

## **September 28, 2022 School Council Meeting Minutes**

Christ the King School



Agenda Prepared by Dean Heck

Chair: Dean Heck

Recorder and Staff Representative: Mandy Rantucci

Trustees: Dawn Miller and Jolyne De Marco

**All present:** Dean Heck (Principal), Mandy Rantucci (Vice Principal), Corrine Keller, Wendy, Jolyne, Davy & Chantelle, Agatha, Valerie, Jeanie

### **Meeting Dates:**

The third Tuesday of every second month (after the September 28 meeting):

- **Wednesday, September 28, 2022 @ 6:30 p.m.**
- **Tuesday, November 15, 2022 @ 6:30 p.m.**
- **Tuesday, January 17, 2023 @ 6:30 p.m.**
- **Tuesday, March 21, 2023 @ 6:30 p.m.**
- **Tuesday, May 16, 2023 @ 6:30 p.m. AGM and year end wrap up**

### **Opening Prayer:**

God, the source of every good gift,

You have called us together as servants to do Your will.

Grant us the light of Your Spirit

To guide us in our responsibilities as a School Council.

May we work together in harmony for the common good.

May we listen to one another in a spirit of genuine respect.

May we encourage and reverence one another's unique talents.

May we use the gifts of the Spirit in creative Christian leadership.

May we approach our decision making through discernment and prayer.

May we respond effectively to the needs of the children in our care.

God of Love,

You give us the gifts of the Holy Spirit for the common good.

May Your blessings radiate from us to others in a new spirit of service.

We ask this through Jesus Christ the Light of the World.

Amen

### **Treaty Acknowledgement:**

We respectfully acknowledge that Christ the King School is located on Treaty 6 territory and traditional lands of First Nations and Métis people whose footsteps have marked this territory for centuries. All of us who live and work here benefit from the signing of this Treaty and have a responsibility to ensure that the spirit of Treaty 6 is honoured and respected.

### **Welcome back and School Report (Mr Heck)**

- Enrollment is up approximately 11 students from projected enrollment
- Retention from grade 9 to grade 10 is trending up. Approximately 72%. This is great to see. Some strategies we are working on to improve that is creating a BHAG of making sure every student in the school has an adult that they have developed some sort of connection with.

- We are seeing a trend of students who have left in grade 10 and are coming back for 11 and 12
- We are seeing a trend in larger class sizes; this is due to funding based on the 3-year rolling average of the government, but we are making do.
- Sports teams have started. Senior teams compete in Edmonton Metro Athletics and our grade 9 teams compete in LDAA.
- Our welcome back BBQ was a huge success. We did not know what to expect, but it was well attended especially from the grade 9 families. We will be doing it next year.
- Christ the King was proud to work with the Parish in their running of the Feast of St. Michael. I know that it is goal from Senior Admin to focus on building those relationships with the Parish

### ***Announcement of staffing updates (Mr Heck)***

As most people know Mr. Guzzo, Mrs. McMullen and Ms. Karasiuk James are enjoying retirement. Mr. Murphy has replaced Mrs. McMullen and Ms. Blackburn (who was on staff the last two years) has taken over the classes of Ms. Karasiuk James. Mr. Randy Olson has transferred to CTK from Holy Trinity. Mrs. Oudith has taken on the duties of LSF (from Ms. KJ) Mrs. Black and Mrs. Kastelic Schenk have returned from maternity leave. Ms. Rantucci has joined me in administration transferring from St. Benedict's School.

### ***Upcoming events report at Christ the King: (Ms. Rantucci)***

#### **October Dates Upcoming:**

Thursday, Sept 20 - Orange Shirt Day  
 Friday - No school - National Truth and Reconciliation Day  
 Thursday, October 6 - 5:00 - 8:00  
 Grade 9 Trip Meeting -  
 October 20 - Grad Meeting (6:30 - 7:30)  
 Oct 7 - Teachers Institute  
 October 11 - Staff Faith Retreat  
 October 14 Picture Retake Day  
 October 27 - Awards Night  
 June 2 - Grad 2023 at Edmonton Radisson

### ***Board Report: Trustee Miller (Jolyne shared a verbal report)***

- *School Board Chair is Henry Efron and Donna Tugwood is the Vice Chair*
- *Toonies for Tuition (STAR came in third for donating money)*
- *Mental Health Grant*
- *Oct 13 (Archbishop, Parish and school principals meet)*
- *Oct 25 - Council of School Councils Meeting*
- *GRACE - Jolyne is the Divisions' GRACE coordinator - Grateful Advocates for Catholic Education (Facebook, Twitter and Instagram pages for GRACE) - Everyone is encouraged to like and share and tag GRACE in their posts and*

### ***Refresh the role of the School Council (Mr. Heck)***

- One of the challenges of the school council particularly in the higher grades is parent involvement. We are going to put information out at our first PTI next Thursday. Also, I think having a Council Chair that is not an admin would be beneficial

***Goal setting: School Council's goal for the year:***

- Goals include: getting more input or feedback families,

***Council shared ideas:*** Agatha spoke about sending out a survey to grade 9 parents as a check in, as well as a grade 12, emails from the school, pd sessions for parents, link the announcements to Instagram page

***Building a presence in the school community:***

Ways for School Council to be visible in a high school setting (Ms. Rantucci)

***Other items Discussed included:***

- Bathroom fears for students - Admin will bring this back to staff
- Vaping - how can this issue be addressed/possible learning evening or events for students and parents
- Presence of Cst Muz in the school
- Parents shared positive feedback about the upcoming play (mentioned ***City Life and Daystar*** as possible locations)

***Meeting adjourned 7:30***

**Next meeting date** is Tuesday, November 15 at 6:30