

Racette Parent Advisory
Meeting Date: Wednesday, Oct. 16/24
Time: 7:00 pm



→ Call to order - 7:04 pm

- ◆ Welcome - *Prayer and Land Acknowledgement*
- ◆ Attendance - 14 parents, Principal Andrea Austin,
Admin Corinne Pashko
- ◆ Teacher Representative - n/a
- ◆ Additions to the agenda - n/a
- ◆ Approval of agenda - n/a
- ◆ Review and approval of minutes - n/a

→ Old Business:

- ◆ Tech update
 - all Smart boards have been replaced with TVs
 - teachers have new chromebooks with a stylus to cast to the TVs
 - transition has been fairly smooth
 - next phase will be to add audio

- ◆ Cafeteria lease
 - Bistro 56 is the new food provider
 - very open to feedback - contact Principal Andrea Austin if you have any comments or concerns to be brought forward

→ Trustee Report - report submitted

- the Board is in conversation with the Transportation department (Amy Whalen) and the province about the Main Street crosswalk. Consideration is being given to moving the bus lane.
 - Principal Andrea Austin shared that the crosswalk was very busy in September with some close calls for staff
 - the school is working closely with the Town, Peace Officer, and RCMP
- design stage of new school in Mallaig is complete
- updates to the Education Plan are being made. Catholic schools in the Division have updated their plans as well to include the 5 Marks of a Catholic School as well as other faith-infused aspects.
- Racette's field trip to Quebec for French Immersion students was approved
- the Division is seeing a slight increase in overall enrollment
- the Division has received another dual credit grant, creating even more partnerships with local post secondary institutions
- the Board's new policy on cell phone use in classrooms as ordered by the provincial government is underway
- the Board had a presentation by students and staff on new technology in schools
- schools are submitting their Christmas plans (concert, dinner). The Board approved delivery of Christmas trays to schools.

→ **Principal's Report -**

- ❖ Week of Welcome activities were held - not a lot of participants
- ❖ Marked by God - attended by admin., Hosted Catholic Faith Formation day
- ❖ Terry Fox Walk/Run was held Friday, Sept. 27th with a Family Challenge to follow
- ❖ Volleyball/Volunteer coaches - thanks to those that are volunteering
- ❖ National Day for Truth & Reconciliation honored
- ❖ SPAA Golf on Sept. 17th (Boys placed 1st and girls won bronze)
- ❖ SPAA Cross Country - Sept. 26th -won both banners
- ❖ Catholic Education Week Oct 19-25 - wear blue on Thursday to support Catholic Ed
- ❖ Education Plan - condensed version coming soon
- ❖ Staffing
- ❖ Grade 9 field trip

→ **New Business**

- ◆ Assessment for non-core subjects in gr 7-9 - parent correspondence to follow
 - **new direction for the Division - our school is piloting**
 - **teachers find that courses with few blocks or periods in a week are difficult to assess regularly and in-depth**
 - **students will receive letter grades (E, P, D, INS) on their report cards rather than percentages**
 - **non-core subjects will no longer be a part of the calculation for Awards**

- ◆ **QUESTION - Can more consistency be applied to Athletic Awards where all sports are the same in what they recognize rather than some sports giving many awards and other sports that only giving a couple?**

- ◆ **QUESTION - Can parents be notified which sport their child is receiving their award in? (can help to prepare the child for a potential disappointment)**

- ◆ **QUESTION - SPECS has a school supply drop-off day prior to the beginning of the year. Would Racette consider doing something similar with school supplies and lockers?**
 - **this is difficult since locker assignments are connected to Family groups and these are not finalized until just before the first day of school**
 - **students are not required to bring all of their supplies on the first day of school. Supplies can be brought over the first few days of school.**

→ **Next Meeting: 7:00 pm on November 27, 2024 (please note that this is the last Wed. of the month)**

→ **Meeting Adjourned: 7:40 pm**