

School Council Meeting November 12, 2020

Via Microsoft Teams

Present: Elisa Carey (VP), Chris Tilley (Principal), Nancy Malloy (Non-Teaching Rep), Heather Kuzyk (Secretary), Cait Geddes, Jamie Arsenault (Chair), Mary Anne Innes (Teaching rep), Michelle Brockie, Nancy Meehan (Pastoral rep), Joel Macleod, Sam Lapadat

Regrets: Carmen Almeida-Taylor, Helen Biggs, Shauna Dussiaume, Chris Bertrand, Tracy Eade

Guest: Neal Collier

Rose Buick has vacated her council position via email.

Meeting Commenced 6:35 pm

Jamie Arsenault Chair

Opening Prayer led by Elisa Carey

Welcome to Mary Anne Innes our new teaching Representative

Approval of minutes: Michelle Brockie Brought Forward, Cait Geddes seconded. Motion Carried

Approval of Agenda: Mary Anne brought forward, Nancy Malloy Seconded. Motion Carried

Admin Report:

Highlighted: Staff Training for New Math Curriculum and Anti-Black Racism training

Support of our Parish Priest Father Janusz via technology despite of covid restrictions has been wonderful with online liturgy.

Financials:

Balance of 60000, usually higher however Covid has changed the anatomy of spending.

Balance does not account for Halloween Boogie-athon

Opening Balance for field trips, Ottawa trip was reimbursed to families in advance of insurance refund, insurance has now been paid out

NO charge for agendas this year.

Business Arising

- By-Laws- Next meeting. Currently being typed.
- Boogie-athon raised \$3500. Overall outcome was positive.

Feedback from council was positive: Kindergartens loved it. Older kids Loved to have something that was not cancelled. It was held indoors due to weather.

- Steam Day- Pricing over \$5000. More expensive to do virtual format in cohorts, also students will have a take home piece.

Joel- Question to operations and how it will run? Answer: Virtually as opposed to in person.

Jamie Arsenault Proposed going forward with plan. Heather Kuzyk seconded.

Motions carries.

- Advent Giving Fair

Last year over \$9000 raised and 21 families were helped via gift cards.

This year, in the neighbourhood of 21 families if not more.

Proposal for Five days of Christmas Cheer (Jamie and Heather)

Reach out to Church for any shortfall. -Nancy Meheen

Nancy Malloy likes the idea they would still have something home to be unwrapped still.

Mary Anne Innes- Thoughts about safety regarding materials brought in. Solution: 72 hour hold on items brought in

Sam Lapadat- suggested parents might be willing to donate items for decorating.

Michelle Brockie brought motion forward, Sam Lapadat Seconded. Motion Carried.

AGF committee to meet next week to finalize plans.

New Business

Possible fundraisers

- Purdie's Chocolates 25% back on retail priced Done virtually, one drop-off location. Not nut-free. Drive through pick up or porch drop. If cut-off date is too soon, revisit again in New Year for Easter.*
- Joel Macleod fundraising idea- Funscrip- Canadian program. Purchase gift cards from major retailers, small percentage donated back to school. No distribution on our end. **

Percentage varies by retailer 2-5%

Concern was brought forth by Michelle Brockie regarding the Mailing cut-off date of November 6th. Suggestion made that the passive fundraising can be done year-round. If mailing dates are a concern for Christmas, look to implement in January.

Positive approval from council.

Heather Kuzyk suggested Chris Tilley send out an email just focused on Cobbs Bakery as a reminder to our school community about the fundraising opportunity.

Heather brought motion forward to proceed with fundraisers. Michelle seconded. Motion Carried

Joel and Jamie to research dates and group email.

Next meeting date: After New Year recap. Thursday January 21st, 6:30pm

CPIC November 25th Jamie Arsenault is attending online. Joel is on CPIC committee. Items on agenda: info on D2I and google classroom.

Meeting Adjourned 7:39

Closing Prayer Led by Elisa Carey

Amendments

*Decision was made on November 13th via email in which Jamie Arsenault proposed going forward with Purdy's fundraiser before Christmas to which the proceeds would go to families in need this holiday. Majority of Council agreed.

**VIA email November 25th, it was decided by council majority that the FunScrips Fundraiser go forward in the New Year after discussion at our January meeting.