

Legal School Council Minutes

February 2, 2021

Attendees: Renee Trottier, Sherri Crowston, Cari Last, Amanda Prefontaine, Stephanie Cornelis, Cathy Proulx, Ashley Zilinski, Ashley Pelletier, Rhea Jussen, Nat Smith, Heather Bauwens

Meeting called to order at 6:34 pm

1. Prayer by Renee Trottier
2. Acknowledgement of Treaty 6 territory
3. Approval of Agenda and Request for Additions to the Agenda
 - Requests: none
 - Approved by Cari Last
 - Seconded by Ashley Zilinski
4. Approval of Minutes from last meeting
 - Business arising from last meeting:
 - Approved by Cari Last
 - Seconded by Ashley Zilinski
5. Reports
 - 5.1. Chairperson Report – Stephanie Cornelis
 - 5.1.1. GSACRD School Councils Meeting
 - Policies are being updated
 - Ideas from meeting
 - Sending thoughtfulness and gratitude to teachers. E.g. letters for the teachers from the kids as a Christmas gift, group video from kids and parents. Made a Christmas luncheon for the teachers, wine fairy bundles. COVID friendly ski night
 - Partners in prayer meeting once a month
 - Fundraising ideas: Purdy's at Valentines day, drive through style pick up of fundraising items, Fundscrip.com, online bingo, bottle drive, arrange with the bottle depot for people to donate their bottle money to Legal School, masks, online raffle, have parents who make crafts donate them to the school for fundraising, Santa pictures at the school
 - 5.1.2. Create a parent council Facebook page
 - Help council to connect with the community
 - Encourage other parents to attend school council
 - Rhea Jussen offered to help Stephanie with administering the page
 - Discussion as to whether the Friends of Legal and School Council pages should combine or have separate pages. Stephanie will reach out to the Friends of Legal
 - 5.1.3. ASCA website has a lot of good content for school council members
 - <https://www.albertaschoolcouncils.ca/>
 - Agenda items, vision of the school council, 1- and 3-year plans
 - Checklist for effective school councils
 - Form for reaching out to other parents in the school

5.2. Trustee Report – Cathy Proulx

5.2.1. ASCA conference in April

- Learn how school councils run, interact with council members from other schools
- Virtual conference fee \$95
- Awards Nomination deadline of Feb 28

<https://www.albertaschoolcouncils.ca/school-councils/awards-of-recognition>

5.2.2. Special meeting on Feb 1

- Send letter to government to advocate that school staff receive priority on vaccination list

5.2.3. Two schools spot checked by Alberta Health for COVID protocols

- Schools passed with flying colours

5.2.4. School Year Calendars

- Staggered entry at the start of school year
- PD days will remain on Friday
- Christmas break will start on Dec 20

5.2.5. Division Report Card

- Blue/Green – excellence
- Red – maintain current level
- GSACRD report card has all blue scores

5.2.6. Policy Review

- Review 2-3 policies each month
- No major changes this month

5.2.7.2 Ad-hoc committees created

- Awards
- Trustee handbook

5.2.8. School facility utilization report

- 17 schools, overall utilization rate 64%
- One school at 85%
- Four schools at 34-50%: Legal at 34%

5.2.9. Fee waiver report

- Waiver request forms available from district office
- Last year: \$13,000 in fees waived for district
- Some fees are not paid but the waiver form has not been filled out, so the \$13,000 total does not include these fees.

5.2.10. Next board meeting on Feb 22

5.3. Administration Report - Renee Trottier

5.3.1. School Fees – vote is required

- School fees must be approved every year by School Council
- Total for K-6: \$71.00
 - Technology fee: \$20
 - Agendas: \$8
 - Lunch Supervision fee: \$32.50
 - Student council: \$10.50

- Total for 7-9: \$63.00
 - Technology fee: \$20
 - Lunch Supervision fee: \$32.50
 - Student council: \$10.50
 - Motion to accept school fees as presented
 - Approved: Stephanie Cornelis
 - Seconded: Heather Bauwens
- 5.3.2. Registration – email has been sent to returning parents
- Registration emails sent home last week
- 5.3.3. Bus Registration
- Registration emails sent home last week
- 5.3.4. Virtual Open House March 4 at 6pm
- Video presentation to start
 - Each division team will have a link of parents to join the for a live Q&A session
 - Website for open house will be published to school website mid-Feb
 - Link to register to attend is ready to go [Link to register for the Open House](#)
 - Open house is advertised in the Legalerie, Legal Rant and Rave
 - Advertising sign at highway 2 corner will be out Feb 18
 - Suggestion to use LED sign at the fire department
- 5.3.5. Legal School Nations Trip fundraising money
- Funds raised by the students and families for the May 2020 Nations Trip will be given to the parents. Cheques will be issued for the amounts that the students raised.
- 5.3.6. GSACRD Voice <https://www.voice.gsacrd.ab.ca/>
- Mental health capacity building (MCHB) team
 - Parent Cafes – virtual parent information nights
- 5.3.7. Virtue – Acceptance and StuCo activities
- Students have made hands with sayings on them about how they are unique. Virtue team will make them into a rainbow display.
 - Coloured kindness bookmarks
- 5.3.8. Valentine's week activities Feb 8-12
- All proceeds from sales will go to Catholic Social Services Domestic Abuse Centers
- 5.3.9. Random Acts of Kindness Week Feb 16-19
- <https://www.randomactsofkindness.org/>
- 5.3.10. Pink Shirt Day Feb 24
- <https://www.pinkshirtday.ca/>
- 5.3.11. Easter
- Shrove Tuesday Feb 16: ice cream or juice boxes and individually wrapped cookies
 - Ash Wednesday Feb 17: liturgies in religion class with teachers distributing ashes. Staff will have small liturgy after school to receive ashes.
 - Lent service project – Catholic Social Services
- 5.3.12. Parent Teacher Interviews March 10-11
- 5.3.13. Report Cards March 25
- Elementary: emailed home

- Junior high: Power School
- 6. Teacher report: Ashly Pelletier
 - 6.1. Teaches grade 2 and 3
 - 6.1.1. Building things and materials unit
 - Brought materials from home to build a bridge
 - Tested bridges by putting heavy books on them
 - 6.1.2. Words their way – reading and spelling program
 - 6.1.3. Literacy intervention groups starting next week
- 7. Classroom reps
 - 7.1. No reports this month
- 8. Friends of Legal School Society
 - 8.1. No report this month
- 9. Next meeting: March 2, 2021 at 6:30pm
 - 9.1. Code of conduct to be reviewed, voting is required
 - 9.2. Renee will post the draft code on the school website under school council

Meeting adjourned at 8:23 pm