**Father Leduc Catholic School**

**School Council**

**General Meeting Minutes**

Tuesday November 26, 2019

**In Attendance:** Dawn Miller, Marny Mallis, Kim Miller, Tara Malloy, Jeanne McKay Rowan, Rhonda Hibbs, Agatha Lesage, Michelle Lamer, Darren Schneider

**Regrets:** Jolene DeMarco, Nadine Schmidt, Jacqueline Biron, Vanessa Key, Natasha Wice

1. **Call to Order**: Meeting was called to order at 7:00pm
2. Prayer: Darren Schneider
3. Treaty 6 Land Acknowledgement. “We are a party to Treaty 6 and as such we wish to acknowledge that the land on which we gather is Treaty 6 Territory and a traditional meeting ground for many Indigenous peoples. We recognize the diversity of the First Nations who have, at one time, lived across the territory, as well as the presence of the Metis Nation.”
4. Welcome/ Introductions by all in attendance
5. **Review Agenda**: No changes or additions
6. **Approval of Minutes**: October 22, 2019 meeting. Motion to change Nadine Wice to Natasha Wice. Motion to accept the change by Kim, Second by Marny. All in favour
7. **Reports**:
8. **Principal and Staff Reports**- Reports attached
9. **Trustee Report**- Highlights attached. Full Board monthly meeting highlights can be found at [www.starcatholic.ab.ca](http://www.starcatholic.ab.ca)
10. **Treasurer Report-** Nothing to report
11. **Volunteers**- Father Leduc is always looking for volunteers in all areas- lunch supervision, book fair, hot lunch. All volunteers must have current police checks in place. Letters to off- set the cost of the police check are available through the school’s main office. Interested volunteers can contact Kim Miller.
12. **Business:**
13. **UPC Government Budget implications for the 2019/2020 School Year-** STAR Catholic sent out a press release on November 22, 2019 outlining the impact of the funding losses the school division will see based on the UCP governments recent cuts to education. STAR Catholic will be looking at a net loss of $2.1 million dollars in government funding.

The Board of Trustees moved to allocate $1 million of its $1.1 million contingency reserve in order to overcome a large part of the shortfall. The remaining $1.1 million will come from other areas including accessing funding reserves at the school level. Staffing levels have been maintained for this current school year. The funding loss of $2.1 million equates to $510 per student and an increase to school insurance fees of 174 percent. Different insurance providers are being explored currently. A one time transition grant was given by the government of $203 for each FTE student for a total of $835, 000. Father Leduc will see a loss of $224, 000 for this school year.

1. **Discuss and submit Provincial Issue to ASCA for Consideration at the ASCA AGM-** Email topics and concerns to Jeannie
2. **Choice of Education Act Survey-** Catholic voice in the survey is important. Importance of parental rights. Survey may be completed on line.
3. **COSC (Council of School Council) Meeting-** October 29, 2019 Tara and Jeanne attended. Topics discussed were fundraising with committees sharing their ideas and school council handbooks. A survey went out to help the committee better plan next year’s event.
4. **NEXT MEETING**: Tuesday January 28, 7:00pm
5. **Adjourn**: 8:40pm