

École Secondaire Ste. Marguerite d'Youville, 51 Boudreau Rd., St. Albert, AB.

## School Council AGM Meeting Minutes – September 7, 2021

1. Call to order at 6:31 p.m.

Meeting Attendance (in-person and virtual):

**Parents:** Suzanne Morton - Chair, Lori Beerwart – Vice Chair, Michelle MacKay - Secretary, Helen Jamieson, Mary Addison, Jessica Shute, Wendy Elvestad-Pillott, Taylor Daum

**Staff:** Monique Aultman – Principal, Amélie Gladu – Vice Principal

**Others:** Joan Crockett – Trustee

2. Prayer - Amélie Gladu

Acknowledgment – Monique Aultman

ESSMY acknowledges that it is gathering on the original lands of the Cree, those of Treaty 6, and on the homeland of the Metis Nation. Thank you Creator.

3. Approval of the AGM Agenda as amended:

**Approved by** Lori Beerwart

**Seconded by** Suzanne Morton

4. Approval of the AGM Minutes from September 8, 2020 as amended:

**Approved by** Suzanne Morton

**Seconded by** Lori Beerwart

5. Chairperson Report – Suzanne Morton

- a. Review of the operating procedures
- b. Description of the school council executive roles and responsibilities
- c. Elections for 2021-2022 School Council positions

Chairperson Position:

**Motion by** Michelle MacKay nominating Suzanne Morton

**Seconded by** Lori Beerwart

Suzanne Morton accepted the nomination.

No others nominated.

**Motion passed**

Vice Chairperson Position:

**Motion by** Suzanne Morton nominating Lori Beerwart

**Seconded by** Michelle MacKay

Lori Beerwart accepted the nomination.

No others nominated.

**Motion passed**

Secretary Position:

**Motion by** Suzanne Morton nominating Michelle MacKay

**Seconded by** Lori Beerwart  
Michelle MacKay accepted the nomination.  
No others nominated.  
**Motion passed**

6. Trustee Report – Joan Crockett

Welcome back to a new school year of learning, growing, and caring for others.

**Covid – 19 Update** - The province updated public health measures September 3, but the GSACRD Return to School plan remains unchanged although the Division can place additional measures in place if necessary.

**Loss of Morinville's Church** - Due to the fire that destroyed St Jean Baptise Parish, the gym at MCHS will be used for weekly masses.

**Board News** - Board of Trustees approved Krawford Construction Company Inc. as a primary contractor for the Morinville Community High School CTS Modernization project.

**ACSTA Awards** - Board of Trustees approved and put forward the Committee's selection:

- 1 - Honorary Life Membership - Bishop Paul Terrio and Dr. Rhonda Nixon,
- 2 - Appreciation Award – Teacher Mary Richard,
- 3 - Faithful Steward 25 Year Long Service Award – Trustee Cathy Proulx.

**ASBA Awards:**

- 1 - Board Innovation and Excellence Award – GSACRD's Building Communities of Hope.
- 2 - Terms in Office - Trustees Serena Shaw and René Tremblay both for 2-terms, Trustees Joan Crockett and Noreen Radford for 3-Terms and Trustee Cathy Proulx for 8-terms.

**K-6 Draft Curriculum Deep Dive Report** - This report was presented to trustees.

**National Day for Truth and Reconciliation September 30** - The Board approved September 30 as a statutory holiday for staff. The federal statutory holiday was announced in June as a day to provide an opportunity to the public to recognize the legacy of the residential schools. It is also one of the 94 calls to action from the Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

**St Kateri School** - Minister of Education and MLA Dale Nally toured the new school on August 30.

**Reminder** - Regular Board Meeting Monday September 27 @3:30pm. All are welcome. Meetings will take place at the Division Centre Boardroom.

Blessings for a safe and healthy school year.

7. Administrator Report – Monique Aultman

**School Fees** - As we are able to run option classes this year, we will be sending out school fees shortly. School fees will follow the fee schedule that was approved by our School Council earlier this spring.

**Online schooling** - French Immersion not offered online this year. We currently have five students online in the English stream.

**Google Classroom and aligning our outcomes** - Synchronized learning from classroom to home will not be offered this year.

**COVID Update** - We are currently asking staff, students and visitors to wear masks in all common areas. This includes areas such as our hallways, bathrooms, front foyer and cafeteria. Students move from class to class this year which differs from last year.

**ESSMY Staffing Update** - We are welcoming a new teacher. Matthew Punyi will be teaching Art and Religion this year. We also welcome a new Educational Assistant Pat Karl, who will be working full-time in some grade 7 classes and option classes. We are also welcoming our new Counsellor David Szykowski, whom we will share with Sister Alphonse. He will be at ESSMY on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

**Enrollment Update** - This school year we have 242 students (including five (5) online) and three (3) classes for each grade level.

Distribution by grades:

Grade 7 = 80 students

Grade 8 = 77 students

Grade 9 = 85 students

**Theme for this year is ARISE - Get Going!** - This year we are focusing on what actions we can take to "Get Going!" We want students to become actively involved in being a witness to our faith and seeing what that looks like.

**Healthy Hunger** - Will be operational on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays beginning in October. See our newsletter for the link. The vending machine and microwaves are available. Increased sanitization of these surfaces are in place.

**School Volunteers** - Volunteers are welcome in the school. They are to check in at the front office and follow our school protocols (masking in all common areas). Required background check information will be posted on the school website and included in our next newsletter.

**Field Trips** - We are presently able to go on fieldtrips. These will be booked by individual teachers depending on their curricular outcomes. Parent volunteers will be welcome to join us for these field trips.

Due to Covid, trips are limited to within the province. The Québec trip will therefore not be possible this year.

Please note that Camp Warwa is currently closed.

**Upcoming Events:**

- Opening Mass- Monday, September 13th @ Holy Family Parish
- Terry Fox- September 16
- Get the Scoop- September 16
- Staff Meeting / PD - September 17
- Cross Country District Run- September 23
- Orange Shirt Day- September 29
- National Truth and Reconciliation Day- September 30

**Question from the group** - What are the vaccination rates for our school?

-The rates are not known however the best guess would be approximately 80% based on and extrapolated from the available data for the St. Albert region.

8. Unfinished/Business Arising

**School Council sub-committees** - Suzanne Morton suggested the creation of two School Council sub-committees to assist with coordinating a Staff Appreciation event and assist with planning the Grade 9 Farewell.

- In the past, Staff Appreciation efforts were advertised on the ESSMY parent-run Facebook page however we did not reach enough of the parent community (we currently only have 77 Facebook members).
- The Grade 9 Farewell could possibly be expanded to include a class trip?
- Attendees and staff were supportive of all the ideas. More discussions to come at future meetings and pending feedback from parents signing up to volunteer.
- A request for volunteers will be advertised in the weekly newsletter.

**ESSMY Parent Facebook Page** - As mentioned, we only have 77 members on our parent Facebook. We hope to increase the membership to better serve our school community.

- A notice asking parents to join the group will be placed in upcoming weekly newsletters.

**The following meeting dates for the coming year will be posted on the school webpage and in the weekly newsletter (all meetings start at 6:30 p.m.):**

October 5  
November 2  
December 7  
January 4  
February 1  
March 1  
April 5  
May 3  
June 7

9. Next meeting:

**Tuesday, October 5, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.**

10. Adjourned at 7:34 p.m.