

St. Nicholas School Parent Advisory Council Meeting Minutes October 14, 2020

Virtual Attendees: Peter Rachmistruk, Jean Boisvert, Shawna Molnar, Leanne Doetzel, Melisa Pooke, Carla Kemp, Holly Zacharko, Rosie Conrad, Barb Rafuse

Meeting called to order at 6:19pm by Shawna.

Approval of June 15, 2020 Minutes

Carla motioned to accept minutes, Leanne seconded.

Treasurer's Report

Financials are up to date. Current funds coming in will be the apple fundraiser.

Playground Committee Report

Next two months funding will be finalized. Peter and Amber from the County have spoken about timelines going forward. Group will be getting together to look at different things – this group will comprise of Shawna, Leanne and Peter. Currently looking at themes to start showing the students. Applied to numerous grants, still awaiting the CFEP approval, and have sent off applications to Dow, Shell, Keyera Midstream and possibly others.

In January Amber will take the project to a database that companies use to bid on the project.

Shawna indicated that she and Leanne did go and look at different parks, but there will be concern about what the replacement will look like. As building materials such as wood (which our playground is currently made of) are more economical to build with, we may not see a comparable structure with the funds available to us.

Hot Lunch Report

There may be a possibility to have a hot lunch program, however we will table this subject until the new year to determine how things are going.

Trustee Report

Jean – nothing really to pass on that Peter won't. Still concerns with covid. Funding from the federal government has been provided. Any additional questions? No one had additional questions.

Administration Report

-Peter is sending out weekly emails and updates.

-There was a second case of covid last week in one of the grade 4 classes, they are currently doing online schooling.

-The emotional part of this pandemic is very evident. Staff are doing their best to ensure protocols are followed and everyone is safe, but you can see the strain.

-Change even recently with the cooler weather, now sanitizing at the homeroom door instead of outside.

-AHS has provided additional information, we encourage everyone to be aware of what the symptoms are and how they should react to these.

-Thanksgiving celebration and blessing of the school, Fr Rendy led this, it was part in person and part

virtual. Two classes were in the gym to provide liturgical support and the others watched it livestreamed. Remembrance Day celebrations will likely be similar.

-October 21 will be school photo retakes.

-October 23 Grade 4 Bibles will be blessed, Fr Jim will be coming in to visit the individual cohort classrooms. Online students will have these available to them after the blessing as well. Parents will be able to pick them up in the office.

-October 30, Halloween celebrations, asking that students come dressed in their costumes, grade 4 students will still have PPE protocols in place. Each class celebration will look a bit different and will be up to the classroom teacher.

-November 4/5 will be virtual parent/teacher conferences, these will likely be calls unless parents would like to set up google meets. Set up will be through the same system as before.

Holly thanked the school community for keeping online students in the community. Feels that St. Nicholas is doing a good job with this, lots of communication, not all schools are doing this.

Peter said that feedback is always welcome.

Updates

Davidson Orchard Fundraiser

About 115 boxes sold so far, should cover the cost of the leadership shirts. Will send a reminder out to everyone that October 15 is the last day for ordering.

Grade 4 Leadership shirts

Have been ordered, just under \$900. Will also look to have the online students included with the shirts.

Birthday Books

PAC will continue to support this, amounts will be provided.

Email name change

We discussed the need to change the email address to reflect the new school name, will research what may be out there.

Carla motioned to change the email name

Holly seconded this

All were in favour, carried.

Cost for Search/Registry Name Change

Carla advised that there was a cost of \$120.10 for both the name search and name change with registries.

Carla motioned to pay this amount

Holly seconded this

All were in favour, carried.

Fundraising

Will look different this year. There is a the flip/give app that we can use. Carla will be attending a meeting on Friday to learn more about it. It would provide parents the option to buy from large stores, and the school could receive a portion of that. For example buying a \$50 Indigo gift card may provide up to 20% of that back to the school.

Carla motioned to utilize this fundraising

Holly seconded this
All were in favour, carried

Allocating Funds for Library

Will table this for January to see how fundraising goes.

New Business - Open

Nitza Pizza coupons

A parent reached out about these, however we will table this to January as well. There is uncertainty about payment (no cash) as well as whether people would want to handle coupons at this time.

Apples

Will look at having a cube van available to have the apples in for pick up – times to be determined, possibly 8:45am to 9am and then 2pm to 6pm. This information will be sent out to the school community.

Next Meeting Date: November 25, 2020 at 6pm.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:07pm by Shawna