

Madonna Catholic School Education Society Annual General Meeting

AGM called to order at 7:04pm, April 27, 2022, taking place online via google meet.

In attendance:

Karen A	Jenness S	Kerstin A	Erin C
Laura E	Jean B	Tracey P	Rebecca K
Kim M			

7:05 pm Last meeting's minutes approved by Erin C, seconded by Laura E
Last AGM's meeting minutes approved by Erin C, seconded by Kim M

7:06 pm Karen A leads in prayer & Treaty Acknowledgment

7:08 pm Teacher's report presented by Tracey P

- Pathways
 - PUF Pathways had a fun month learning about dinosaurs and prehistoric animals. Our class especially loved their experience as amateur paleontologists as they dug for bones in our simulated dinosaur bone bed! They had weekly hands-on fossil talks, and were able to understand what made dinosaurs meat and plant eaters by observing real dinosaur teeth. Literacy and numeracy were also dinosaur themed. We enjoyed reading the "How Do Dinosaurs Say Good Night?" book series as well as counting and making patterns out of dinosaurs. Next month's theme is "Creepy Crawlies"!
PUF Pathways also enjoyed our time in the chapel preparing our hearts for Easter as we went through a modified version of stations of the cross. We also had a special art project depicting the crosses on the hill at sunset.
- Kindergarten
 - As it is getting warmer, kindergarten is looking forward to learning about the changes that happen in the spring and what this means to us. We will be putting on our nature detective hats and seeing the world around us with new eyes! With Earth Day and our visit to the Waste Transfer Facility, we are learning all about environmentalism and will be brainstorming ways in which we can help our world.
We are continuing to focus on literacy by listening and telling stories, pulling out sounds and rhymes, and encoding and decoding words. We will put our literacy skills to good use communicating our observations and thoughts. Students continue to grow their numeracy skills, continuing to explore counting and numbers, but also exploring sizes, amounts, and making comparisons.
Kindergarten really enjoyed learning all about Lent and Easter this past month. In addition, students were very motivated and interested in exploring our spirituality through visits to the chapel to learn about the stations of the cross and take part in the prayer labyrinth. Students are growing in their relationship with God!

- Grade 1N
 - Grade 1N has been working with Mrs. Perri on 2D shapes and now Mrs. Noel is continuing on with 3D shapes. Students enjoyed playing the drums and the prayer labyrinth in the chapel last week.
 - class is working very hard on sentence and story writing. Mrs. Perri had the class write a story called "If I Were the Easter Bunny ..." and students read their stories to the adults in the office and also to a classmate. Now we are writing about "Taking Care of the Earth". We had a nature walk around the neighborhood on Earth Day. We are working on some Earth themed crafts too. Students are looking forward to Easter Mass at OLPH church and learning the liturgical responses.
Thank you to the many Hot Lunch volunteers - grade ones always look forward to Friday!
We have started some indoor plants and are waiting for the soil to warm up in our outdoor school garden!
- Grade 2L
 - The Grade 2s have been very busy growing this month! We are getting really good at adding and subtracting 2-digit numbers. Regrouping is a little tricky but we are getting stronger with it each and every day! In Literacy we have been working really hard on our decoding strategies, printing practice and adding more details to our writing. In Religion we have been learning all about the Easter story. We had fun telling this story by opening up some resurrection eggs that shared special symbols with us. We even baked our own resurrection rolls to show how Jesus rose on the third day. In Social we are exploring Meteghan and comparing this Acadian community to ours. And in Science we are finishing up our Hot and Cold Temperature unit. We look forward to our field trip to Telus World of Science in the beginning of May!
- Grade $\frac{2}{3}$
 - Grade 2/3s have been very busy learning lots this month. The grade 2s have been busy practicing their double digit addition and subtraction with regrouping and the grade 3s are just finishing their unit on multiplication and division. In Literacy we have been working really hard at our decoding strategies, making sure that our writing is legible and making sure our sentences and stories are not missing any words or ideas. In Science the grade 2s are finishing up their building unit and got to test their own bridge designs in class. The grade 2s are just finishing their unit on Hot and Cold temperature and enjoyed seeing how effectively their insulators kept an ice cube from melting. In social we are finishing the learning about the community of Meteghan (Gr.2) and country of India (Gr.3) and seeing how they differ from where we live.
- Grade 3
 - Grade 3 has been working really hard this month. We have just finished working on Division and have starting exploring fractions in Math. In Language, we have been working in our Literacy Centers and have introduced cursive writing. We just finished our Building unit in science and had an amazing field trip to Telus World of Science. In social studies, we are studying India and will be learning about Tunisia next.
- Grade 4
 - Grade 4 has been a busy month in 4P! We had the pleasure of leading our first back in person assembly for the whole school. The Grade 4

students did a great job leading our Holy Thursday assembly to prepare us for Easter. We were able to play the Djembe drums for the school at our Early Day assembly. We are currently working on Letter Writing and sending a letter to a Grade 5 student in OLPH or St. Theresa. In Math, we are working on Division and division with remainders. In science, we are working on our Plant unit and growing our own plans. We were able to visit the Telus world of Science this month. In social, we are learning about Alberta's First people. We had the pleasure of creating and making Pysanka eggs in April. Our colourful eggs are in the display case for everyone to see!

