

Racette Parent Advisory
Meeting Date: Wednesday, Nov. 15, 2023
Time: 7:30 pm

1. Call to order - 7:37pm

a. Welcome - Prayer and Land Acknowledgement:

*Our Father, Who art in heaven,
Hallowed be Thy Name.
Thy Kingdom come.
Thy Will be done,
On earth as it is in Heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
As we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil.
Amen*

*I wish to also respectfully
acknowledge that we gather today
on Treaty 6 Territory, a traditional
gathering place for many Indigenous
Peoples both past and present.*

- b. Attendance - Tracey H, Emilie L, Cindy L, Alma N, Pennie Z, Trustee Sylvie Smyl, Admin Andrea Austin, Admin Corinne Pashko**
- c. Teacher Representative - n/a**
- d. Additions to the agenda - Fundraising (Old Business), School name (Old Business)**

2. Old Business:

a. Fundraising

- **Flowers and gift cards are on schedule**
- **Order pick-up - Monday, November 27 from 2:45pm - 6:30pm**
- **Cindy is continuing to look at fundraising ideas for the spring**

b. School Name Update

- **Official name is Ecole Racette Junior High School**
- **Any official changes would require following a formal process which is not being pursued at this time**

3. Trustee Report -

- **November 8, 2023 - [board meeting highlights](#)**
- **Community Consultations - the Board is looking to promote engagement with parents and community stakeholders about educational issues. The Board is forming a community consultation committee that will be a committee of the whole.**
- **ATA Agreement - The Board and teachers have ratified local terms for a new collective agreement.**
- **Calendar for 2024-2025 - will be seeking feedback from parents, staff, and community stakeholders in a way similar to last year. Parents appreciated having two calendar options to choose from.**

- **SchoolMessenger - Phase 2 (Safe Arrival - attendance component) is planned for early 2024.**
- **Scholarship Program - Our local community is very generous. A video highlighting the scholarships and their recipients will be coming out soon.**
- **Local Authorities Election Act Review - The provincial government is seeking input on the Local Authorities Elections Act which governs school trustee and municipal elections. A public survey is open until December 6.**
- **New Insurance Provider - The Division has changed insurance providers which has saved \$350,000 this year**
- **Minister of Education Visit - SPERD representatives had an opportunity to meet with Minister Demetrios Nicolaides on October 12. Trustee Smyl and Superintendent Barron met with the Minister in Edmonton.**
- **Communication - Trustee Smyl asked parents to reflect on the communication shared by the Board and Division to parents and the community. Trustee Smyl accepted feedback from parents.**

4. Principal's Report -

Since the Oct. 18, 2023 meeting: Curling has started (24 participants), Nov. 8th - Remembrance Day Celebration, meeting with Assistant Superintendent Keith Gamblin to discuss our Assurance Plan
 Upcoming: SPAA Volleyball -Monday, Nov. 20th, Report cards - Nov. 21st, Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews - Nov. 23rd, Dec. 5th - Advent Liturgy, Dec. 11th - Reconciliation, Dec. 21st - Fine Arts Showcase

- **our application for furniture from the Alberta Redtape Reduction Warehouse was approved**

5. New Business

- none**

6. 2023/24 Executive positions available -Chair and Secretary

- Volunteers for these positions are asked to express their interest via letter submitted to the principal.

7. Next Meeting: January 17, 2024 @ 7:00pm

8. Meeting Adjourned: 8:40pm