

Joan Carr School Advisory Society
April 26, 2023 : 6:00pm
Joan Carr School Library Commons

Attendees: Jonathan Seib (Chair)
Joanne Nash (Vice Chair)
Darrin Deforge (Principal)
Michelle Koshka (Vice Principal)
Andrew Nemeth
Tamara Korassa

MINUTES

Principal Darrin Deforge opened with prayer.

- Call to order.
President Jonathan Seib called the meeting to order at 6:01pm
- A motion was made to approve the agenda as present.
Approved
- A motion was made to approve meeting minutes from March 8, 2023.
Approved
- Principal Deforge presented the school report;
 - **Draft for Equity, Diversity, Inclusion and Anti-Racism (EDIAR):** No major changes were proposed to the draft which was well received by parents. Council strategies to promote the values of the school and noted that, to date, many of the school's current activities aligned well with the document which also had alignment with the recently established school Mission Statement.
 - **School Dress Code:** Parents noted the draft dress code provided good guidelines for teachers and faculty to enforce appropriate wear and promote safety while allowing appropriate flexibility for student expression in apparel. Some discussion was had with regard to ensuring application of the Dress Code accounted for equal application of body types.
 - **Student Conduct:** Student Code of Conduct was circulated and it was noted how the document is largely dictated by provincial guidelines. Discussion on correctional methods for staff as well as communication to students regards, in particular, bullying, was had. Mr. DeForge noted the practical philosophy

employed by the administration called **Restorative Practice**. Parents asked if that philosophy could be included in the Code of Conduct.

- **Registration Numbers:** Mr. DeForge noted the new enrollment numbers for the fall now sits at approximately 740 students. The influx of students from Bishop David Matiuk is higher than expected. Mr. DeForge and Council discussed potential challenges and opportunities associated with this influx including how classes will be divided and managed as well as hiring to occur over the summer.
- **School Division Survey:** Council reviewed the latest survey from the school noting areas for improvement relative to the rest of the division including integration and involvement of the local Parish to promote religious awareness and education, improved communication with students about supports resources and charitable events, and promotion of resources to parents regarding involvement in student education and activities.
- Next Meeting to be held online (via Teams) on May 24, 2023.
- Meeting Adjourned at 7:06pm.