

Archbishop Jordan High School
Parent Advisory Committee Meeting
November 30, 2020

1. Welcome & Introductions

Shelley Borowski called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

2. Opening Prayer

Shelley Borowski led the opening prayer

3. Approval of Agenda

Motion: To approve the November 30, 2020 agenda as presented.

Moved by Marianna

Seconded by Pam

Motion carried.

4. Adoption of Minutes from October 26, 2020 Meeting

Motion: To adopt the October 26, 2020 meeting minutes as presented.

Moved by Bev

Seconded by Marianna

Motion carried.

5. Student Union Update

The student's union is currently working on how to bring engage fellow students in the Christmas spirit through virtual activities. One idea that is being pursued is to have a writing prompt contest. In class dress up days may also be promoted.

6. Highlights from the Elk Island Catholic Schools Board of Trustees, Ted Paszek

Trustee Paszek acknowledged the work and support of the teachers and administration in contributing to the success of the unique school year.

Congratulations to were extended to Mr. Lakemen on his new role as acting principal. Trustee Paszek shared that the board's top priority is the health and wellness of staff and students.

7. Administration/Principal Report -Greg Lakeman

Mr. Lakeman shared that the school is using phone messenger to contact parents regarding if their child has been a close contact with a person who has tested positive for COVID-19. He indicated that everyone is informed within an hour using this format.

Classes are moving online from November 30, 2020- January 8, 2021. The beginning of Christmas break will start of December 22, 2020. Online classes will run as though they were in-school classes. Specifically, students will be required to have their camera's on for the entire class. Not having their cameras on will be considered as an absence. The school is able to lend students Chromebooks if necessary, to support their success.

Parent asks about the possibility of doing a support gift Christmas basket. Mr. Lakeman understands the need is still very present and will touch base with other staff to see if something can be done from the school level.

The musical theatre group put on a show and it was a success. The children were ready for it and rose to the challenge. There was pre-recording necessary, lip syncing was a success. Some classes that are not being offered in quarter three/four: commercial foods & lifeguarding 9. Jesse Thistle will be doing a book talk on "from the ashes". Dec3rd. ABJ welcomed two new staff: Nicole and Kristy.

Shelley asked if there is a challenge finding substitute teachers given the rising numbers of people needed to isolate. Mr. Lakeman shared that there is a substitute pool that is utilized to fill teacher absences.

8. PAC Activities

Shelley shared that funding for the Alberta School Council's Association (ASCA) has been cut by 75%. It is not clear what services will look like in the upcoming months but donations are currently being accepted through ATB. Shelley will be writing a letter to express her concerns regarding the impact that the loss of funding will have to the Minister of Education.

9. Closing Prayer, Shelley Borowski

Adjournment

Upcoming Meeting Dates: January, 11, February 22, April 12, May 31