



## **school council meeting minutes**

**November 11 2020 6:30PM**

**Microsoft Teams**

**Council Attendance: Tony Agro, Michael Prezents, Lisa Ryce, Jennifer Campitelli, Marco Cocco, JJ Reategui, Kevin Kelley**

**Absent: Cheryl Fernandes, Aleksandra Piascik**

### **1. Welcome & Prayer**

- Lisa welcomed and thanked all for their attendance.

### **2. Principals Update**

- Remembrance Day Ceremony - Virtual ceremony was a success – it was a beautiful celebration
- The Christmas concert will be virtual too – we will emerge from this better and not bitter – parents were very complimentary – very happy with the celebration
- Comments from council – teachers have been doing a great job! They have been calm and doing a fantastic job remaining positive and patient!

### **3. Chair Update**

- The CPIC meeting is upcoming this month – Nov. 25 – this is an advisory meeting where parent council members are able to speak with higher level board admin like Superintendents etc. Lisa invited any council member to attend to see what is discussed. The OAPSE online conference will also be happening and so Cheryl and/or Aleksandra will attend and provide us with an update.
- Fundraising letter
  - The letter is acceptable
  - Reviewed by the Principal and Council members
  - Letter will go out either tomorrow or Friday and run until November 20<sup>th</sup> 2020.
- FundScrip will be a fundraising initiative that we will proceed with, other schools are implementing this strategy. This can go on all year, encouraging families to buy their everyday items (groceries, gas, drug store, java) with cards purchased from the website. Lisa has set up STC as an account and will be putting together all the material and emails. We are looking forward to rolling this initiative out to coincide with the Star of Hope outreach initiative.
- Star of Hope
  - The school have identified 14 families that we can assist with care package over the holidays. Lisa chatted with St. Matthews St Vincent de Paul and we decided that they already had enough support so that frees us to focus on our families.

- This is a long-standing and very important outreach initiative that helps families in need. We will decide (in partnership with the school) closer to the due date how we will distribute given Covid measures.
- Process of star selection will be organized and implemented in accordance with COVID-19 safety protocol
- *Update: due to Covid restrictions, the tree will not be put up this year nor will there be stars on the tree for students to select from. We will be sending out an email indicating the change and hope that the community still embraces this initiative.*
- Meeting will be held to organize details surrounding Star of Hope
- The Christmas tree will be put up by Barb (stars will be placed on the tree by two parents)
- *Update: The tree will not be put up this year. The school will have poinsettias in the front hall to decorate.*

#### **4. Pointsettia Sales – Terra Greenhouse**

- Jennifer to call Terra and determine deadline, delivery dates and take the lead on this initiative
- Email and web post to be completed week of November 16 – Lisa
- Lisa to supply Jen M with the Cash Online details
- Orders due November 29; Jen to generate the report on Monday, November 30 and Jennifer will place the order with Terra
- Jen myers advised that teachers will be provided a special code if they want to purchase a poinsettia
- Terra will deliver to the school December 7<sup>th</sup> – Jennifer to confirm time and she and Aleksandra will determine set up in the foyer
- Distribution:
- Parents would not be permitted to enter the school
- We could use a scheduling program Calendly to ensure the parents do not all arrive at the school at the same time

#### **5. Grant Opportunities**

- Council encouraged to try and find one grant opportunity for the school. Lisa has asked Kevin to co-ordinate this effort.

#### **6. Spirit Wear**

- We are in the process of researching ideas for t-shirts/masks
- They will all be pre-order and through cash-online
- Mask lanyards might be a possibility; however, they need to come apart if pulled on

#### **7. Donations:**

- Council researching possible gift card donations for star of hope initiatives in addition to purchases made by the parent community – Marco to let Lisa know

## **8. Volunteer survey**

- Council has drafted a survey for Volunteers only – as a means to check in about communication, feedback and suggestions from parents who have been active STC volunteers. We want our parents to continue to feel engaged – even with all the Covid measures.
- As per the Ministry of Education suggestion, Council would also like to reach out to our parent community. This is high level feedback and in no way is intended to be a survey on the school/staff etc. The board already distributes a survey. This simply fulfills the requirements of Ministry directive to engage the parent community and connect with them for ideas/suggestions and council led feedback
- A survey has been developed – will be reviewed in the new year.

## **9. Future meetings:**

- **Will be TEAMS platform, monthly and on Wednesdays. Lisa to check with Michael if the same link can be used.**

**Please make note of the following Meeting Dates:**

**December 2 2020 6:30PM**

**January 20 2021 6:30PM**

## **10. Meeting adjourned at 7:36pm**

And finally .... Notice the appropriate change to our Titan mascot? Very clever Mr. Prezents!

