

School Council Minutes

September 23 2024 @ 7pm

*Charlene Bentum: acting chairperson, Denise Guillaume: acting vicechairperson,
Laura Visser: acting secretary*

1. Welcome/Devotion and opening prayer: We listened to a devotion about hope expressed in the story of Ezekiel and dry bones coming to life.
2. Introductions
 - a. The previous School Council executive committee no longer has any children at ECNS so former School Council leadership offered to run the meetings until election of officers can happen. The leaders of the meeting introduced themselves to the meeting attendees, each expressing a history, legacy, love and deep hope for Edmonton Christian Schools.
 - b. The administrators also introduced themselves and shared their love and deep hope for Edmonton Christian Schools.
3. [What is School Council? Presentation:](#)
 - a. Summary: School Council is a connecting bridge promoting positive engagement amongst parents, guardians, school staff and administrators, and community members. It is meant to support and enhance the whole education of the students. It is a platform to learn about and understand what is happening at the school through conversations and questions. It is not a place for personal grievances; problems should be addressed with the persons involved in the matter and not made into a public issue. Nor is it a place to mandate how things should be done. (Normally Robert's Rules of Order are used to conduct the meeting.)
 - b. Ways you can help with School Council
 - i. School Council executive committee: Chair, Vice-chair, secretary (money matters are handled by the society with a member of executive being a liaison)
 - ii. Hot lunch
 - iii. Parent Prep crew
 - iv. Grandparent's and Special friend's Day
 - v. Classroom wish wall: Each teacher gets a star on the wish wall where they can request tangible wishes that can be granted by any community member. Once a wish is fulfilled and new wish can be made. More details will be on Schoolzone in the near future.
 - c. What lies ahead
 - i. Picking executive leadership
 - ii. Establishing a framework, bylaws and mission statement for School Council

- iii. Looking at the specifics of the how the meetings will be held (Zoom options, childcare provisions)
 - d. Questions
 - i. No questions were asked but a clarification was given that each meeting also has an update from the society by a board representative.
- 4. Invitation to Meeting on Mon, Oct 21 7 pm -
 - a. Elections will happen that night.
 - b. Nominees for the executive committee will be invited to share a bio prior to the meeting.
- 5. Meeting adjourned in prayer
- 6. Invitation to socialize with refreshments until 8pm