



# St. Teresa of Calcutta **SCHOOL COUNCIL**



## **school council meeting minutes**

**December 2 2020 6:30PM**

Microsoft Teams

**Council Attendance: Tony Agro, Michael Prezents, Lisa Ryce, Jennifer Campitelli,  
Kevin Kelley, Cheryl Fernandes, Aleksandra Piascik**

**Absent: Marco Cocco, JJ Reategui,**

**1. Welcome & Opening Prayer**

**2. Principal/Teacher Update**

- Equity and inclusion plan is in the process of being approved – will be posted to the school website once it has been approved and is complete
- Staff has done such a great job keeping the students engaged and safe at the same time. I think it is easy to be so strict with the protocol that the spirit of the school is lost; however, what the staff has been able to do is maintain the protocol and keep the children safe at the same time
- There is a very real calm inside the school – this has become the new normal. The children seem happy and the staff seem happy too. It is very positive environment
- The student and staff facilitated a bullying awareness initiative – there was a virtual presentation today from a person who had to overcome bullying – the students were engaged, they felt comfortable in the virtual setting – in fact, the virtual environment might have created a space where the students felt more comfortable asking questions etc.
- There will be school initiatives moving towards the holiday season – PJ day, Christmas sweater day etc.

**3. School Online Fundraiser**

- \$4700 is the total raised by the school fundraiser
- These funds will go towards in-school initiatives

**4. FundScrip**

- We launched FundScrip in conjunction with the Star of Hope – this is an initiative that we will continue to run throughout the year
- Lisa to provide an update on the funds raised during the January meeting

**5. Poinsettia Fundraiser**

- Raised approximately \$500 for the school – plants will be delivered December 7, 2020 – picked-up by families on December 8, 2020
- Note that for next year, we will need a list of:
  - orders per family
  - check-off list

**6. OAPSE Annual Meeting – Cheryl**

- Speakers – trying to find positivity – parenting with meaning throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. The minister of education spoke as well as the leader of the official opposition party.
- Very valuable information from all speakers

**7. Council of Chairs – November Meeting**

- Lisa will be sharing the D2L presentation with everyone
- Some great networking where chairs were sharing some of their creative ways to generate funds for the schools – some schools are using FundScrip while others are using FlipGive
- One school is holding a drive in night in the spring as a spirit event/fundraiser. We will take a look at this as a possibility depending on what measures are still in place then.

**8. Grant discussion**

- Will continue at the next meeting – further research required

**9. End of school event**

- We need to think about this event in the context of the restrictions that exist currently – planning will take place with a view to the current reality

**10. Adjournment : 7:34 pm**

***Merry Christmas and Happy 2021 everyone. Stay well and safe!***

**Actions Items for January Meeting:**

- ☐ Lisa to provide status on FundScrip
- ☐ Star of Hope update at next meeting
- ☐ Kevin to discuss grant opportunities
- ☐ Drive-In option

**Future Meetings :**

**January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021 – Microsoft Teams 6:30PM**

