

St. Elizabeth Seton School Council Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, September 15, 2020



1. **Call to order** @ 7:00 pm
2. **Opening prayer** - Lindsay Huseby
3. **Introductions/Attendees:** Binu Jose, Ginny Chapman, Abi Liyo, Chris Osicki, Jamie Christie, Lindsay Huseby, Zandra Aguanta, Sinead Armstrong, Lisa Hills, Katherine Seymour, Michelle Doucette, Elaine Nazarena, Kylie Kissel, Rachel Peters, Bridget Green, Ashley & Adrian Paolinelli, Tenielle McRae, Allyson Wyntjes, Corie Blais, Vijayalaski, Ken Meraw, Michael Cellini, Carrie Keylock, Kathleen Adair, Jamie Flett, Carla Noble
4. **Approval of the agenda** - motion to approve: Michelle Doucette, Second: Lindsay Huseby
5. **Overview of Parent Council - Duties** (reference to School Council Bylaws)
6. **Introduction of 2019-2020 School Council executive:**
 - Co-Chair - Carrie Keylock
 - Co-Chair - Kristin Faechner
 - Secretary - Carla Noble
 - Treasurer - Jamie Flett
7. **Approval of last meeting minutes** - May 2020 - Approved: Lynne Entz Second: Ginny Chapman
8. **School Council Executive** - Call for Nominations and Elections for 2020-2021 School year. Submit your nominations/intentions by **Sept 25, 2020 @ 4pm. Vote held during AGM Sept 29.**
 - a. Chair/Co-Chairs
 - b. Secretary
 - c. Treasurer

Asking for intentions and nominations to be brought forward. Carrie would like to stay in Co-chair for one more year as well Carla and Jamie would like to remain on Council exec.

9. Reports

- a. School report - Administration - Mike Cellini
 - i. Introduction of new staff Mr. Marc Robichaud in grade 5, Mrs. Ann Sandquist in grade 3 and Mrs. Corey Lightbown in Kindergarten.
 - ii. Staggered entry was enjoyable for students & staff. It was calm and welcoming for the students to come in slowly; it has been a peaceful start. Student population is between 373-380. There are between 25-27 families who have chosen at home learning (these families are still connected to Seton). This month will look different from next month, RDCRS is ensuring safety of everyone in the schools and follows AHS guidelines as tight as possible, please know this is a fluid situation.
 - iii. Please ensure that you are completing the at home screening tool everyday. RDCRS parent handbook is always being updated, be sure to continue to check the handbook frequently. There is a link on SES Schools webpage as well as RDCRS homepage.
 - iv. Some precautions the school is taking is sanitizer at all of the doors, there are distance markers on the floor as well as limited capacity in smaller areas such as the bathroom. Students are participating in staggered recesses; grades K, 2, 4 go out for the first recess and grades 1, 3, 5 go out for the second recess. This limits that number of people entering your child's bubble and keeping cohorts together.
 - v. Staff is still doing their best to continue all of the amazing opportunities for the students for example christmas concert, grade five jobs, celebrations, etc.
 - vi. **Ken Meraw** - teaching half time phys.ed so he has the pleasure of teaching all of the students in the school. Climate in the school is extremely positive and all are excited to be back in school.
 - vii. **Kathleen Adair** - staggered entry allowed the opportunity to establish quick connections and get to know the students while showing them the new protocols. It was phenomenal to discuss with the students the new normal, the why and how the staff are all working together to keep everyone safe, secure and healthy so they can all stay in the building. Thank you to all of the parents for preparing their students for the new normal, wearing masks and using hand sanitizer. The staff at Seton are very appreciative.

viii. Questions:

1. What happens when a student comes to school, are these guidelines provided by the district? Yes, the child would be sent home if the child exhibits any signs that are on the screening list. This is assessed on a per child basis.
2. What happens if the child comes back and still shows signs of symptoms (stuffy nose), each school seems to be dealing with this differently? A new document has been sent out that should provide more autonomy between schools.
3. Is there an opportunity for volunteering from our houses? As of right now there is not, yet. We are remaining tight until we are given the go ahead to slowly open up the school to others.
4. Hot lunch leftovers were used for the kids who may not have been able to bring a lunch from home, is there a need for pantry items? Right now we are utilizing the Mustard Seed.

b. Treasurer's report - Jamie Flett

- i. There is around \$19000 carryover from last year in our account due to cancellation of year end field trips, presentations because of CoVid. We are discussing the possibility of not fundraising this year as families are stretched as it is. Our account is healthy and we would be able to make it through this year with very little to no fundraising. Thank you to Tanya Stooshnoff for all the hard work on our finances.
- ii. **Question:** Will there be a memorial plaque or bench be done for Kristin Faechner? Yes there is a plaque that will be added to the main playground sign in honor of Kristin.

10. Council Budget - Draft budget to be discussed immediately following the AGM by the new SC Executive. Budget brought forward for approval at the October meeting.

11. Council Committees - Regular Council Committees (i.e. Hot lunch, Fundraising, Family Dance etc.) are on hold until the October meeting. With the exception of Teacher Appreciation (Katherine Seymour).

- a. Katherine Seymour would like to make a motion for \$100 for staff appreciation (coffee and creamer) for September. Approved First: Lindsay Huseby, Second: Lynne Entz
- b. Opportunity to bring forth some new ideas that are CoVid friendly.
 - i. An outdoor movie in the park.
 - ii. A family scavenger hunt.

12. New business -

1. Council Fundraising on hold for 2020-2021 school year (Carrie Keylock) - See note under 9b.
2. Budget approval for Staff Appreciation for month of September (Katherine Seymour) - See note under 11a.
3. Friendship Meal at Sacred Heart - update (Mike Cellini)
 - a. Sacred Heart is not running their Friendship meals until Stage 3. When stage 3 relaunch happens we can connect with Sacred Heart to let them know Seton is interested in volunteering for one meal.
4. Prayer for AGM (September 29 @ 7pm) - volunteer needed (Bridget Green)
5. Prayer for October Meeting - volunteer needed
6. Proposed 2020/2021 Meeting Dates:
 - a. AGM - Tuesday, September 29 - 7:00 pm - Prayer: Bridget Green
 - i. Potentially will be held in person dependent on numbers.
 - b. October 13 - 7:00 pm Prayer: Rachel Peters
 - c. November 10 - 7:00 pm (if needed)
 - d. December - no meeting
 - e. January 12, 2021 - 7:00 pm
 - f. February - no meeting
 - g. March 9 - 7:00 pm
 - h. April - no meeting
 - i. May 11 - 7:00 pm
 - j. June 8 - Council wind-up

Meeting adjournment - 8:00 pm

14. Closing prayer - Lindsay Huseby