

**Bishop James Mahoney High School
CSCC Meeting**

MINUTES

**October 16, 2023
6:30pm**

BJM High School

Attendees: Jason Benson – Principal, Cori Smithen, Sandy Molyneux, Carmen Herzog, Derek Kennedy, Anita O'Reilly, Jenna Pastor, Jocelyn Benner

Regrets: Lorretta Odorico

1. Welcome, Prayer
 - a. Cori commenced the meeting at 6:30pm
 - b. Jason led the opening prayer.
2. Icebreaker discussion led by Cori regarding stress relief activities.
3. Approval of Agenda
 - a. Derek made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Second by Sandy. All in favour. Carried.
4. Approval of Minutes from meeting held on May 8, 2023
 - a. Derek made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 8, 2023 meeting. Second by Jocelyn. All in favour. Carried.
5. Business Arising from Minutes
 - a. TRC Calls to Action
 - i. Education: We call upon the federal government to prepare and publish annual reports comparing funding for the education of First Nations children on and off reserves, as well as educational and income attainments of Aboriginal peoples in Canada compared with nonAboriginal people.
[IR4-8-2015-eng.pdf \(publications.gc.ca\)](#)
 - b. School Fees and Budget Updates
 - i. Funding of Lunch Fees - Discussion that this is still a moving target, \$87,000 carried over. \$20,000 would be the cost to fund the lunches but it would only be a 1-year thing.
 - c. Development of Policy to Guide Budget Allocation Decisions of CSCC
 - i. Discussion that at this point there has been no time to look into it. An idea was presented to request all reports and figure out what are the main concepts in terms of a policy. Do we give teachers an established budget? We can subsidize whoever doesn't pay their fees. If staff had a budget they could spend with confidence.

1. **ACTION:** Sandy and Derek to talk about the policy for next meeting.
 - d. Parent Engagement Brainstorming & Discussion
 - i. A discussion was had regarding parent engagement and ideas were presented such as providing tea and coffee at parent teacher interviews. Sandy made a motion to spend up to \$200 on coffee and Timbits from the CSCC grant funds. Jocelyn second. All in favour. Carried.
 1. **ACTION:** Anita will meet Jason at Lawson Heights Tim Horton's on Friday, October 20th, 2023, at 8am to pick up the coffee and donuts. Jason will pay directly with the credit card.
 - ii. Further discussion to take place regarding parent engagement at a later date. Do we do a presentation? Mental health? Cyber Safety? Vaping?
 1. **ACTION:** Cori and Carmen to investigate contacts of presenters and bring to next meeting.
 - e. SRG Representative on CSCC
 - i. SRG has been invited but did not attend. Discussion about inviting them to March meeting and offering pizza and refreshments. This will have to be planned in advance and the planning can occur via email.
 - f. Trustee Liaison Attendance at Future CSCC Meeting
 - i. Trustees have been given invitations to attend CSCC meetings and have the dates of the meetings to attend at any time. Diane Boyko and Bonita Elliot have been invited to the awards ceremony as well. There is an upcoming trustee meeting.

ACTION: Cori to email the council with details of upcoming Trustee meeting on November 15th, 2023. Trustee meeting dates are Wednesday November 15th at Ecole Saint Luke School at 7:00pm – 8:30pm. And Wednesday May 22nd, 2024, at 7pm, location TBD.
6. Reports
- a. Principal
 - i. Jason presented on the following topics:
 1. There is approximately \$87,000 left in the CSCC carryover account.
 2. Assessment data – 86% of attached outcomes have been shared with parents in gradebooks. 100% of learning behaviors have been done by teachers. 38% are already sharing feedback.
 3. Clouds and sound updates for the commons will be too expensive and not likely a good use of funds.
 4. Board priorities and our LIP are (following Ministry guidelines):
 - a. Celebrating and Promoting Catholic Identity

- i. Asking for up to \$800 to pay priests and buy lunch for reconciliation.
- b. Improving Student Learning and Achievement.
 - i. \$1500 is being requested for five sub days for the French and Social sciences department to work on FTV, instructional strategies along with other goals.
- c. Building Relationships and Partnerships
 - i. Asking \$1000 to start an Indigenous Culture Club. They will serve 2 meals and have beading or dream catcher making.
- d. Promoting Stewardship and well being
 - i. Wellness day was had on October 5th, 2023, more to come.
- ii. Sandra made the motion to spend up to \$3300 from school based carry over for items as presented in Principal's report. Derek second. All in favour. Motion carried.
- iii. Sanctions – Voting will take place on October 24th and 25th and sanctions may begin quickly after that. This may affect Halloween for Hunger and may need people to volunteer to help. Could we move receiving the donations to the church? There will have to be discussion via email if sanctions do occur.

- b. Chair – STF letter (see 7a below)
- c. Vice-Chair – Nothing to report.
- d. Secretary - Nothing to report.
- e. Treasurer – Grant still at \$1000 and \$80 in the old fundraiser account.
- f. Members at Large - Nothing to report.

7. New Business

- a. STF Letter – Cori
 - i. A letter was presented to the CSCC from the STF regarding impact of cuts. There is a rally happening, you can go to <https://www.tellthemtuesday.com/> for more details.
- b. Names on Website
 - i. Cori has sent the names of CSCC members with permission to Melaine Livingston to be put on the BJM website.
- c. Fundraising
 - i. A discussion was had regarding using crowdfunding for fundraising.
 - 1. **ACTION:** Sandy will investigate it, along with costs associated with different platforms.

8. Motion to Adjourn made by Sandy. Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm

9. Next meeting: Monday, November 20, 2023 6:30pm @ BJM