- Chaplain
 - This month has been a busy month. We have celebrated Lent and also Easter. During Lent, classes had the opportunity to go into the Chapel to pray the Stations of the Cross. Last week, we had a Prayer Labyrinth in the chapel where students had the opportunity to spend time sending their prayers to God. We have just done our first in-person Mass at OLPH Parish. It was lovely to have our school community together at church.
- Indigenous Lead
 - In March we had the opportunity to explore the Indigenous People's Atlas of Canada. This was a wonderful opportunity for students to look at our country through an Indigenous lens. We learned about animal migration patterns and food sources, different Indigenous groups and the languages they speak, and revisited discussions on residential schools. We are looking forward to and thinking about activities we can do to engage the whole school next year.
- Health & Wellness Champ
 - March and April were all about getting our bodies moving and using the power of positivity. As the weather gets nicer we are going to be focusing on trying to spend more time outdoors. Spending time in the sun with Vitamin D has benefits for both our mental and physical health. Students and classes are encouraged to take their learning and playing outdoors as much as possible for the last two months of school.

7:17 pm Administration report presented by Karen A

- School-wide Mass at the parish ... first time back as a whole school
 - tomorrow at 10:00 am
 - All families are invited to attend with us.
- AMAZING & THANKYOU FOR DOING THE \$1500 BAKE SALE
- Thank you for your time to review the data and for your input as we build the Assurance Plan.
- We are just completing the Assurance Plan with a presentation to the Superintendent and CLS on May 11th. We will share this with you in the fall.
- Budget for next year is completed:
- Teaching Staff needed is concluded teachers placement is not completed.
- This will be shared in the smore once we know.
 - PUF - Pre K
 - Kindergarten M/W T/TH ...
and 4 students full day everyday fee \$425 for them

- 2- Gr. 1
 - 2- Gr. 2
 - 1- Gr. 3
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 - 1- Gr. 4
- Ms. Forslund is still out on a leave of absence ... Mrs. Kiel has indicated that she will stay on ... Students are doing great with her.
 - Mrs. Noel has returned from her leave, we thank Mrs. Perri for taking her class, she has done an amazing job.
 - New Position being added to our school Program Assistant so the Library/as a Learning Commons. It is open 2 afternoons to assist students with literacy and numeracy and projects
 - Class Pictures on May 16 for the entire school except on May 17 T/TH kindergarten class pic's



7:23 pm Jean B to speak on **REAL** golf tournament

May 25 at the Broadmoor golf course. Starts right at 8:00am. A unique tournament that is a charitable donation when you arrive. No set fee. You receive breakfast & lunch as well as refreshments along the course. All included. The foundation asks for donations, which is tax deductible. There will be a raffle with 200 available tickets at a cost of \$50 per ticket. The prize is: 1 week in Vegas, \$1,000 airfare plus \$500 spending money for grand prize. On sale right now! Contact Karen A for ticket information. Everyone is welcome! No need for golf experience

7:27 pm Karen A continues Admin report

- Face to Face Ministries on May 17th All students from PUF Pre K to Grade 4 ... Faith-Inspired Motivational Day ... (Real Foundation Supports this) ... note golf tournament below.
- Catholic Education Week -- May 23rd to 27th.
Grace Poster Contest due (grateful advocates for Catholic education)

Rosary Walk

Staff .. 5 Marks of Catholic leader

Students will wear blue, chalk art activities and school prayers that week will be acknowledging Catholic Education.

- Volunteer Appreciation afternoon ... Friday, June 3rd @ 1:00 pm ~ 1hr. Invites will be going out in May
- Gr. 4 Farwell & Picnic Thursday, June 23rd 10:00 am .. Assembly ... parents will be invited in ... The school will provide flavoured water /coffee/ donuts / for students and their parents.
- School Council has historically paid for the crosses that are gifted to the students. We had to purchase crosses this as buy them in bundles of 100 and they last for a couple of years.
- Whole School Field trip ... last day of school for Grade's 1 to 4 ... Parents are welcome, more the merrier to the zoo
- School Fees approval
New Curriculum
- ... teachers are starting the PD ... they will be out 3 to 6 days between now and the end of the school year to do this.
- 3 Full days prior to the school year ... called back earlier and will be paid for each day.
Promotional Video ... almost complete ... maybe by Friday this week.
(Enrollment is down)
- Hot dog day for students is June 17
- **SCHOOL FEES APPROVAL:**



