

## St. Nicholas School Parent Advisory Council Meeting Minutes November 25, 2020

**Virtual Attendees:** Peter Rachmistruk, Jean Boisvert, Shawna Molnar, Leanne Doetzel, Carla Kemp, Holly Zacharko, Jade Palamarek, Carrie Desjarlais, Rosie Conrad, Barb Rafuse

Meeting called to order at 6:01pm by Shawna.

**Opening Prayer** - Peter

### **Approval of October 14, 2020 Minutes**

Leanne motioned to accept minutes, Carrie seconded.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Financial report was provided, currently approximately \$98,000 in the account, but will be providing a significant portion of that to the County for the playground. Apples total sales was \$5264, raised for the school was \$1576. Currently \$86 from Flip Give. Apples were comparable to last year.

Carla motioned to pay \$918.49 for the leadership tshirts, Leanne seconded and all were in favour.

Leanne motioned that up to \$97,000 be paid to the County for the new playground equipment which will be replaced in summer 2021. Carrie seconded and all were in favour.

### **Playground Committee Report**

Fundraising is wrapped up. Approved CFEP was about \$76,000 which matched the County, the monies from council and Shell grant of \$4500. Next step will be to write a cheque to the County for the amount. In January the County will put the job on a platform that they use for tender.

Thanks to Leanne for the fundraising, as well as acknowledging Mr. Boisvert for the funds he provided.

Will provide an update to parents. In the planning of the park will have the voice of the students. Shannon Breen will compile a slideshow presentation and this will be provided at a virtual staff meeting and will also be used to engage the students. They will record student feedback and have a conversation with Leanne after.

Currently awaiting information on a height restriction for the park to see what kind of options may be available.

### **Administration Report**

-Staffing update – hired a new EA in addition to the 3 on staff, provides extra support for the students. School advocated for this as they went from 11 down to 3, CLS heard the needs and provided, it is good for the students and support of the school.

-COVID – additional information provided with regards to grade 7 to 12 – online November 30 to January 11. EIC will follow the Christmas break December 23 to January 5 and “return” January 6. Our dates are different from other jurisdiction. Peter will provide additional info about St. Nicholas. Currently it is expected students will remain in school up to December 22 in school with Christmas break from December 23 to January 5. Online January 6, 7 and 8, which will be a structured day. Teachers will follow up with students/parents closer to the online classes.

- All other COVID related matters, there was an amendment regarding singing, all other protocols remain the same. They are eliminating cross classroom cohorts. IE Gr 4 leadership eliminated cross class meetings, now completing virtually. Each team will be providing announcements, as well they will be creating videos and sending them out to the school, still a purpose on how they are leading in the school.

-Mr. G has a pause on choir.

-Recess is still the same, grade cohort with grade and zone outside.

-Christmas looks different this year. Monday morning advent assemblies are being lead by grade, they will endeavor to video so that they can be viewed by parents.

-Mrs. Nixon will be videos, Donkey in the Living Room, will be shared to teachers for the last 10 days of school.

-Grins for Grands – cards for seniors

-3 Spirit days are planned for December – all Christmas themed.

-St Nicholas Feast Day will also be different as they will be no school visit allowed, but will incorporate into the second week of Advent. BUCPS is looking into ornaments will there be cost sharing? PSC we are ok with cost sharing.

### *Updates*

#### **Email**

The email for PAC has changed, but still getting emails to JV, will look at forwarding this.

#### **Flip Give**

As above

#### **Birthday Books**

Unsure of bill, but will provide to PAC when known.

### *New Business - Open*

#### **St Nicholas Christmas Gifts**

As above

#### **Parking Lot**

Contacted the County, it is not their responsibility, will call again and will talk to the Director of Facilities. Will work to get it cleaned up as it is quite icy/snowy. Difficult for Mrs. Eaglesham to do it all. Reminder to families of the crossing areas in the parking lot.

**Next Meeting Date:** January 13, 2021 at 6pm.

**Meeting Adjourned** at 7:00pm by Shawna