

MILLER CATHOLIC SCHOOL COMMUNITY COUNCIL (CSCC)

Regular Meeting

MINUTES

November 21, 2023 - 7pm – Conference Room

In attendance:

CSCC – Larry Baumgartner (Chair), Natalie Mollison (Vice-Chair), Corrine Rybchuk (Treasurer), Lana Orban (Director), Susanna Andrei (Director), Leta Seiferling (Director), Paul Nnaemeka (Director), Jacelyn Case (Director)

Staff – Wade Hackl (Principal), Michael Knight (Vice-Principal), Heather Faris (Teacher Rep),

Regrets – Jennie Avram (Secretary), Joachim Smadu (Vice Principal), SRC representatives (written report submitted)

Teachers – Krista Gates, Nicole Anderson

1. Call to order - at 7:02 pm
2. Opening prayer and land acknowledgment - read by Larry
3. Welcome, Introductions and Approval of agenda
 - 3.1 Brief message from Chair - Larry stated that the focus of the meeting is to discuss the teacher funding requests.
 - 3.2 Meeting Attendance - sign-in sheet was circulated
 - 3.3 Approval of Agenda - a motion to approve the agenda with no amendments was made by Corrine. Seconded by Lana. Motion carried.
 - 3.4 Approval of minutes from previous meeting - a motion to approve the minutes with no amendments was made by Corrine. Seconded by Lana. Motion carried.
4. School Reports

4.1 SRC (written report submitted)

October was a very busy month with several Halloween events that we put on throughout the school: Our biggest event being our haunted house that we had over the course of two days, with over 700 students going through the haunted circus. We also had a Halloween show being played in the theater over the lunch hour. Students dressed up and there was trick or treating around the school. There were over 300 students who went class to class to collect candy over the lunch hour.

This past month the SRC has been super excited that we are able to start pep rallies in the school. We had two teams that went to the city finals, and with that the school put on two great pep rallies to get the teams and the school excited. The SRC is getting more student involvement

with these gatherings and we are looking forward to putting on the December Assembly/Pep rally, where we hope to involve several students and get the school engaged and have lots of fun.

This month we are planning our winter dance. The format is changing from past years, and we are no longer doing a dinner and dance but just a dance with a canteen. This will be held on December 6th in Miller Gym A.

We are also planning for the SRCs 12 days of Christmas and an assembly (pep rally) for the last day of school before the break.

At the end of this week (Friday Nov 24th), the SRC is having a half day retreat. We are going to use this time for further team building and to complete our planning for the remainder of the semester.

Our SRC room is currently under construction. It is so great that Mr. Hackl was able to get a couple of walls taken down in the room to create one large space for us to gather during our weekly meetings.

The SRC along with Ms. Kowalyk's Alternative Education Wellness class has been collecting the school's recycling. We have given the \$400 from our recycling to United Way.

4.2 Principal's report (Wade Hackl)

Will be a Shortened day on the last day of school with activities planned. It has been many years since the school has had a Christmas Assembly. Along with the pep rallies this has felt more like a normal school year of activities.

Lots of Facilities work going on

- A re-keying of the entire school was done and we have greatly reduced the number of keys required to access the school. This is challenging as Miller's facilities currently house 3 RCSD departments (Band, IT and Library services). Less keys meant a much smoother lockdown practice that was recently held.
- 100 new lockers were installed as there were not enough lockers for Grade 12's
- Gym A got rid of old out of date equipment and the gym was refurbished to give it a fresh look
- the Basement classroom behind the PIT will become a phys ed classroom which gives us more classrooms when scheduling.
- the RCSD departments are supposed to be leaving Miller. When that happens we will get even more valuable classroom spaces
- SRC office is getting a refurbishment so that all the SRC can fit in the space

Musical - Emma is underway

Wade discussed the two different types of funding that Miller receives: Board funding from the Government is used for school operations, School fees are used for non operational items.

4.3 Vice Principal's Report

The Vice Principal's are busy with providing ongoing student support and building relationships with students. One area of focus is attendance and grades as it is almost halfway through the year. We were very involved with the lockdown practice to ensure safety and security of the building.

5. Treasurer's report - Corrine discussed the Draft Budget and Actual information to date. We estimate that we have approximately \$7,000 to allocate to Teacher Funding requests.
6. Teacher's Funding Requests

The committee discussed the list of Teacher Funding Requests. The impact of school fees was also discussed. Funding decisions were made and given a priority. Final draft will be given to Wade.

7. Adjournment - at 8:40 pm

Next meeting Date: January 16, 2024 at 7pm