

Racette School Council
Meeting Date: Wednesday, Sept. 21, 2022
Time: 7:00 pm

1. Call to order - at 7:07 pm

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 - Tracy H, Jennifer L, Justene L, Alma N, Pennie Z, Trustee Sylvie Smyl, Principal Andrea Austin, Admin Corinne Pashko**
- c. Teacher Representative - n/a**
- d. Additions to the agenda - two additions were made under New Business**
- e. Approval of agenda - Tracy H moved to approve the amended agenda, Justine seconded**
- f. Review and approval of minutes - Alma N moved to approve, Jenn L seconded**

2. Old Business:

- a. Repairs have been completed to the road on the west side of the school.
- b. ASCA Grant - The Parent Resource Library has been established. Resources may be signed out at the office. Books will be highlighted bi-weekly on social media.

3. Trustee Report -

[meeting highlights](#)

- **ASCA Engagement Grant is available to councils again this year. Trustee Smyl will be forwarding information to councils. The grant is available to councils who are functioning as Parent Advisory Councils as well. More information is included here:**
<https://www.albertaschoolcouncils.ca/school-councils/workshops/alberta-school-council-engagement-asce-grant>
- **The Division package of ASCA Workshops is also still available. Two more workshops can be scheduled. A summary of available workshops can be accessed here:**
<https://www.albertaschoolcouncils.ca/school-councils/workshops/workshops-2021-2022>
- **Board Chair Heather Starosielski resigned. Trustee Sylvie Smyl was voted in as chair.**
- **Peter Barron is the new superintendent. He is excellent to work with and will be visiting all division schools soon.**
- **School busses are now allowed to drive at posted speed limits.**

4. Principal's Report -

Since the May 2022 meeting:

- Current enrolment at Racette is 250
- We have returned to Family cohorts and students moving from class to class.
- Our beginning of the school year format was changed somewhat.
 - **Parents shared feedback that students appreciated the changes to the first day of school.**
- School sports involving golf, cross country running, and boys and girls volleyball have seen very high numbers of students participating.
- Upcoming events include Orange Shirt Day on September 27, Cross Country SPAA on Sept. 28th, Thanksgiving Mass, family activity and Terry Fox run/walk on October 6th, Halloween dress-up on October 31. Golf took place Sept. 20th. The boys golf team placed first and the girls team placed second at the SPAA Championship on Tuesday.

5. New Business

a. Proposed meeting dates:

- **Wednesday, Oct. 19, 2022**
- **Wednesday, Nov. 16, 2022**
- **Wednesday, Jan. 18, 2023**
- **Wednesday, Feb. 22, 2023**
- **Wednesday, March 15, 2023**
- **Wednesday, April 19, 2023**
- **Wednesday, May 17, 2023**

NOTE: No meetings are held in December and June.

b. 2022-2023 Executive positions available - Chair and Secretary

- Are there any nominations or volunteers for these positions?
 - **No volunteers or nominations were presented.**

c. Water fountain

- **A parent suggested that the water fountain by the gym be upgraded to a style similar to the hallway wing.**

d. Awards Nights

- **A question was raised about the format of awards nights this year (virtual vs in-person) as well as the possibility of returning to the potluck**
- **Admin confirmed that awards nights are back to in-person**
- **The school wants to keep the two awards nights on an even plane. While a potluck is not being considered at this time, it can be re-evaluated.**

6. **Next Meeting:** Wednesday, October 19, 2022 @ 7:00 pm **AGM**

7. **Meeting Adjourned: at 7:57 pm by Andrea A**