

## **ST. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL COUNCIL**

### **Minutes**

**February 19th, 2025**

#### **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Erika Dalla Torre at 6:33 pm in the library on Tuesday, February 19th, 2025.

#### **Present**

Erika Dalla Torre, Kian O'Higgins, Allison Menzies, Glen Palahicky, Brianna Shereck, Renita Silva, Stephen Wauthy

#### **Regrets**

Elena Amos, Teresa Evangelou, Fr Alfredo Monacelli

#### **Minutes Prepared By**

Renita Silva

#### **1. Opening Prayer**

The opening prayer was led by Erika.

#### **2. Approval of Agenda**

Allison moved, Stephen seconded. Passed.

#### **3. Approval of Minutes from January 21st, 2025**

Brianna moved, Stephen seconded. Passed.

#### **4. Correspondence**

To be discussed in-camera.

#### **5. Administrator's Activity Report (attached)**

- Approximately 45 families interested in the school's hosting of open houses.
- Some Grade 7 students shared their experience at the school during the open houses.
- School preparing for Lent with Ash Wednesday liturgy.
- Knights of Columbus to provide pancakes for Shrove Tuesday.
- Student led conferences start tomorrow
- Musical premieres March 6th; lots of hard work has been put into this.
- Spectrum principal got in contact to let the school know that they are putting in a new turf field in June. They will remove a couple metres of earth, approximately 100 dump truck loads. Glen suggested there are approximately 4 acres that can be filled on school property and thus more space. If Spectrum can do proper testing and get appropriate permits, perhaps the school could use the soil.

#### **6. Father Alfredo Monacelli's Report**

- Absent, nothing to report.

## **7. Victoria Tri-Council Report**

- Erika reported they are in discussion to set a date for a meeting.

## **8. Committee Reports**

### **i) PSG Liaison - Stephen Wauthy**

- Attended a PSG meeting last week.
- Bingo night was a success.
- Tech talk was well attended.

### **ii) Finance - Kian O'Higgins**

- Update on grants, more than what was budgeted (\$53,000 more)
- Discussion around Universal Design for Learning and how to determine its success. There is an Middle Years Development Instrument (MDI) in grade 4 which could serve as a metric. Not easy to compare one year of grade 4s to another, but could compare the same group at a later grade.
- Discussion around Catholic virtues in professional development and its inclusion in everyday teaching. It is not necessarily commonly discussed during pro-D days and there is room to develop this further. Should include faith formation for teachers in order to help give them tools to teach students develop a deeper understanding of the Catholic faith.

### **iii) Buildings and Grounds - Allison Menzies**

- Gas meters have been moved due to the construction, but will be fenced off.

### **iv) Marketing and Uniforms - Teresa Evangelou**

- Absent, nothing to report.

### **v) Parish Liaison - Brianna Shereck**

- Sent update about the play.

### **vi) Secretary - Renita Silva**

- Nothing to report.

### **vii) Chair - Erika Dalla Torre**

- Nothing to report

## **Next meeting:**

Tuesday, April 1st at 6:30 pm.

## **Meeting adjourned**

Erika adjourned the meeting at 7:34 pm.

**Principal's Report**  
Local School Council  
February 17, 2025

- Open Houses- New K families and General were well received. Full K classes expected for next year. Interview times scheduled. Confirmation to new families by March 14.
- School wide Mass on Wednesday, February 26, 2025- Ash Wednesday Liturgy on March 5 (Shrove Tuesday K of C Pancakes)
- Student Led Conferences this week- February 17-21
- Musical premiere on March 6th. Final preparations underway
- Active extra-curricular: swimming, volleyball, musical, dancing (festival)
- Construction of a new turf field at Spectrum anticipated in June of 2025. Exploring the possibility of our back area being filled with their earth removal
- Erin Mcleod will be starting in grade 4 at the start of March

Thank you for your support.

*Glen Palahicky*  
Principal