



Jean Vanier Catholic School Parent Advisory Council Year End Report

School: Jean Vanier Catholic School

Reporting Year: 2019 - 2020

Executive:

Shawna Molnar - Chair
Carrie Desjarlais – Vice Chair
Rosie Conrad - Secretary
Carla Kemp – Treasurer

Meeting Dates Held During the Year:

- September 9, 2019
- October 7, 2019
- November 18, 2019
- January 28, 2020
- April 27, 2020
- May 29, 2020
- June 15, 2020

School Council Activities:

- We held our Annual Davison Orchards fundraiser in September. Apple sales once again were enough to cover the cost of our Grade 4 Leadership T-shirts.
- Our Family Dance was held on October 18th. New and returning families joined us in celebrating a new school year together, it was a great success and fun was had by all who attended.
- A playground committee was formed at the end of October to handle the planning of the playground replacement, fundraising, grant applications, etc.
- Council held a Nitzza's Pizza coupon fundraiser to raise funds for the playground during Parent Teacher Interviews. Some funds were raised but it wasn't a hugely successful fundraiser.
- Council also supported the St. Nicholas visit in early December for the English students, a tradition that was started by BUCPS for the students in the Ukrainian program. St. Nicholas distributed small goody bags containing traditional Ukrainian candy and ornament to all students.
- Our Advent concert was held at OLPH Church for the second year and our Christmas Basket and VIP parking raffle followed along. These raffles continue to raise significant funds for our council, and this year 50% of the funds raised were allocated to the playground fund.
- Again this year, Council funded the purchase of birthday books for the birthday book cart. On their birthday, students are invited down to the office to select a book of their choice.



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- To celebrate Shrove Tuesday a pancake and sausage lunch was held as in prior years. Pancakes, sausages and juice boxes were provided to all students and was fully funded by Council. Students were provided the opportunity to offer a donation, but this was not required.
- The playground committee applied for and successfully received Strathcona County Council priority funds in the amount of \$8,000 for the playground. This helped substantially with raising funds for the playground.
- Council funded the one-time cost for the ongoing use of the large Indigenous Map that was used by all classes.
- Also funded by Council was recess equipment for each class. There were 6 playground packages purchased for use by classes during recess time.
- A Family Bingo was held on February 21st, it was very successful and enjoyed by all of the parents and students who attended.
- Due to a lack of budget and funding for the library this year, Council decided to provide funds of \$500 to the library in order to purchase new books, etc.
- Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, many of the remaining activities that parent Council had planned such as a Spelling Bee fundraiser, funding of the Grade One's participation in their Zoo School field trip, year-end fun day, etc. were cancelled due to the closure of schools. Another result of the pandemic was the cancellation of the Hot Lunch Program and Milk Program. Council provided parents with the option to be refunded any remaining amounts for students directly to the parents, or to donate the funds to the playground. Our parents were very generous and about 2/3 of the remaining funds were donated to the playground fund which assisted Council in raising some funds for the playground in lieu of the loss of other fundraising activities planned for the remainder of the school year due to the pandemic.
- We celebrated the retiring of our principal Mr. Gordon Marshall in June. Students were asked to send in a picture of themselves holding a cut out heart, these pictures were then transferred to a canvas keepsake which was presented to Mr. Marshall. He also received a Broadmoor Golf gift certificate.

Financial Statements (attached).

Shawna Molnar, Chair

Date