

St. Michaels School, Pincher Creek, AB

School Council Meeting

November 5th, 2024

In attendance: Kathryn Marsh, Karen Schmidt, Bart Denie, Nicole Little Moustache, Megan Metheral

Item		Time
1. Call to order	Chair	7:05
2. Prayer	Karen	
3. Land Acknowledgement	Karen	
4. Approval of October 2024 Minutes	Megan	
5. Principal's Report a. Letter from a concerned parent Parent Council has received the letter as information as presented by Karen Schmidt, Principal - Areas of concern were discussed as: - Bussing on Friday's changes to Livingston Range School Division (LRSD), Piikani, and St. Michaels - Will children and teachers be able to achieve curriculum requirements during condensed days - Granum is currently piloting the 4-day school week - Concerns in scheduling athletics and practice time and games - After school sports and longer days for students - Upcoming engagement session to take place in new year within LRSD b. 15 days from Provincial Boys Volleyball tournament - Influx of donations from the community - 126 adult volunteers for Wed -Fri - St. Michaels has a great athletics club and very honored to be hosting the event and having our sports team represent the community - Parking will be designated to St. Michaels Church, along the street, and St. Michael's school parking lot - The school will be broadcasting live stream of the tournament through Huddle Cameras and the app is free to download - Thursday there will be a banquet. PC meats had donated beef brisket for 500 people, Back Country Butcher has donated coleslaw, and parents of St. Michael community will be providing spring roll appetizers	Karen	

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representing the school e. Teachers' Junior and Senior high report cards will be reported quarterly to improve communication to parents. The report cards will be distributed as a paper copy as well during this school year. - SPACES- we are adding 'Growth as a Learner' rubric to be reported on both in November and March to go along with the digital portfolio of academic learning. -Parent Teacher Interviews on November 14th from 3:30 - 8 pm -Social media update, any posts to Facebook will have the comments turned off. f-5 years ago, Michael Chiasson, a faith-based presenter, visited the school to speak to students and to present "10 Things Your Teen Wish you Knew" to parents. He will be returning on December 5 th , 2024, to present again and will engage in a student retreat for Grades 7-12. He will also provide a parent talk in the evening. The parent event will be open to St. Michael community along with our community at large, so spread the word to any parents that may want to attend. The presentation will be titled "7 Things Your Teen Wish You Knew" and will focus on ways to help identify communication issues at 7 pm - Scoretable is getting a 'refresh' by Jackson Nimchuk. It is determined that it is between 12-15 years old, and it's time to update. The athletic committee feels strongly that it still is very usable as the students/staff have taken such good care of it over the years and just needs a little reinforcing. -Staffing- Trevor Clinton is officially in the role of Head Caretaker, and Ryan Bunnage has assumed a regular caretaker role. Their hours have been adjusted accordingly, and as any good team, they are working well together! g. Karen mentions a book she is currently reading titled "The Anxious Generation" by Jonnathan Haidt. The book goes into the growing issues of Mental Health Amongst our children and increase use of screen devices such as cell phones, ipad, online gaming stations, and computer use. From 2010-2024 there has been a measured increase of metal health issues in adolescents of 135%. St. Michaels is striving to bring more play-based learning to the school. ACTION: Karen will mention the book within the December School Letter and may provide an opportunity for further Parent Engagement if interest in discussion of this growing issue.		
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6. Update from the Trustee a. Acknowledged the letter from a concerned parent in regards to moving to a 4 day school week and will be providing more information. He would like to provide the opportunity for parents and staff to answer questions in respect to the possibility of changing to 4-day school week to assess the pros and cons.	Blake	
7. School Council Business a. The Chair will be attending School Council Chairs division board meeting on December 2, 2024 b. - Because the Parent Council spent funds of the Alberta School Council Engagement (ASCE) Grant last year to bring Sam Dema to school, we will be receiving an additional \$500 this year through the grant to use towards further engagement opportunity.		
8. Upcoming Events and Meetings a. January 17, 2024 has been tentatively set to host Winter Carnival. - Ideas for the winter carnival were to showcase the cultural diversity present within our St. Michaels school community. - Opportunity to use ASCA Grant - Those in attendance of this November Parent Council meeting will look at scheduling to confirm the date and will bring forward at the December Parent Council Meeting. - Time for the event will be schedule for 5:30pm - 8pm b. Discussion on finding supplier for St. Michael merchandise of gym strip, hoodies, and T-shirts. ACTION: Bart will contact Crow Signs in Pincher Creek to gather information in providing embroidered merchandise for school. - Discussion about setting up an online store once a supplier is confirmed.		
9. Meeting Adjourn	Chair	8:15