

School Council Meeting Minutes– March 1, 2021

1. Called to order at 6:31 pm

Virtual Attendees: Cathy Giesbrecht, Monique Aultman, Suzanne Morton, Lori Beerwart, Michelle MacKay, Lisa Pasichnyk, Meg Tosto, Helen Jamieson.

2. Acknowledgment – Monique Aultman

ESSMY acknowledges that it is gathering on the original lands of the Cree, those of Treaty 6, and on the homeland of the Metis Nation. Thank you Creator.

Prayer – Monique Aultman

God of Love, through this Lenten journey, purify my desires to serve you.

Free me from any temptations to judge others, to place myself above others.

Please let me surrender even my impatience with others, that with your love and your grace, I might be less and less absorbed with myself, and more and more full of the desire to follow you, in laying down my life according to your example. I ask this in Jesus' name. Amen

3. Review of the Agenda

4. Approval of the February 2, 2021 Minutes, as presented:

Proposed by Suzanne, Seconded by Lori

5. Chairperson Report – Suzanne Morton

Alberta School Council Association (ASCA) will be hosting their annual conference virtually on April 23-25. Any parents interested in attending, please email Suzanne for further information essmy.council.school@gmail.com

6. Trustee Report – Joan Crockett

This report was provided after the meeting and is attached below as an addendum to these minutes. [March School Report.pdf](#)

7. Administrator Report – Cathy Giesbrecht

Faith Report

How does ESSMY make our faith come alive? Morning prayers that are tied to the liturgical year.

On track for grade level faith retreats - to take place in April.

Lenten Service Projects

Focus on Vulnerable Youth

The goal is 100 Baskets for 100 New Beginnings.

Fun homeroom challenges and activities. (In past years these included pies in the face, teachers taped to the wall etc.)

March 4th - Virtual Open House

Looking forward to this new virtual format.

A new website has been created to complement the open house:

exploreesmy.gsacd.ab.ca

Fête de la Francophonie - March 10th

We will celebrate the International French Language Day with a folk music video performance and treating our students with little maple cones (tire in a cone), sponsored by the ACFA. These will be individually wrapped for COVID safety.

Parent-Teacher-Student Interviews

March 24th and 25th – The interviews will be virtual with a maximum of five minute time slots per teacher.

Longer meetings can be booked for another date by directly emailing the teacher(s).

Link to register will be sent out after Open House

Registration 2021-2022

Registrations are coming along well. We are anticipating stable enrolment despite several factors that can play a role such as online learners who may choose to stay online, the Covid situation and vaccination program etc.

Administration Change

We will be announcing the plan for ESSMY's new administration before spring break.

8. Unfinished/Business Arising

Grade 9 graduation plans

In past years, the celebration included a mass and potluck reception. This year will look much different: the church capacity cannot accommodate the students and their families for a mass, and it is expected that a potluck will not meet covid restrictions. After spring break a committee of interested grade 9 students and teachers will be formed to plan the theme, assign participants for the mass, and create a video production team. More details to come in April and May.

Grade 9 immunizations

Permission packages have been sent home. Further details are forthcoming.

9. Adjourned at 7:15 pm

10. Next Meeting: April 6, 2021