

**ST. TERESA OF AVILA
SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
October 20, 2019**

1) Call to Order

- Call to order by Ashley at 6:30pm

2) Opening Reflection

- Read by Chris

3) Introductions/Roll Call

- Kim Sinclair, Jodi Gaschnitz, Ashley Hutchinson, Kate Romanoff, Nicole Zimmerman, Tara Leis, Stephanie Dieser, Vern Pederson, Gilbert Gabriel, Luz Blanco, Chris McCullough, Melissa Ramsay, Connie Slepicka, Lynsey Durbak, Rozalyn Vickery, and Martha Avalos

4) Kudos

- All parents for picture day!
- Stephanie for manually entering all orders for the fundraiser campaign!

5) Additions and Approval of Agenda

- Kim approved
- Ashley second

6) Approval of Sept Minutes

- Ashley approved
- Jody second

7) Principal Report - Nicole Zimmerman

Lord, light the path and I will lead others

St. Teresa of Avila School Vision Statement: With joyful hearts, we are guided by faith, nurtured by love, enriched by diversity and focused on academic excellence.

**Principal's Report
October 2019**

1. Welcome to our new staff members

Sydney Clark- Health Care Aide Foundations

2. Faith in our School

Grade 4 Bible Celebration was held on Wednesday, October 2, 2019 at St. Mary's Parish at 10:30 am. Our Grade 4 students were so proud to receive their new bibles. The Grade 4 religion program focuses on the bible and they will be using their new bibles to support their learning.

St. Teresa Feast Day was on October 15. We thank 4F and 1R for preparing a beautiful liturgy for us.

Grade 3 Family Mass was held on October 23. It is a beautiful experience for our students to attend a morning mass at Sacred Heart Parish.

Jo(e) Social Media Event

This was a very informative evening. We had 14 participants and the feedback was very positive.

3. Enrollment

Our final September 30th enrollment count is 364.

4. Staff Professional Learning

Speech and Occupational Therapy Presentation from the RCSD Speech and OT Team

Edsby Refresher: Live Reporting

Grade Team Collaboration

5. Information Items

- Orange Shirt Day: On September 30, students and staff participated in Orange Shirt Day- Every Child Matters! Orange Shirt Day is an opportunity for First Nations, local governments, schools and communities to come together in the spirit of reconciliation and hope for generations of children to come. To prepare for this day our students participated in drumming and reconciliation rocks. Our division First Nations, Metis and Inuit Support Team members came to our school to lead these fun and informative sessions.
- YMCA Tours: All of our Grades 3- 5 classes had the opportunity to visit the YMCA. They have many amazing programs for families and children and we are so pleased to be partnering with them.
[YMCA Fall Activity Guide](#)
- Counselling Program: We are very excited to bring a new model to our monthly mental health counselling lessons. This year we will hold 6 Mindfulness Matters! Afternoons at St. Teresa. Each class will participate in 2 thirty minute mindful activities during this afternoon. Activities could include

writing prayers, meditation, breathing exercises, progressive relaxation, move your mood etc. We have many guest presenters and are thrilled at the variety of sessions the children will have access to. Each month we will have a Mindfulness Matters! focus. The focus for October is on Gratitude. These mindfulness lessons will assist our students in learning more about themselves as learners and fill up their “tool kit” with strategies on becoming more mindful in their day to day lives. These are excellent skills for self regulation!

- Scholastics Book Fair: Will be held in our Learning Commons October 29 - November 8
- Parent Teacher Interviews: November 6th and 7th, followed by a 4 day long weekend (November 8 -11)

6. Administrative Procedures Review

- We have two Admin Procedures that are open for review. If you have any feedback, please send it to Nicole. (nicole.zimmerman@rdcrs.ca)
[School and Classroom Management](#)
[Use of Cell Phones and Personal Electronic Devices in Schools](#)

7. Parent Communication

Parents are always welcome and encouraged to discuss questions or concerns directly with the classroom teacher or the school principal.

8) Chairperson Report - Ashley Hutchison

- a) Board Meeting Min- available online for review

9) Finance Report

	September 2019	October 2019
Fundraising	\$14,338.31	Deferred to next meeting.
Savings	\$824.69	
Hot Lunch	\$617.62	

10) Hot Lunch Report

- Cost Comparisons at other local schools are similar.

- Requests will be sent out to inquire about St Joseph interest to prepare lunch in addition to the breakfast program.

11) Old Business

- a) Fall Fundraiser: Farm to school and VIP Total of \$5,200. 26 bundles were donated. Next year Normandeau did it also and we could coordinate donation to the food bank.
- b) Picture Day - went well, photographers were organized and finished early both days. Recommendation for photographers to learn foundations needs (touch instead of audible) to gain attention. Retakes are November 1.

12) New Business

- a) Halloween Dance
 - i) October 27 from 2-4pm
 - ii) Pumpkin carving contest was great and will be done again this year. Terri will keep a list of families that need a pumpkin provided- no one has expressed a need.
 - iii) Volunteers - start at 11:00 for setup and cleanup after is appreciated.
 - iv) Rozalyn Vickery has a connection to RDC students and they will help with a glowing kindness rock project for Sunday. The rocks will be clustered on the classroom doors and each family can go look for their rock. RDC students will arrive 2 hrs early and stay for clean up. Black lights might be available for the hallways.
- b) Boston Pizza Fundraiser
 - i) The available dates have changed from January to June and now run all year. A notice was sent out to parents to bring in receipts.
- c) Teacher Wish List
 - i) As a result of the Voyager Tile project coming in under budget, we are able to discuss the Teacher Wish List. The list was created with the view of sharing the SAC resources throughout all the classes. The list has been revised but a review of the SAC bylaws is needed. Motion to spend \$5,370.00 toward the Teacher Wish List. Motion by Ashley seconded by Lynsey. CARRIED
- d) Annual garage sale idea
 - i) Consideration to an annual garage sale would be great in March for Spring Cleaning.
 - ii) Rozayln has a list of locations in town to donate where they are non-profit.
- e) Bake Sale
 - i) November 6 & 7 for baked items and volunteers needed. Melissa and Ashley on Wednesday; Lynsey and Kim Thursday. Proceeds are donated to SAC Fundraising.
- f) Christmas Activities

- i) Fundraiser: DFS isn't doing cookies this year. We need to give enough time to run the fundraising event for 2 weeks. Motion to approve a fundraising event again before Christmas based on requests from families. Moved by Ashley, seconded by Kate. CARRIED
- ii) Santa Sale: this was originally launched in 2017/2018 and was not held last year as a result of the lack of space available in the school. Principal Zimmerman will connect with teachers about available space and clarification on the sale to ensure any concerns are addressed in advance. Parent donations will start to be received approximately 1 week before the event. December 9 & 10 set up, sale on Dec 11.
- iii) Family with Businesses Sale for Valentines Day!! Lifetouch has offered to provide a family photo. Rozalyn will connect with Lifetouch. Additional information is needed on the number of tables available and this can be advertised internally to the families of St Teresa.

13) Closing Prayer

- Principal Zimmerman

14) Future Meeting

- Monday, November 18 @ 6:30

15) Adjourn