

St. Nicholas Catholic School Parent Advisory Council Meeting Minutes, November 22, 2022

Attendees - Peter Rashmistruck, Shawna Molnar, Leanne Doetzel, Carla Kemp, Nina Hart, Nicole Luke, Allison St. Germain, and Ted Paszek

Meeting called to order at 5:58 pm by Shawna Molnar

Peter led us in the opening prayer.

Approval of October 11, 2022 Minutes - Leanne motioned, Nina second

Treasurer Report - reviewed by Carla

Expenses to be approved were reviewed:

1. The first approval is for Davidson Orchard in the amount of \$3864.99 - Leanne motioned and Carla second.
2. The second approval is for the Grade 4 Leadership T-Shirts to Tyleen for \$1290.98 - Carla motioned and Leanne second. There was a price increase on the amount of the t-shirts from last year from \$18.50 to \$22.50 per tee. In addition to the price increase, there are also more grade 4s this year. Next year look into the company 6 threads or possible local sponsors. Mrs. Rafuse orders at the beginning of the school year, so we would need to look into these things prior to this school year ending.

Things to look into:

1. Wok Box cheque has still not been deposited - Nina to look into
2. PAC banking next year - possibly using Servus, lower banking fees etc.

Hot Lunch Report - reviewed by Nina

Next hot lunch is December 13th, 2022 and it is featuring OPA! Next hot lunch date will be January 26th and a vendor is still being looked at for that date. The hot lunch dates for the second half of the school year will be finalized after the Christmas break!

Administration Report - presented by Peter and Ted Paszek

Peter -

Premier visit to St. Nicholas was a success. It was announced that \$12.3 million dollars would be invested in education for Ukrainian nationals. The funding will be distributed to school boards and from there distributed to individual schools.

Face To Face Ministries was at our school and the students absolutely loved the experience. It was

referenced as a "Rock concert for Jesus"! We have the opportunity to book them every two years.

Our school held a Holodomor Memorial Day to commemorate a Day of Remembrance to remember the millions of Ukrainians who suffered due to starvation between 1932 - 1933.

2nd Faith and Wellness day will be held Dec 2, 2022. Session and activities that are faith and wellness based will be run by staff. Students will have the opportunity to travel through to each session or activity in groups and learn about different aspects of the Catholic faith as well as overall wellness. There will be a second Faith and Wellness day run in the spring with the hopes that our parent community can gather to help with teaching different sessions or activities! Julliana - White Box Ministries

Our annual Christmas concert will be held December 13, 2022 at 6:30 pm in the OLPH Parish. There will be mass from 5pm-6pm so parents are asked to come to the church after 6 pm as they will be let in after mass is over.

Weekly advent assemblies are being held every Monday at 12:30pm thru December - parents welcome!! (Except the second assembly which will be held Tuesday, December 6th at 12:30 pm) Both 4R/N and 3/4L will be leading us in the assemblies. Peter will make note of the details in his weekly Sunday emails.

December's early dismissal will be Wednesday, December 7th at 2:13 pm. The school spirit team has made this early dismissal theme - Wear red and green!

Festive Fridays in December (2nd, 9th, 16th) are back! Students are able to wear their festive gear and make a donation to the food bank!

The last 2 days before the Christmas holidays are "Comfy Christmas Days". December 19th and 20th, students can come to school wearing their comfiest clothing!

St. Nicholas' visit will be December 6th (UNCONFIRMED). All students will receive a gift bag!

The feast of Jordan at St. Sophia's is on January 19, 2023. Details are being worked on.

Back to school after the Christmas break is January 4th, which is also early dismissal!!

Ted Paszek -

Not much to report - Next board meeting will be held November 23, 2022. More to follow!

New Business and Updates - Review by Shawna

Yearly Fundraisers

Christmas Basket - Teachers have picked their basket themes and letters were sent home to parents

asking for donations. Donations will be asked for until Friday, December 2nd. Parent council will be putting baskets together after school on Monday, December 5th. PAC will look into additional donations from businesses. Any donations from local businesses can be of any dollar value. Shawna to send PAC members a donation letter. Possible businesses to explore Staples, Canadian Tire, Salisbury, Greenland, Sephora, Niche Beauty, Shoppers Beauty Boutique, Strathcona Creative, and Italian Centre. Motion put forth by Leanne to approve up to \$200 to go toward topping up baskets. Carla second.

VIP seating - selling tickets for VIP seating was brought up as an additional fundraiser idea. Shawna will look into this!

West Coast Seeds - Our application was approved on November 15, 2022. An account with a personal St. Nicholas link will be set up on the West Coast Seeds website. Dates for ordering will be from February 9th - February 23rd, 2023. The link will auto close after the ordering period has expired. PAC can expect the payout from West Coast Seeds to come in after May 15, 2023. An expectation of a minimum of 10 orders will need to be placed and our return on the orders will be 33%.

Partnering with Midus is being looked at for the new year as a fundraiser.

Other

Teachers gifts or lunch - Lunch and possible volunteering for teachers and staff on Dec 20, 2022! (11:30 am - 12:16pm). Leanne motioned for up to \$500 for lunch for teachers and staff. Nina to second.

Next Meeting - Tuesday, January 31, 2023.

Meeting adjourned at 7:06pm.