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School Fee Schedule

For the 2022/2023 School Year

Last Updated: 04/27/22

Fee Name	2022/2023 Fee Amount
Activity Fees	
<i>(Fee amount could change due to availability - cost recovery only)</i>	
ECS Field Trips	\$250.00
Gr 1 Field Trips	\$250.00
Gr 2 Field Trips	\$250.00
Gr 3 Field Trips	\$250.00
Gr 4 Field Trips	\$250.00
Swimming Lessons Grd 1 to 4	\$80.00
Young Author's Conference - Student Fees	\$30.00
Cafeteria Sales, Hot Lunch, Milk Programs	
Milk Program - Price Per Carton	\$2.00
Non-Curricular Goods & Services	
Agenda - Student - Student Fees	\$15.00
Bus Pass Replacement Fee	\$5.00
Message Pouch	\$15.00
NSF \$25 Fee	\$25.00
Sales of Other Supplies and Services	
Recorder - Student Fees	\$15.00
Technology User Fees	
Tech Fee K-3	\$20.00

- Council members approve the new School Fee Schedule

7:33 pm Trustee report presented by Jean B

- June's board meeting will be held in Fort Saskatchewan at St John XXIII school
- CPAC meeting has been discussed
- Superintendent has been making his appearance in all of the schools
 - Will be at Madonna the first Friday in June at 8:00am to meet the staff
- Blue prints & spice coming up next week
- GRACE provincial summit being held May 20 in Calgary
 - EICS "excellence in Catholic education awards". Teachers and support staff to be recognized. 5 nominees for teachers Principal at OLPH school, Principal at Holy Spirit and Champlin at ABJ...who was the winner amongst the teachers

- Support staff, were 3 nominees - ABJ EA & library tech, St Luke's secretary and Our lady of Angel EA, who was also the winner
- Edwin Par Alberta school board association recognizes 1st year teachers. A nominee from each zone. 6 zones of school boards across the province. EICS is zone 2/3. This year there were 7 nominations
 - Holy redeemer
 - Madonna
 - St Andre bisset
 - St John XXIII
 - Our lady of mount pleasant
 - Holy Spirit * who was the winner from EICS
 - Who is now in the running with 16 other nominees
 - Winner will be announced May 20
- Throughout the district there has been alot of support for Ukraine

Karen A to add:

- St. Nicholas has one family from the Ukraine. A community member has given this family a home to live and the community has worked to meet their needs
- More Ukrainian families will be coming to our district, into the Ukrainian programs within the schools
- Catholic Social Services is the hub for bringing in the Ukrainian refugees
- May 30 is staff appreciation. More details to come
- Jean B is wondering how the parent groups are working out with online meetings
 - Feedback is good. Could be the preferred choice for council meetings

7:44 pm Chair report presented by Kerstin A

- Thank you to everyone that baked and bought from the bake sale. Amazing support! Over \$1500 was raised
- Thank you to everyone that supported Stawnichy's and Salisbury Greenhouse fundraiser. \$1,000 was raised
- Shrove Tuesday was a hit. Council had a blast & kids enjoyed
- Council passes a vote to pay for the Grade 4's crosses
- CPAC meeting notes from March 21
 - No covid update, no classes have been put online in over a month
 - Discussed sister school in Ukraine, that EICS was raising funds to send directly to the school
 - 2022/2023 school year calendar has been approved
- Save on Foods, Wye road & Cobbs, Wye road, fundraiser continues on
- We are currently looking for a parent to volunteer to shadow Laura E for next year, as our hot lunch coordinator position will need to be filled fall of 2023
- Fall 2023, the position of Secretary will also need to be filled
- Annual report
 - Executives:

- Chair- Kerstin Adamson
 - Secretary- Jenness Stang
 - Treasurer- Erin Cholak
- September (council meeting September 29, 2021)
 - school photos. Thank you to parent volunteers
 - Orange shirt day
 - Terry Fox run
- October (council meeting October 27, 2021)
 - Crazy Hair Day
 - Hot Lunch starts this month
 - Bear Tracks Ice Melt Fundraiser
 - Bend The Rules Day
 - Halloween Treat Bags (provided by Council)
- November (no council meeting this month)
 - Remembrance Day Virtual Celebration
 - Loose Parts Play
 - Book Fair
 - Virtual Priest Visit
 - Virtual Parent/Teacher Interviews (Council provided meals for teachers)
- December (council meeting December 1, 2021)
 - Bend the Rules
 - Spirit Day- Christmas Colors
 - Class Christmas Party (Council provided Popcorn/Juice)
 - Stuff a Stocking
 - Video Recording of Christmas Concert
- January (council meeting January 19, 2022)
 - Swimming Lessons Start
 - Bottle Drive Fundraiser
 - Tournament of Books
- February (council meeting February 16, 2022)
 - Random Acts of Kindness Week
 - Report Cards
 - Tournament of Books
 - Valentines Day Activities
 - Swimming Lesson
- March (council meeting March 18, 2022)
 - Shrove Tuesday (Council provided pancakes for the school)
 - Ash Wednesday
 - Swimming Lessons
 - Popcorn Day (Supplied by Council)
 - Spring Fundraiser (Stawnichy's and Salisbury Greenhouse)
 - Parent/Teacher interviews (In person and virtual)
 - Bake Sale (Fundraiser for Sister School in Ukraine)

