboration, we will all develop as servant
leaders and life long learners.*

SCHOOL EVENTS:

December 15 – English Christmas Concert at 1 pm

December 16 – French Christmas Concert at 1 pm

December 17 - Family Activity – made cards for SPAN

December 18 – Les Musicos Sing Along was so entertaining and inspiring; FSL students visited Sunnyside; early let out 2pm

December 24 – 6:30 pm mass; choir performs

January 8 @ 9:30 Christmas mass; Blessing of the doors followed with Fr. Gerard marking doorways with chalk 20 + C+M + B + 16

January 12 – St.Paul Municipal Library explained the Blizzard of Books

January 13 – Gr. 2/3 and 5 PLC

January 17 – Assembly pd 3

January 18 – Tech Tuesday

*** Board Tour** – we will be visiting classrooms, explaining our accountability Pillar results; sharing our school goals with 2 division goals in mind

***Christmas concerts** – green screen technology was trialed this year; help from some parents to improve sound system even more; compliments on the length; number of ideas noted for next year

*** Combined 3-Year Education Plan and Annual Education Results Report 2015-2018** - finishing touches being put on the School's Three Year plan which is grounded in the results from the Accountability Pillar results and schools and division's vision/mission/values.

Cross Graded Activities – grade levels have been coming together to do literacy and other activities; leadership opportunities for older students and connection opportunities for all

***Enrolment:** Currently at 341

***Faith Day** – for SPECS, Racette and Mallaig.

Speaker Ken Yasinski – Among his topics, the power of prayer.

*** Staffing** – Mrs. Krista Trimble has been hired to teach in Gr. 3

***Success Coach** – helping to organize Literacy Day, has groups to help with Second Harvest project, helping to provide alternate recess activities so students can connect with others

***Parking Lot/Morning Supervision** – Barricades were moved over Christmas Break to help the flow of traffic. Better movement. Awaiting speed signs from CO. As of January 4, students now have to make their way to the Gathering Area if they arrive before 8:25 supervision begins. The number of office referrals from this time has decreased.

*** Passes** –As shared last month, volunteer and visitor passes available for people when they check in to the office during the school day.

***Professional Learning Communities** – teachers have been collaborating to improve literacy skills and find/use common tools and assessments

***Year of Mercy** – students and staff encouraged to show mercy and compassion in thought, word and deed

UPCOMING EVENTS:

January 22 – Beach Day

January 18-24 - Week of Christian Unity

January 27 – National Family Literacy Day;

Eye See Eye Learn; Board Tour

January 29 – Faith Day/No School – School Council Invitation

February 3 – DHRC meeting

February 8 – Family Day Activity

February 10 – 2 pm dismissal

Feb 11-12 – Teachers Convention

J. TRUSTEE REPORT

*Board Chair Starosielski welcomed St. Paul Legion members Harold Lefebvre and Connie Landsiedel (also ATA Local President), members of the press, Alberta Teachers Association Local (ATA) VicePresident Ron Wiebe, and the principal representative. *On behalf of the Division, Board Chair Starosielski thanked the St. Paul Legion for their donation of \$1750.00 for breakfast programs in Glen Avon, Racette, St. Paul Elementary, New Myrnam, Heinsburg, Elk Point Elementary and F.G. Miller schools. Each school will receive \$250.00. *Trustee Young reported on a SPERD offer to have the Learning Network offices relocate to St. Paul. At this time the Learning Network office is staying in its current location in Lac La Biche. The Learning Network provides coordinated professional development for all school divisions in the north eastern region. *Superintendent Brodziak reported back on a proposal from the Elite Theatre to support the Division Scholarship Program, and on behalf of the Board of Trustees, thanked the Elite Theatre for their support. *Trustees approved a motion to proceed with the proposed Infrastructure and Maintenance Renewal project listing. *Trustees passed a motion to allocate approximately \$1.2 million from reserves to support needed work in the areas of school facility improvements, inclusive education, transportation, and current year budget deficit support. School board funding can be variable and is dependent on student enrollment, but the Board annually tries to maintain reserve levels between 3- 5%. *Trustees passed a motion to acquire a locally developed course in American Sign Language and Culture. *As part of their regular policy review process, trustees reviewed Board Policy 10 - Policy Making and Policy 11 - Board Delegation of Authority. All Board policies can be viewed on the Division website at www.stpauleducation.ab.ca *Trustee Lafrance reported that the Strategic Planning committee will plan a contest to create a Division Motto and Logo. The new motto and logo will reflect the new Division Vision and Mission Statements which were refreshed through a public consultation process last year. *Trustees approved a request by the County of St. Paul for funding assistance for librarians from the Ashmont and Mallaig Public Libraries to attend the Annual Alberta Library Conference in Jasper (April 28-May 1, 2016). These two public libraries are housed in shared facilities with the school Learning Commons (libraries) in Ashmont and Mallaig. *Superintendent Brodziak reported on the following items: (1) Principals reviewed the draft calendar for 2016-2017 at their meeting in December. This draft

