

St. Nicholas Catholic School Parent Council Meeting Minutes, March 7th, 2023.

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

Meeting called to order at 6:05 pm by Shawna Molnar

Peter led us in the opening prayer.

Approval of January 21, 2023 Minutes - Leanne motioned, Carla second

Treasurer Report - reviewed by Carla

Expenses to be approved were reviewed:

- See motion under New Business

Other financials discussed:

- Strove Tuesday expense and collection - Our Strove Tuesday was ordered through Headquarters for the amount of \$2034.38. We generously collected \$392.75 in donations from our parent community. It was discussed that next year we look at pricing out different options to see if we can get the cost down. Acapella was suggested as a venue to look into.
- Total available funds as of March 7th, 2023 are \$5001.77

Hot Lunch Report - reviewed by Nina

Hot lunch dates for the rest of the 2022-2023 school year have been finalized and are as follows:

- March 23rd, 2023 Purple Perogy (Thursday - Ukrainian Kinder)
- April 28th, 2023 - TBD (Friday - English Kinder)
- May 26th, 2023 - TBD (Friday - Ukrainian Kinder)
- June 16th, 2023 - TBD (Friday - English Kinder)

Other items discussed:

- Renewal for the hot lunch website. 2 options are available and would fit the needs of our hot lunch program. We can either continue with the Hotlunches website (renewal fee before July 31st, 2023 is \$300 - going up to \$367.50 on August 1st, 2023.) or we can explore the website, Munchalunch (price is comparable). Nina will look into the options.

Administration Report - presented by Peter and Ted Paszek

Ted Paszek -

The Alberta Government has proposed a budget increase for school boards. Our school district does not have the final numbers as of yet.

The 2023-2024 school calendars have been approved with the inclusion of the November break.

Assurance plans are complete and are being gone through. The data will be presented when ready.

The district school board is reaching close to their elections!

Peter -

We just received 2 new Ukrainian families, making the total 18 new families! ABJ is hosting a gathering this Saturday, March 11th from 1-3:30 for new Ukrainian families.

Parent/Teacher/Student interviews are scheduled on March 21st and March 22nd. Teachers will have a choice of either a one on one interview, student activity led, or a phone call. Booking information will come out shortly.

Kinder Registrations- So far the English Kinder has a registration of 12 students and the Ukrainian kinder has a registration of 18 students. The ask is to share the programs with those you know!

Lenten Project -

The division is partnering with Beacon of Hope to support new Ukrainian families.

Our school community is partnering with our sister school in Lviv, Ukraine. This initiative fosters students helping students as we travel through our Lenten journey. We have partnered with the Ed Stalmach foundation who have generously offered to cover the cost of shipping. Items we are looking to send are soft covered books, posters, school supplies, and board games. Scholastic has also donated a box of books!

Assurance plan - Peter to present at PAC meeting in April for feedback. April meeting date TBD at the end of this meeting.

Mother's Day Project - We are fortunate to take part in a school wide art project based in the Ukrainian Petrykivka style!

New Business and Updates - reviewed by Shawna

Yearly Fundraisers -

West Coast Seeds - Roughly \$2000 in sales with a 30% return. Return cheque to be expected between May 15-24th. Carla will review final numbers when all financials are available.

Strove Tuesday - was reviewed during the treasurer report.

Updates -

CEPAC Meeting - next one is April 20th @ 6pm

ASCA Grant - Shawna to email out grant parameters so we can come up with some ideas as a group.

Spring Dance - Tentative date of Friday, May 26th! A DJ is being looked into and details will be ironed out during the April PAC meeting.

New Business -

Parent/Teacher interview snacks - Parent Council would like to put together snack bags consisting of Iced Tea, mints and a treat for the teachers for their March 22nd interview days. A motion was placed to approve PAC spending up to \$250 on the teachers interview snacks. Leanne motioned and Carla second.

Next Meeting - April 25th, 2023 @ 6pm. Meeting will be held at St. Nicholas library.

The meeting adjourned at 7:13pm.