

**St. Andrew's Regional High School**

**Local School Council**

**DRAFT Minutes**

**October 26, 2022** – approved November 23, 2022

**Present:** Angela Grohovac (AG), Victor Araujo (VA), Pete Rose (PR), Renee Derksen (RD), Steve Pearse (SP), Euan Skinner (ES), Katherine Thiessen-Wale (KTW) – joined at 6:45 p.m.

**Regrets:** Father Eduardo Santos

**Principal:** Glen Palahicky (GP)

**Guests:** Ciaran McLaverty (CM), Mary Kearsey (MK)

Quorum achieved

**Call Meeting to Order:** AG at 6:34 p.m.

**Opening Prayer:** GP

**Approval of Previous Minutes:** Motion by SP, seconded by RD to approve September 2022 minutes. Motion carried.

**Approval of Agenda:** No additions or deletions to agenda; AG moved to accept, seconded by VA to approve. Motion carried.

**New Business:**

**Spanish International Trip:**

A request by Alexis Tate was submitted to Local School Council (LSC) for approval to prepare a proposal for 20-30 students taking Spanish 11/12 to visit Spain during Spring Break in 2024. The detailed proposal would be reviewed by LSC and then sent to the Board for approval.

The trip would be structured similarly to trips to France as organized by Mme. Ballam. There are more students taking Spanish than in the past. Approval by LSC would allow Ms. Tate to further investigate costs and engage in preliminary planning. The ICS board would require more extensive information to provide final approval to proceed.

SP moved that LSC support Ms. Tate pursuing the idea further. Seconded by RD and ES. Approved. ES offered to assist with providing information on logistics relating to travel.

**Old Business:**

**Portfolio selection:**

AG spoke to Bev Pulyk regarding the possibility of marketing as a LSC portfolio, but has not obtained information as yet.

It was agreed that PR would assume responsibility for the Human Resources portfolio, and VA will serve as International Student Liaison.

### Sports Field:

GP advised that he met with Ann Stephenson, P.Eng., a Civil Engineer with Associated Engineering (B.C.) Ltd. who suggested that a Geotech company will need to analyze the surface and subsurface.

### PIP Program:

AG indicated that it is necessary for LSC to find a way to facilitate the recording of PIP hours completed by parents. LSC discussed and determined that a Google form could be adopted to obtain the required information while both protecting privacy and populating a spreadsheet. It would be necessary for the form to be developed at the school, as the IT department provides security. RD offered to assist in creating the form, and office staff would need to learn how to open it and send to an LSC member. GP will speak to the IT department and co-ordinate a time for RD to meet with them to develop the form.

### Reports:

#### Chairperson's Report:

- AG spoke to a contact at Don Mann Excavating about the Sports Field; their company could perhaps do something to assist around digging and levelling, but not now, and they would not be experienced in laying turf.
- Regarding the possibility of reconvening Tricouncil meetings, AG contacted the LSCs at St. Joseph's and St. Patrick's Schools. St. Joseph's LSC chairperson would be happy to participate, but there has not yet been a response from St. Patrick's LSC chair.
- PSG has a full slate on executive, including a VP, a Secretary, and a parent shadowing the Treasurer this year. PSG funds are very healthy, and gaming funds have come through.
- At the Sports Parents' meeting, there was discussion about increasing Sabres pride, and it is possible that a Sabres clothing sale or fundraiser will be organized. GP indicated that students on the Athletic Committee are working on marketing ideas, and a new logo design may be developed.

#### Teacher Rep's Report:

- MK reported that the beginning of the year has seen many positive events, including a successful opening mass with Fr. Eduardo, a two week food drive to celebrate World Food Day (over 400 items, and \$300 were collected to donate), and a Living Rosary consisting of 50 students and 7 staff. Spirit Week is this week, with tomorrow (October 27) being the first dance of the year. The boys' soccer team is going to provincials. Finally, 13 students from Avignon, France have been here for the last week.

#### Principal's Report:

- Enrolment is currently 387; students are both coming and going. A refugee family, sponsored by the Cathedral, will be joining the school next week after arriving from Pakistan.

- Job postings were put out for next semester – Mrs. Delude will be on a 13 week leave next semester, and there is a posting for a law class.
- Bathroom renovations are completed. Spirit Week is this week, with various fun activities planned.
- It is hoped that the Hot lunch program will be starting the week after next week. The menu is being finalized,
- A program on internet safety and responsibilities (the White Hatter) is being considered.
- Parking concerns have been minimal.

#### Finance Report:

- SP provided a high level overview of financial statements and will inquire about some figures, and what LSC's commitment is around long term debt principal repayment.

#### Policy Report:

- RD confirmed that the policy adjustment around uniform will be reflected by the office including it in the Parent Handbook.

#### Buildings and Grounds:

- ES reported that deficiencies with bathrooms and the building continue to be addressed. Blinds for the classroom doors are being ordered; these were not included in the building budget originally.
- CM indicated that a drain pipe issue was recently discovered around the exterior and the contractor will need to address it.

Next LSC Meeting : November 26 at 6:30 p.m.

Adjourned at 7:52 p.m.