

St. Elizabeth Seton School Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, Sept 10th, 2024



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1. **Call to order** - 7 pm
2. **Opening prayer** - Ken Meraw
3. **Introductions/Attendees** - Rachel Hicks, Ken Meraw, Mike Kelly, Abby Kaun, Tenielle McRae, Kim Walsh, Bridget Green, Kayla Jean Kloss, Lindsay Huseby, Shannon Schalk, Shawna Frentz, Corie Blais, Carla Noble, **Danielle, Fiore**
4. **Approval of the agenda** - Approved by Lindsay Huseby and seconded by Abby Kaun
5. **Approval of last meeting minutes** - May 14, 2024 - Approved by Tenielle McRae and seconded by Rachel Hicks
6. **Reports**
 - a. Trustee Report - Kim Pasula is our Board of Trustee rep. He sends his regrets
 - b. School Report - Administration - Mike Kelly/Ken Meraw
 - i. Mike Kelly introduced himself as Seton's new principal
 1. Total student population as of Sept 10 is 326.
 2. Highlights: Grade 4 bible celebration on Sept 12, initial provincial assessments have started, Electronic/cell phone plan is in place, Dawe Run is on Sept 17, Seton Serves started the year with a RD Food bank food drive, Terry fox Sept 25, Orange shirt day recognized on Sept 27
 3. All consent/permission forms are online now
 4. School wide focus is on Faith, Inclusion and Literacy
 5. Asked for parent feedback regarding staggered entry and meet the teacher night (a digital survey will also be sent out) - meet the teacher prior to first day is very beneficial, staggered entry parent council consensus was that it had pros and cons.
 - a. Splitting of classes - unsure and dependent on student population, needs in the room and funding

- b. Praise and Worship - Mrs. T is no longer teaching music and students will receive structured religion classes
- c. Ken - breakfast club will hopefully meet this week. SES received the President's Choice Kids foundation grant again for \$10000.
- c. Budget - Sitting well, contingency is great.

7. Council Committees -

- a. Hot Lunch - Lindsay Huseby
 - i. Healthy Hunger - can order up to five days prior to hot lunch date, 3 parent volunteers to help sort, burger boy will not be an option this year as they will not join Healthy Hunger. Healthy Hunger is open to set up accounts, ordering information will be sent out shortly, volunteer information will be sent out
- b. Fundraising (Read-a-Thon) - Rachel Hicks
 - i. An envelope will be sent home with a QR code that will have all of the information that families will need and include a link to the google form for fundraising tracking. Money is to go in the envelope and returned to the school. Typically this fundraiser runs over Thanksgiving.
- c. First Friday Coffee - Kayla Jean Kloss and Shannon Schalk
 - i. One steeped tea and 2 coffees seems to be working plus a flavored creamer
- d. Teacher Appreciation - Corie Blais
 - i. Looking for a second to help Corie as her children will be out of the school next year. Looking at providing breakfast for staff on PD day Sept 20.
- e. Family Events -
- f. Halloween - scavenger hunt - Krista Janisse looking to hand off planning
 - i. All supplies are in the workroom on top of the cabinets
 - ii. Suggested to coordinate with St. Francis so scavenger hunt is not held on the same night as their Halloween dance (older siblings).
- g. Movie Night - Corie is willing to organize again, Bridget Green will help
- h. Social Justice - should we still budget for this?
- i. Christmas Giving - Gifts for Grandparents/etc. - Danielle Everson - Corie will check again
- j. Shrove Tuesday - Bridget Green - will do again
- k. Family Fun Night & BBQ - Rachel/Carla (BBQ),

8. New business -

- a) Executive Council - Nominee Rachel Hicks for Co-Chair, needing a nominee for Secretary
- b) Volunteer names collected at Meet the Staff night was very successful, Corie will send out volunteer opportunities/sign ups to them first, please be sure your email has been added. Will also send out agendas going forward and minutes after each meeting.

- 9. Next Meeting** - AGM September 24th- 7pm;
next meeting Tuesday, Oct 22 at 7pm (moved from Oct 15)
- 10. Meeting adjournment** - 7:56 pm