

St. Thomas Aquinas School School Council Minutes

Date: September 27, 2022

Time: 7:00pm

'Inspired by Christ on a Journey to Encounter, Nurture, and Serve'

1. Call to Order at 7:00 pm - Ian
2. Opening Prayer - Kristie
3. Introductions- Ian
4. Approval of June, 2022 minutes - Ian
 - Review of the Agenda: [June 14 Agenda](#)
 - Motion to approve: _____ [Jackie](#) _____
 - 2nd _____ [Erin Buckland](#) _____
5. Principal Report: Ian
 - 5.1: Questions arising from Principal's Report: Please see attached report.
 - [Jackie- Band, Grade 6-7 together, approximately 60 students together, how is that structured?](#)
 - ["Good 'problem' to have!"](#)
6. Trustee Report: Cynthia Leyson
 - *I am sending my regrets as I am not able to attend tonight's meeting. Unfortunately, our regular board meeting is tonight as well. On behalf of the board, thank you for all your hard work and hopefully I will see you all in the next council/event of STA.*
 - *The Board's organizational meeting was held last Aug. 30, 2022. Anne Marie Watson was acclaimed as our chair for this school year and Sharla Heistad as Vice Chair. RDCRS has accepted approx 50 Ukrainian students, and have been guided to areas/schools that already have Ukrainian population. St. Lorenzo Ruiz Middle School will be open next school year Sept. 2023, the construction is on schedule. There is a significant shortage of bus drivers and cancellation of some routes.*
7. New Business
 - 7.1 School Council Executive Election: Mike
 - [Critical positions to functioning of the council, will take volunteers and vote](#)

- Chair/ Co-Chair: typically decisions will be made in team at bi- monthly meeting, when agreement is reached move forward
- Motion carried for Jackie and Mark to co- chair

Co-Chair: Jackie

Co-Chair: Mark

Secretary: Tara **Treasurer:** Carla

7.3: Sharing of Budget: Carla

- Will not sell coupon books as fundraiser for the 2022-2023 school year
- \$15 fee per student to decrease fundraising
- Motion to continue to keep \$41.65 in account- approved by Erin and Jackie
- New online payment system- sign into powerschool account- school forms and fees- click to pay
 - Payment is online, cash or cheque
 - No terminal in office but in the cafeteria, it has been VERY successful
 - Erin- Cafeteria pre-orders moving to online? Currently, no, not at this time.
 - Carla can put the amount on profile and they can pay online
 - Request to have menu online one week in advance of the upcoming month to pre-order
 - Why do school fees not show what you owe online?
 - GPA not showing on Powerschool app and online- is there a reason?
Kids would like to be able to tell if they have achieved honor roll.
- Moving to Schoology? Elementary and online required to use this year. By next school year Middle Schools will be using Schoology. STA is using a gradual approach of adopting the program. All of our teachers will be reporting progress through Powerschool. If teachers are early adopters they will receive communication prior to doing so.
- 56 staff members \$500 staff appreciation is a little tight with inflation- increase to \$750?
- Field trip increase to \$2200-2500? May be worth it to do one fundraiser? (Erin and Jackie) Poinsettia's or spring flowers suggested as there is little that needs to be done (Kristie)
- Anticipating more if the \$15 fees being paid this year as last year was approximately half paid
 - Proposed- Carla
 - Field Trips \$2500/ \$10000
 - Staff Appreciation \$750

- School Events \$2500
- \$13250
- Accepted- Erin

7.4: School Council Committee Sign Up: Kristie
 Fundraising Committee- Jackie, Chantelle, Erin
 Staff Appreciation- Jackie and Chantelle
 Shrove Tuesday-
 Year End BBQ-

7.5 - Alberta Education School Council Engagement Grant Feedback: Kristie
 - \$500 per School Council / Cost Sharing with other RDCRS Schools - \$10,000.
 - We are looking for feedback from parents on potential topics/speakers this evening.
 - Feedback on pooling our money with other schools.

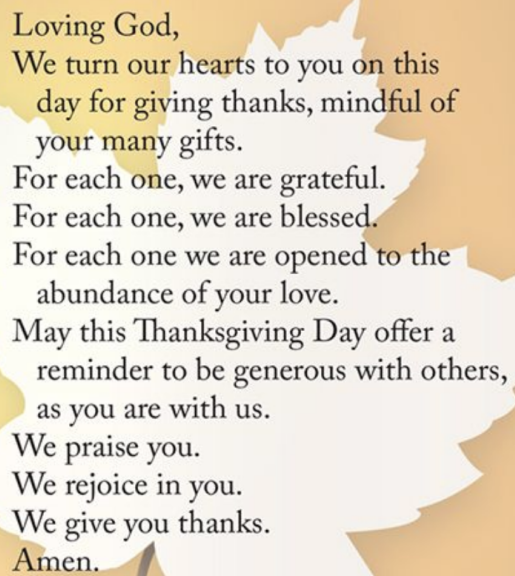
6. Examples of parent engagement activities and projects that funds can be used for include:

- workshops for parents to increase capacity for school council members;
- information sessions on how parents can support student learning at home and at school;
- parent resources and workshops on important topics such as, mental health and well-being, cyber bullying, healthy living, etc.;
- programs to support multi-cultural and Indigenous families including, English language learners and First Nations, Metis and Inuit learners;
- parent resources and tools in multiple languages;
- events to engage parents on important local issues;
- parent engagement in promoting the value of arts;
- trainer/facilitator costs for the professional development, workshops or sessions associated with the above.

- Contributing \$500 with other schools- agreed
- Possible speakers? Will leave with PAC to share any ideas that come forward.

8. Announcements/ Correspondence: Ian`
 8.2 - Next meeting date will be: November 29.
 8.3 - Upcoming meeting dates: January 31, March 28 reschedule, May 30.
10. Closing Reflection: Mike

A Prayer for Thanksgiving



Loving God,
We turn our hearts to you on this
day for giving thanks, mindful of
your many gifts.
For each one, we are grateful.
For each one, we are blessed.
For each one we are opened to the
abundance of your love.
May this Thanksgiving Day offer a
reminder to be generous with others,
as you are with us.
We praise you.
We rejoice in you.
We give you thanks.
Amen.

13. Adjournment: Jan 7:50 pm