- April (council meeting April 27, 2022)
 - School Spirit Day- Animal Day
 - Priest Visit
 - Earth Day- Shoe Drive
- May (no council meeting)
 - Rosary Walk
- June (council meeting scheduled for June 8, 2022)
 - Hot Dog Day (Council provided)
 - Year End Field Trip
- “We had a very busy year, filled with smiles from the children and our amazing parent volunteers. Without them, none of this is possible. We have a great parent community within Madonna Catholic School, and I am proud to be a member. Thank you all for your continued support and dedication to your children.
All in all, this was my first year as Chair and I think it went very well. I learned a lot and have much more room to grow. I look forward to continuing to serve the Madonna community.
Thank you for the amazing year,
Kerstin Adamson
Chair- Madonna Catholic Education Society”
- Special Resolutions
 - Bylaws were rewritten & amended
 - Did not contain any virtual references
 - Both Council & Karen A were sent a copy
 - Bylaws were approved by motion of majority approval

7:53 pm

Treasurer report presented by Erin C

May 1 2021 - April 30 2022 FUNDRAISING SOCIETY INCOME STATEMENT MADONNA CATHOLIC EDUCATION

OPENING BALANCE		\$ 14,383.52
INCOME:		
Save on Food Fundraiser	\$	694.38
HOT LUNCH Cycle 1 & Beertrucks	\$	14,044.82
Bottle Drive	\$	431.20
HOT LUNCH Cycle 2	\$	9,430.38
Spring Fundraiser	\$	4,802.56
INTEREST	\$	92.70
Ukraine Bake Sale Fundraiser	\$	667.13
Float replacement	\$	224.94
TOTAL INCOME	\$	30,387.91
EXPENSES:		
Hot lunch Cycle 1	\$	7,965.66
Hot lunch Cycle 2	\$	5,216.24
Salisbury Greenhouse		
Stawickich's		
Ukraine Bake Sale	\$	1,546.70
Float	\$	100.00
School Council Activities		
Halloween treat bags	\$	201.06
Christmas Popcorn Bags	\$	39.84
Teacher Appreciation lunch	\$	975.31
SHROVE TUESDAY (2022)	\$	164.55
AGM meeting Fee	\$	25.00
Support to School		
Grade 4 Farewell	\$	209.36
Extra Masks	\$	84.95
Administrative		
Computer for Chair	\$	294.83
Printer Ink	\$	22.03
BANK FEES/MISC	\$	54.58
OPENING BALANCE	\$	14,383.52

- Total income from the year: \$30,387.91
- Total expenses from the year:\$16,900.11
- Bank balance as of March 31:\$27,871.32
- Net income: \$13,487.80
- Erin C would like a separate account for just hot lunch email transfers to come into. Council majority approves
- Laura E confirmed that paypal is an option for hot lunch payments

7:59pm Kerstin A

- Need 2 members to audit Bylaws
 - Kerstin A volunteered
 - Laura E volunteered
- Election of our board for 2022/2023
 - Bylaw was amended to 1 year terms
 - Kerstin A nominates
 - Secretary, Jenness Stang
 - Treasurer, Erin Cholak
 - Laura E & Kim M as directors
 - Laura E nominates
 - Chair, Kerstin Adamson
 - All approved for positions
- Motion to amend Bylaws
 - Erin C approved. Seconded by Kim M & Laura E

8:02 pm Open discussion

- Erin C would like a teacher representative to attend council meetings and express their needs from council
 - Karen A responds: at one time we had that but have since moved away from that. Teachers within Madonna have all of their supply needs met.
 - Tracey P responds: teachers really appreciate council paying for dinners for the teachers during events like parent teacher interviews, etc.
 - An idea is that council perhaps supplies “spur of the moment” random snacks and words of encouragement
- Kerstin A to add: we still have grant money to allocate
 - Courses “intro to council”. 5 members plus principal would be needed to attend

8:09 pm Meeting adjourned

Next meeting scheduled for Wednesday, June 8 at 7:00pm