

ARCHBISHOP JORDAN CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

School Council Meeting

MINUTES

January 12, 2015 (6:37-7:59 pm in the Library)

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS (6:37 pm)

Attendees: 9 Members

Staff: Lorne Monaghan (Principal)

Chair Leta Shannon called the meeting to order at 6:37 pm. Attendees introduced themselves.

Leta informed members Mr Michael Hauptman was unable to attend this evening's meeting as a Guest Speaker but will do so for the March 9th meeting. Leta attempted to contact Constable Rick Green, RCMP Liaison Officer to the school advising him of this change. Constable Green is currently on leave – estimated return to duties is unknown. Discussion occurred and all members and administration agree a larger audience would benefit from a session on 'Drug Awareness'. The go-forward is for the incoming Parent Council Chair to coordinate with Mr Monaghan and the EICS Board an open session for Sherwood Park and Strathcona County on Drug Awareness Fall of 2015.

2. OPENING PRAYER – Melanie Sczesny, Member at Large

- Melanie led the opening prayer.

3. MINUTES of November 17, 2014

MOTION: Moved by Melanie Sczesny, seconded by Tracy Lockhart,

THAT the Minutes of the School Council meeting of November 17, 2014 be approved as written. CARRIED.

4. STUDENTS' REPORT

- In light of Diploma and other exams in the month of January, Student Council was not contacted to report.

5. TEACHERS' REPORT

- To be addressed in Principal's Report

6. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

- Lorne Monaghan reported on behalf of the teachers and principal. Lorne presented four reports to members including a synopsis of what each report addresses:

- Archbishop Jordan Accountability Pillar Overall Summary Report October 2014

- Archbishop Jordan Student Learning Achievement (Grades 10-12) October 2014

- 2013-2014 Archbishop Jordan Catholic High School Results Report

- ([http://archbishopjordan.eics.ab.ca/images/Annual Education Results Report AERR Template ABJ 2013-2014.pdf](http://archbishopjordan.eics.ab.ca/images/Annual_Education_Results_Report_AERR_Template_ABJ_2013-2014.pdf))

- Archbishop Jordan Catholic High School 2014-2016 School Education Plan

- (<http://archbishopjordan.eics.ab.ca/index.php/parents/school-improvement-plan-3-year>)

- Leta extended a sincere “Thank you and Congratulations on achieving positive numbers” to Lorne and staff on behalf of all parents and students at ABJ. Leta informed members that last May-June timeframe Lorne interviewed over 100 students and families wanting to attend ABJ.
- Mrs Nicole Lucke (Science Coordinator, Social 20, French Emersion) has started Mat Leave; replacement will be Lazlo Miok (Physics and Science30)
- ABJ Open House scheduled for Monday, March 2, 2015 from 6:00 to 8:30 pm; Leta stated Parent Council will manage a table with information as well as Greet the public entering the school.
- Course selection forms will be distributed next week in order to have schedules and timetables sorted out for Second Semester.
- The Geomeer Project collected food to support four local families who were very appreciative.
- The school Christmas Mass went very well and Archbishop Smith officiated. He commented on how impressed he was with the students as well as the student-led ministries.
- The Talent Show held on Dec 19th went very well; students were supportive and respectful to their peers performing.
- Diploma Exams run Jan 13th to Jan 29th; PAT Exams run Jan 21st to Jan 29th. Staff have a one day turnaround between semesters with Second Semester starting February 2nd .
- 2015 was the 3rd year Summer School courses have been offered at ABJ. Offerings are PhysEd 10, CALM, Religion, Math 10C. Courses are not yet determined but this information will be available by the March 2nd Open House Event.

POST MEETING NOTES:

The following information was collected by EICS Board (courtesy of Michelle Szott, EICS Trustee):

- No. of ABJ Students declared Catholic? Approximately 90%
- How many of our ABJ Students attend Mass? Very hard one to answer as we (EICS) are not able to accurately get the data on this because some go to different Parishes, Ukrainian Mass, etc.
- How many of our EICS Staff are Catholic? - well over 95% of our Teaching Staff within Urban EICS i.e. Sherwood Park and 95% in our other communities i.e. Vegreville, Camrose and Ft. Saskatchewan. Numbers are lower for our EA's as it is not mandatory that our EA's ,upon hiring, are Catholic. Catholic EA's is always the desirable but we look for the best fit for the Student.

7. OLD BUSINESS

a. 2015 Excellent in Teaching Awards Nominations

- Nomination submissions close Friday, February 6, 2015.
- Any parent wishing to acknowledge our excellent teachers this is the ideal way. While the task can be daunting with multiple forms to complete, the process can move along quickly and smoothly. Parents are requested to send the following to Leta by Monday Jan 19th:
 - The Teacher you wish to nominate (include the class name please)
 - Minimum 6 or 7 sentences why this individual should be nominated for the award
 - Your name and a contact number

8. NEW BUSINESS

a. School Council By-Law Review

- It has been two years since the last review

- The By-Laws are posted on the school website
http://archbishopjordan.eics.ab.ca/images/School_Council_By_Laws.pdf
 - Leta has requested members to review and submit suggested revisions to her by Feb 2nd . The revised By-Laws will be reviewed as adopted at the March 9th Parent Council Meeting.
- b. CEPAC Meeting Report – January 14, 2015
- Meetings are held at the EICS Board Office. Any member of Parent Council is welcome to attend.
 - Tracy Lockhart will try to attend on behalf of ABJ and report back at the March 9th, 2015 meeting.
9. MAILBAG
- A Thank You card was received from 2013-14 St Paul Award recipient – Emily DeFour.
10. NEXT MEETING DATE: Monday March 9, 2015 @ 6:30 pm (School Library)
- Guest Speaker, Michael Hauptman, EICS Superintendent
11. ROUND TABLE
- ABJ Prayer Bags (280 Grade 12s) – Leta has started the process. Stuffing occurs June 9th and distribution will be June 10th, 2015. Financial contribution have been confirmed from CWL; verbal confirmation received from KofC. Grade 2 students from 6 EICS schools have been contacted regarding decorating the paper bags.
 - OLPH Parish Picnic is scheduled for Sunday, June 14, 2015
 - Sports Teams:
Q: Is there anything in place for families who want their children to play but can't afford the fees? When tryouts are posted on the website or in the newsletters is it possible to state/inform students and parents what the potential fees are within that sport and that financial assistance to cover these fees is available for families?
A: Instructional funds cannot be used to support extracurricular activities. The school believes strongly that the team fees should not prohibit any student from participating in school team or extracurricular programs. If so, please advise Lorne to ensure fees to do not stop student participation
12. CLOSING PRAYER – Melanie Sczesny, Member at Large
- Melanie led the closing prayer.
13. ADJOURNMENT – Leta declared the meeting adjourned at 7:59pm.