has been shared with all stakeholders (staffs, School Councils, parents) for further review and consultation. All feedback will be compiled for final approval by the Board at the at their February 10 meeting. (2) The Board will conduct school tours at École St. Paul Elementary Community School and École Racette School on January 27. (3) The annual Faith Day attended by staff from École St. Paul Elementary Community School, École Racette School, and École Mallaig School will be held on Friday, January 29. (4) Schools in the town of St. Paul will be participating in an Alberta Health Services pilot cancer prevention initiative along with sixteen other communities across the province. The St. Paul and area Champions for Change Committee is also involved in this work. (5) Portage College will be conducting a brief survey with Division high school students. The information will be shared with the Division and will help to inform decisionmaking such as career planning services and junior high options. (6) The Division is in the process of searching for a new student information system. Division staff (secretaries, administrators, and teachers) heard presentations from PowerSchool and Maplewood before Christmas. A decision about the new system will be made in the upcoming months. (7) Alberta Health Services (AHS) has written a letter about measles vaccination and planned measures for nonvaccinated individuals in the case of a measles outbreak. At the request of AHS the letter will be shared with all parents. MORNING AFTER: Regular Board of Trustees Meeting Synopsis January 13, 2016 *Press: Janani Whitfield, St. Paul Journal *ATA Local Vice-President: Ron Wiebe *Principal Representative: Tom Whitfield, Principal, École Mallaig School *(Superintendent's Report Cont'd) (8) A representative of Alberta Education will meet with senior administration on Friday, January 15 to review the Division's Three-Year Plan and Annual Results Report for 2014-2015. (9) Information from Eight Leaves, a company that does school rankings based on Diploma exam data, recently came to Superintendent Brodziak's attention. According to the data, Division students are performing very well in comparison to schools in this part of the province. After carefully reviewing the data, Superintendent Brodziak reported that he is confident in saying our students are doing very well. He added that credit goes out to the staff and students for their hard work as well as to the parents for their support. The current results are promising and show improvement in the Board's goal of improving student achievement. *Trustees received financial information for the month of December. *Secretary-Treasurer Champagne gave the following budget updates: (1) The Division is looking at adjusting the way provincial and federal inclusive education dollars are allocated to Division schools. These adjustments will more fully align Division practices with the provincial direction for inclusive education. (2) The Division is fortunate to receive financial support from a number of outside sources for various programs in the Division, such as scholarships and school breakfast programs. Scholarship donations

are eligible for a charitable donation receipt which can result in a tax credit. Anyone interested in making a donation can contact the Division secretary/treasurer at 780-645-3323. *Secretary-Treasurer Champagne gave the following report on capital projects: (1) To date, the Division has not received a response to a letter written to the Government of Alberta, dated December 16, which inquired about timelines for the completion of the Two Hills Mennonite School. (2) Ashmont School design planning is ongoing with another meeting scheduled for next week. *Trustee Young gave a report from the First Nations, Metis and Inuit (FNMI) Committee which recently met to begin planning for the next Division Pow-Wow in September of 2017. Trustees also reported on planned attendance at a number of upcoming Division-related meetings and events. *The Government of Alberta is hosting a number of collaborative planning meetings across the province to look at initiatives to support FNMI children and youth. A team from St. Paul Education will be in attendance at the upcoming meeting in St. Paul on January 21.

K. TEACHER'S REPORT – Mrs. Gratton was recognized for her work with Discovery Education

L. SPECS Fund Raising Society Report – will be meeting before February 1 mtg

M. INFORMATION AND CORRESPONDENCE

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N. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:
February 16 @ 7pm (due to Family Day long weekend)

O. ADJOURNMENT – 8:12 pm