

Racette Parent Advisory
Meeting Date: Wednesday, March 12, 2025
Time: 7:00 pm

1. Call to order -

- **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.*

Valley of the Birdtail

- **Attendance - 4 parents, Trustee Sylvie Smyl, Principal Andrea Austin, Admin Corinne Pashko**
- **Additions to the agenda**

2. Old Business:

- Dare to Care - School Council Grant? Up to \$1000
 - **Presentation of the modules is going well with with first grade 7 group**
 - **Discussion about how to spend the School Council Grant followed. Parents would like to see the grant used to support parent needs. An email will be sent to parents to get feedback on their needs to see how the grant can be used to address them.**

3. Trustee Report -

- **[Board Meeting Highlights](#) from March 12, 2025**
- **Discussion on a proposed 2026-2027 calendar was held. Feedback was that parents like their children to start after the September long weekend when possible and to continue as close to Christmas as possible before leaving for Christmas break.**
- **The Board received an update from the technology department. Racette switched to using TVs instead of Smart Boards, and this has been going well. Chromebooks are also being purchased so schools have updated technology.**
- **The County of St. Paul has made the decision to offer 5 scholarships rather than water bottles to graduates this year. The \$1000 scholarships will be aimed at students who are pursuing post secondary education in the fields of health care, trades, agriculture, and general education.**

4. Principal's Report - Since the last meeting (Jan. 22/25)

- SPAA curling was held Jan. 29-30th: Girls and Mixed teams won their respective banners
- Grade 8 students went to Kinsoo on Feb. 26th

- Relics Tour at Cathedral (5 classes) - January 23rd
- Gr. 9 NET Retreat - Feb. 11th
- Kindness Day: wore pink and TWB activity Feb. 26th
- Shrove Tuesday Breakfast
- Ash Wednesday Liturgy
- Lent slides & prayer (Lenten Activities -in Religion classes)
- CATeam continuing with Food Bank project - toured the Food Bank
- Prayer intention and health updates for Pope Francis in morning announcements
- Grade 9 - Parent open house was held March 4th, all students @ RHS March 12th @ 1 pm for presentation
- Welcome to Carrie Bergum (replacing Cara Anderson) and Alexa Siermachesky (student teacher working with the French Immersion classes)
- Substitute Teacher Appreciation Week - March 10-14

Upcoming:

- ❖ March 14th - grade 9 ski trip
 - ❖ Le 17 - 21 mars - Semaine de la Francophonie - présentation par Daniel Gervais, lundi, le 17 mars à 10h40
 - ❖ March 18th - Report Cards
 - ❖ March 19th - P/T/S Interviews (5:30 - 7:30 pm)
 - ❖ March 19th - Reconciliation
 - ❖ Badminton started today - tournament April 12th (St. Paul schools)
- **At one time, there was discussion about adding a cross to the exterior of the school building. An update was requested. Andrea will look into this.**

5. New Business

- St. Paul Multi-season Outdoor Recreation Facility - looking for feedback
 - **A suggestion was made to have the ice covered with a lean-to to reduce snow removal**
- School Fees -feedback?
 - **none**
- AEA Survey - Information mailed out to all grade 7 parents (all gr. 7 students will complete during SST)
- Tech dept is looking into a more user friendly communication method for coaches/teams/parents
- Option for school supplies "School Start"
 - **School Start is a company that allows parents to buy school supplies online. Andrea will look further into the possible purchase options (complete grade level package vs individual items)**
- ASCA Spring Symposium
 - **Information was shared with the parents in attendance**

- **2024-2025 Executive positions available - Chair and Secretary**

Are there any nominations or volunteers for these positions?

6. **Next Meeting:** Wednesday, April 23, 2025 @ 7:00 pm

7. **Meeting Adjourned:** 7:50 pm