

In Attendance: Hayley Alloway, Krista Brown Mark Goulding, Darrell Gover, Gerry Heffernan, Matthew Horan, Kyle Massey, Jamie Parsons, Jane Pearson, Carla Roberts

1. Welcome/Call to Order

Minutes of Last Meeting, January 17, 2024 Review and acceptance. Hayley asked if we had all taken time to review the minutes. School council members indicated they had. Kyle M moved to accept the minutes and this was seconded by Jamie Parsons.

2. Business Arising:

3. Reports:

a. Principal - Carla Roberts

School Community Report - Carla celebrated some successes within our school community over the past month. The Improv team and the Model UN won awards. The male hockey team won the Confederation Cup, their third consecutive championship. The Girl's hockey team is in second place in Tier II. The Trebles in music won the Rose Bowl at the Kiwanis Music Festival. The Senior Girls Hockey are hosting the 4A Provincials in mid-March. Table Tennis also celebrated medals in individual, mixed and team events. Certainly a lot to celebrate at Holy Heart over the last month.

There might be a complication in terms of parking as a Dance competition is also being held at the HHM Theatre at the same time as the 4A Provincials. Carla has reached out to various businesses and community centers in the area to investigate the possibility of parking space availability. The administration continues to work with the HHM Theatre on this.

Course Registration - The registration time for students is now complete. The process now begins of scheduling, teacher allocation and class sizes and placement. This does take some time to complete.

Purchases - 109 new student desks and chairs have now arrived; which totalled just over \$18 000. The school placed an order in mid-January. We will begin the process of removing older desks and replacing them with new ones. Over time, the goal is to replenish and replace all older and outdated desks.

Term II - The last month has been a busy period; students are largely settled into their classes. The drop/add process has now been completed and we are in the process of reviewing Level 3 graduation checks and working with our students in their courses.

Fundraiser - Carla reminded the school council of potential fundraising opportunities and if anyone on council wished to lead a committee, the administrative team would support and help with that endeavor. Hayley A reinforced this message and also that she would help support.

Camera surveillance - Jamie discussed the current status of camera surveillance; that it would likely go to tender. It is a big building and a number of cameras are outdated and pixelated. This will be a large purchase and while there are monies allocated for such an expense (or other large ticket item), fundraising would be welcome.

Gerry H brought up the idea of a camera surveillance service rather than an installation system. There could be potential AATIP or privacy issues, but it would certainly be something to look at and investigate.

There was also a discussion regarding the importance of quality surveillance and cameras when working towards a safe and caring environment and school. While break-ins are not typically a concern, there are times where people - not a part of the school community - were found around the proximity of the building. Outdoor camera installation would also help in this regard.

Fundraising Requests - those put forward by Carla via email were approved by the school council. Hayley A indicated that she would sign these at the conclusion of the meeting.

EST Assessments - Carla Roberts updated the school response to the implementation of ESTs for term two with consultation of all the departments. Mark Goulding indicated much work was done. That we needed to work within the confines of the course descriptors. He indicated that there will be sub scores of the EST into each unit. This allows you to see how they are doing in each unit and if students improve then the marks are adjusted accordingly to indicate that the student has shown improvement through the course. This was agreed between all departments, and that each dept will have an EST of between 10% and 15%. This is a real opportunity for students to demonstrate their continued learning and improvement. Teachers will have sub scores in each unit of powerschool as opposed to a final EST mark in power school. Teacher professional discreditation will play a role, as always, in how they final mark is determined.

Geoff Eaton spoke. He has had some positive feedback from parents. Geoff indicates his own preference for a higher value so that it is meaningful. There was some discussion around that. Including the value % wise, the idea of continuous assessment also has value. Discussions around the global vision education, testing/assessment/learn and other issues. The council seemed to agree that there are many concerns and challenges in education and that our EST plan is a good move forward for where we are right now. He expressed his satisfaction at the efforts towards clear communication and a movement towards quality education and assessment strategies.

A broader conversation took place around education. Krista B spoke about her experiences as a K-6 administrator and the changes at that level. Other members also talked about the changing

face of schools, learning, process work as well as factors such as stress, digital technology and parental involvement that can impact student learning.

A call to adjourn the meeting was made by Hayley Alloway at 6:16. It was seconded by Carla Roberts.

5. Meeting Schedule:

Wednesdays, 5:00 – 6:00 pm

Meeting #1 October 25, 2023

Meeting #2 November 22, 2023

Meeting #3 December 20, 2023 (postponed to new year)

Meeting #4 January 17, 2024

Meeting #5 February 21, 2024

Meeting #6 March 20, 2024

Meeting #7 April 17, 2024

Meeting #8 May 22, 2024

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