



Joan Carr Catholic
Elementary/Junior High
School

Joan Carr School Council

November 13, 2024
6:30pm
In Person at Joan Carr/Online

Attendees: Morin Omorinsola (President)
Mariam Atseyinku (Vice President)
Joseph Marcos (Secretary)

Regrets:

Please read: N/A

Please bring: N/A

Minutes

Agenda Item: 1. Call to Order **Presenter:** Mr. Deforge

Darrin called the meeting to order at 6:30pm. [Quorum was present in person and online]

Agenda Item: 2. Prayer **Presenter:** Mr. Deforge

Agenda Item: 3. Treaty Acknowledgement **Presenter:** Mr. Deforge

Agenda Item: 4. Approval of Agenda **Presenter:** President Morin

Motion to approve Agenda by Morin Omorinsola, seconded by Joanne Nash

Agenda Item: 5. Approval of Minutes **Presenter:** President Morin

Motion to approve Meeting Minutes of October 2 by Morin Omorinsola, seconded by Joanne Nash

Agenda Item: 6. School Report **Presenter:** Mr. Deforge

Supporting Literacy

Presentation by Mrs. Caveny

Video "Science of Reading"

5 Pillars: Phonic Awareness, Phonics, Fluency, Vocabulary, Comprehension

UFLI Implementation for Grades K-3

Request to purchase Reading Strategies Book for K-6 Teachers, contains strategies and lessons. Previously used with success by both Mr. Deforge and Mrs. Caveny at Corpus Christi. \$60-\$70/book, ~35copies required.

Mr. Deforge: suggests to motion to the Fund Raising Association to support up to \$2500 for book purchase.

Book Fair Support - \$8000 from fair funds were used to fund program last year. Next Bookfair at Demo of Learning.

Reading Star Slips, current rewards (Launchpad) less appeal with Junior High students, suggest Gift Cards for Books, \$60-\$100. Motion to be brought to FRA.

Morin: Clarify resources purchased will be good for years forward.

Mr. Deforge: UFLI and Reading Strategies are well recommended and show positive chance, provide teachers with options. Teachers know the best resources, administration does not have the same direct experience. Similar options for Math to be piloted.

Question from floor: For parents how do we know our child's learning needs and state.

Mrs. Caveny: Check with child's teacher for areas they are working on, are doing well in and require improvement.

Mr. Deforge: Our Priorities based on UDL (Universal Design for Learning) Study

Number one factors for student achievement: Visible Learning, Student Portfolio provides learning intentions, goals and feedback. What, why and how they are learning.

Restorative Practice, related to conflict and ongoing issues, students harmed/doing harm able to have face to face. Punitive piece involved in process/education. Showing decrease in number of suspensions, focus on ownership/learning. Well established in world of social workers.

Collaboration, all teachers in specific grade assembled to have discussion about specific student issues with resource facilitators. Development of solutions for specific student issues witnessed by all. Teacher generated strategies.

Working on Development of Strategy Playbook. Bank of strategies developed by teachers.

Parent Engagement – Survey – Key Areas for Feedback

Mr. Deforge: Survey Discrepancies

Alberta Government Survey - 15 parents responded

ECSD Parent Survey - 27% response

Division Survey Coming – paper survey, often gets a better response rate

Provincial Achievement Results

Mr Deforge: 1 Year of Provincial Achievement Exams

Key Strengths

1. Improvement in PAT Excellence from 13.5 to 26.3
2. Education Quality 88.9%
3. Decline in Citizenship, still good

Areas of Notable Improvement

1. PAT Excellence
2. Teaching and Leading
3. Student Learning Engagement

Concerns

1. Parental Involvement - Assurance Survey 15 responses
2. Decline in overall rating but parental survey still shows good standing
3. Supports and Services Access, declined from 87.6% to 81.1% - We have hired more Teaching Assistants

Recommended Steps

1. Parental Engagement Strategies – Literacy Night Being Planned
2. Support Service Enhancement
3. Student Engagement Initiative

Parent Assurance Survey Results Review

Mr. Deforge

Curriculum is Changing (Science, Social)

Review of recommended steps

Demo of Learning

November 28 – Importance of portfolios

Agenda Item: 7. Open Discussion

Presenter: Mr. Deforge

Looking for ways to increase Parent Engagement

Feedback Platforms and Focus – Use of Survey items broken into themes starting January Council Meeting. i.e. Wellness and Student Achievement. Topic to be sent in advance for discussion.

Morin -Suggestions for Online Survey or direct Email to Student Council

Adriana – Survey Monkey has metric feedback, requires paid service. Google forms is free but has no metrics.

Randy – May have another option available

Mr. Deforge - Feedback needed on how best to do this

Floor responses – encourage discussion among friends/parents

-alternative Slideo has QR codes and metrics

Morin – Goal to get survey out before Christmas for January Meeting

Mr. Deforge – suggest comments with limited characters

Agenda Item: 8. Next Meeting

Presenter: President Morin

Proposal to set future meeting dates

January 15

March 12

May 14

Looking for best way to remind parents – flyers?

Interest in Person or Hybrid

January – Online

March – In Person

All Agreed

Agenda Item: 9. Adjournment

Presenter: Mr. Deforge

Meeting Adjourned at 7:40pm