

ST. ALFRED SEPARATE SCHOOL COUNCIL

09 Apr 2025 / 6:30 pm / In-Person and Virtual

IN ATTENDANCE

J. Lavalley, A. DiGiovanni, S. Seidell A. Kore, L. Myers, M. Pascucci

Virtual: S. Campbell, P. Jorge, M. Manuel

A. ROUTINE MATTERS

1. Call to Order and Attendance

S. Seidell called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

3. Opening Prayer - led by S. Seidell

4. Land Acknowledgment - led by S. Seidell

5. Approval of Agenda

Moved by S. Seidell Seconded by A. Kore

THAT THE AGENDA FOR THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING, Apr 09, 2025 BE APPROVED.
CARRIED

5. Approval of Minutes of prior regular meeting

Moved by S. Seidell Seconded by A. Kore

THAT THE MINUTES OF THE LAST REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING, Feb 05, 2024, BE APPROVED.
CARRIED

B. TRUSTEE REPORT – M. PASCUCCI

- The board has reviewed the concerns regarding the need for St. Alfred to receive renovations/improvements. Trustee Pascucci will look to work with our administration and chair to advocate on our behalf to receive funds. Trustee Pascucci will invite the new MPP to visit St. Alfred.

C. TREASURER REPORT – M. MANUEL

- Current balance \$5,597.47 as at March 31th, 2025
 - o Payments to be deducted: Subway \$2,430, Speaker grant \$500, Pancakes \$180

D. OAPCE REPRESENTATIVE REPORT - A. KORE

- Meeting focused on the Jubilee year of hope. Dr. Josephine Lombardi spoke about the importance of hope and reminded us to stay strong during these difficult times. The

most recent jubilee year was 2015. She talked about the value of confession and forgiveness to help us enter a state of grace.

- They also discussed the sacred journey of lent and talked about how to renew our spirit and work towards bettering ourselves and strengthen our faith.

E. TEACHER'S REPORT – S. CAMPBELL

- Term 1 report cards and parent teacher interviews took place in February
- Gr 4-8 dance team continues with Ms. Worboys and Ms. Ceccorulli
- Gr 7/8 Valentine's dance was a success
- Jungle Sports happened in February and was a huge hit
- Other events included Pink shirt day, Shrove Tuesday and Ash Wednesday
- Gr 7/8
- Gr 3 Lego club ongoing with Ms. Campbell
- Chess club continues with Ms. Ceccorulli
- Reset and reconnect with Mme Newland
- Diversity club with Ms. Mann
- Events supporting environmental initiatives included the Big crunch, Lights out lunch, and waste free lunch
- Lenten mass took place for all grades
- Start to finish has been underway
- Grade 7/8 basketball tournament takes place Friday Apr 11 with Mr. Toner
- Mr. D'Agostino's class will perform the stations of the cross
- Eco eagles continues

F. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT - J. LAVALLE

- Ms. Nevins Lenten soap drive collected for Canadian Food for Children
- First communion and confirmation classes have begun and both sacraments will be celebrated during May
- During Lent, rosary club is meeting weekly to pray the rosary
- March fire drill – 2 more to go, required to do 1 per month.
- Lockdown drill to be completed
- School wide dental screening took place in March
- Wellness leadership group organized by Ms. Mann and Mme Newland.
- Ms. Cimolai working with students to attend a wellness conference at the end of April
- April is autism acceptance month – staff committee organizing activities for students
- Grade 7/8 taking part in drumming workshops
- FDK and grade 4 participated in Scientists in Schools
- Planning has begun for grade 8 extended day trip to Niagara-on-the-Lake
- Grad is June 23 at Sts Martha and Mary. Students will have a lunch celebration and clap out on June 26th
- Planning a trip for the grade 7's to Mountsberg to support eco-learning

G. ACTION ITEMS

1. Speaker Grant – Paul Davis was not available, so we are reviewing alternative options. The administration is working on engaging with staff to create an arts night where families could attend and interact with stations run by staff and there would be a guest expert there as well. Also looking into more traditional speaker options. Ms. Lavalle will send out an email to the group if a decision is required before our next meeting.

Vote on supplementing Speaker Grant with \$500 from council funds

Moved by S. Seidell Seconded by A. Kore

THAT THE COUNCIL ALLOCATION OF 500 TOWARDS SPEAKER AND/OR ARTS NIGHT, BE APPROVED.

CARRIED

2. Grad Celebrations – exact details to be confirmed over the coming months.

Vote on allocating \$1000 of council funds to grad celebrations.

Moved by S. Seidell Seconded by L. Myers

THAT THE COUNCIL ALLOCATION OF \$1,000 TOWARDS GRAD CELEBRATIONS, BE APPROVED.

CARRIED

3. Subway – next round to begin in May.

4. FDK team is requesting \$500 for outdoor equipment

Vote on allocating \$500 of council funds to FDK outdoor equipment.

Moved by S. Seidell Seconded by L. Myers

THAT THE COUNCIL ALLOCATION OF \$500 TOWARDS FDK FOR PURCHASE OF OUTDOOR PLAY EQUIPMENT, BE APPROVED.

CARRIED

5. Decodable Books – These have been identified by teachers as needed for classrooms. The council plans to consider these as a possible option for use of future council funds.

H. UPCOMING EVENTS

- Federal Election upcoming on April 28th, our school will be a polling place

FUTURE MEETING DATES

- April 24, 2025 (board budget meeting, virtual 7pm)
- May 14, 2025

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by S.Seidell Seconded by A. Kore

THAT THE MEETING BE ADJOURNED AT 7:40 PM.

CARRIED