

ST. ALFRED SEPARATE SCHOOL COUNCIL

05 Feb 2025 / 6:30 pm / In-Person and Virtual

IN ATTENDANCE

J. Lavalley, A. DiGiovanni, S. Seidell A. Kore, L. Myers, M. Pascucci

Virtual: S. Campbell, P. Jorge, M. Manuel

A. ROUTINE MATTERS

1. Call to Order and Attendance

S. Seidell called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

3. Opening Prayer - led by S. Seidell

4. Land Acknowledgment - led by S. Seidell

5. Approval of Agenda

Moved by S. Seidell Seconded by A. Kore

THAT THE AGENDA FOR THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING, Feb 05, 2025 BE APPROVED.

CARRIED

5. Approval of Minutes of prior regular meeting

Moved by S. Seidell Seconded by L. Myers

THAT THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING, Jan 08, 2024, BE APPROVED.

CARRIED

B. TRUSTEE REPORT – M. PASCUCCI

- Provincial elections to be held shortly. Trustee Pascucci stresses the importance of safety within schools during polling will be reviewed between the board and election officials.
- The board voted regarding the display of the Pride flag within DPCDSB schools. They passed a ruling to allow only the Canadian flag where one flagpole is present. Where there is more than one flagpole, schools would display the Canadian flag, provincial flag, and sacred heart flag.
- Trustee Pascucci put forth a motion regarding the uniform policy with new guidelines that allow schools to discuss the option of having a uniform. Starting Sept 1st, schools may state whether they want to implement a uniform policy, by Feb 1st schools may ask parents if they wish to implement a uniform policy, and by March 1st the decision must be reviewed by school administrators. By April 1st a standardized questionnaire will go out to the community and requires 60% of the population to be in favour to proceed.
- The board is \$68M in deficit, but with the upcoming budget presentation Trustee Pascucci suggests that we, the St. Alfred community, submit a motion to the Ministry to appeal for funds to improve the school and bring it up to the standard of other schools within our board.

C. TREASURER REPORT – M. MANUEL

- Current balance \$4,527.56 as at November 30th, 2024 (payment for spirit wear to be deducted)
- Grant for Parent engagement received \$500
- Spirit Wear made approximately \$550.31 in profit (\$1,636.60 was the total amount before invoice paid)
- Projected for Dec, \$1,132 profit for Terracotta cookies
- Projected for Dec, \$735.65 profit for Subway lunch \$3212.90 deposit (each week \$275.25 gets deducted for 9 weeks)
- Balance end \$8870.51 as at December 31st

D. OAPCE REPRESENTATIVE REPORT - A. KORE

- Jan 29th meeting was postponed to February 13th

E. TEACHER'S REPORT – S. CAMPBELL

- Gr 4-8 dance team has competition coming up Ms. Worboys and Ms. Ceccorulli
- Jr and intermediate chess club continues with Ms. Ceccorulli
- Challenger baseball Ms. Isaac
- Gr 5 6 basketball Mr. Toner
- Gr 3 ball hockey, Ms. Campbell
- We Dream Team is ongoing
- Eco Eagles has some initiatives beginning with sweater day this week
- Upcoming Term 1 report cards and parent teacher interviews on Feb 13 and 14.
- Upcoming Valentine's Day Dance (gr 7-8), Jungle Sports, Shrove Tuesday, and Ash Wednesday liturgy

F. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT - J. LAVALLE

- Feb 4th school wide rosary prayer happened virtually. Parish apostolate will be attending to pray with individual classes
- There is a change upcoming around opening exercises in terms of the order
- Curriculum – February is Black History month, and students are participating in a variety of activities within the classroom
- Welcoming new staff member Nicola Hughes, as a literacy facilitator to support the grade 1 and 2 students on the Empower Learning program.
- Grade 8 students have signed up for their first secondary classes and transition plans will continue into the spring
- Feb 14 PA day and Feb 17 is family day, long weekend for the students
- All schools will get a refresh of tech inventory. Old devices will be decommissioned by the end of this school year. Goal is that every school will have a 1:4 ratio for K-2, 1:2 grade 3-6, 1:1 for grade 7-8

G. ACTION ITEMS

1. Community Engagement Grant – council reviewing the opportunity of having Paul Davis speak at the school. Stephanie will reach out to determine if he is an approved external speaker for DPCDSB and review available dates.
2. Subway – To be determined if we want to continue after March Break. Council votes to continue.
3. Lunch Lady – first day had about 43 orders and it went very well. The food was hot and the kids were very happy.
4. FDK team is requesting \$500 for outdoor equipment. Council
5. Jungle Sports – Cost is \$4,480 and this is agreed to be split evenly between council and the school.

H. UPCOMING EVENTS

- Jungle Sports will run the week of Feb 24th (4 days due to election)

FUTURE MEETING DATES

- April 9, 2025
- April 24, 2025 (board budget meeting)
- May 14, 2025

ADJOURNMENT

**Moved by S.Seidell Seconded by A. Kore
THAT THE MEETING BE ADJOURNED AT 7:40 PM.**

CARRIED