

## **HOLY REDEEMER CATHOLIC SCHOOL PARENT COUNCIL MEETING**

Minutes from Parent Council Meeting held September 22, 2020

Call to Order: 6:30

### **Attendance:**

**Parents:** Lori Taylor, Angela Morin, Shelley Leroux, Andrea Minarchi, Catherine Cake, Laura Lee, Jenna Twohey, Beth White, Martin Reay, Tammy Bilodeau

**Staff:** Ed Kucy – Principal, Kristine Willis Dengler – Assistant Principal, Jessica Kennaugh - Teacher

Review of the Agenda

Approval of the Minutes: approved by Tammy Bilodeau/ 2nd Shelley Leroux

Executive Nomination:

Chair – Andrea Minarchi

Vice Chair – Lori Taylor

Treasurer – Shelley Leroux (possibly transition to Catherine Cake at a later time)

Secretary – Laura Lee

### **Teacher Presentation – Jessica Kennaugh (Grade six teacher, Wellness Leader and Volleyball Coach)**

- Kids are excited to be back but are sitting too long due to cohort restrictions
- Students and teachers disappointed no school sport teams due to covid restrictions

- As Wellness Leader focusing on how to build mental health
- Question: how do we establish engagement and connect the students as a whole school?
  1. Wellness Wednesdays will begin at the end of the month
  2. Spirit days will resume and Bingo over the intercom

#### Business Arising from Previous Meeting (May 12/20 Agenda)

##### a. PAC Projects:

- Purdy's Chocolate Sales – Catalogues ready to go
- Christmas in the Country Christmas not running this year due to Covid. Hope to recommence in 2021.
- Bring and Buy Sale (past fundraiser)
- Tournament concession sales (past fundraiser)
- Spring Dance
- Shrove Tuesday (expense)
- Hearts 4 Homeless (expense)

##### b. Yearbook:

- 2018-2019 finished. Organizer needs to know finalization information
- 2020-2021 (current year). Staff members, Linda Maitland and Diana Chrystian will come aboard to help develop yearbook for the current year
- 2019-2020 – No yearbook. Possibility of putting together a yearbook for last year? Angela Morin said she may be able to help out with a yearbook but would require help. Ed Kucy will check with Linda Maitland and Diana Chrystian to see if they could help out.

##### c. Fundraising:

Need to discuss in depth at next meeting

- i. Purdy's – catalogues ready
- ii. Meat Order?
- iii. Hot Lunch cannot continue due to Covid restrictions
- iv. Possible fundraisers:
  - Jessica Kennaugh suggested outdoor movie night with inflatable movie screen. Could sell snacks as a fundraiser. Difficulty (possibly Spring/post COVID)
  - Krispy Kreme Donuts – Lori Taylor will look into further details

- New librarian Tracy Scoggins is a disc jockey. She can assist with Spring Dance. (Post Covid)
- d. Hot Lunch Program – Refunds Issued  
Shelley Leroux indicates refunds were issued but a few have yet to be cashed.
- e. Grade 8 Farewell – students understood the circumstances of having no graduation ceremony

Jessica Kennaugh asked if a new ukuleles purchase is in the budget. Wondering if money received from the sale of band instruments will stay in the arts program. Nothing finalized just discussed in previous meetings.

Discussion whether we ask for teachers' wish lists to allocate funds. Ed Kucy suggested PAC have a vote and mandate where the funds should be allocated. Example: How much money to be allocated to numeracy and literacy? How much money to be allocated to other items?

#### Administration Report

Ed Kucy needs to confirm subscriptions for online learning tools. RAZ kids, Lexia Core and Mathletics. Subscriptions are approximately \$2,000.00 each annually. Not in the school budget. Members ask if money can be taken out of the first quarter field trip funds paid by parents for field trips that will not take place. Agreed for PAC council to pay 50% of subscription and other half Ed Kucy will look into asking teachers about field trip money.

Motion: RAZ kids, Lexia Core and Mathletics subscriptions to be paid 50% by Parent Council and 50% by school funds. Motioned by Catherine Cake. Second by Martin Reay

Shelley Leroux will look into "Spirit" a fund matching program.

Discussed whether we could look into Community Support. Holy Redeemer can accept community support (grants/donations) as a separate society.

## Programs

Artist in Residency Program was cancelled due to Covid. Cost was approximately \$10,000.00. The band equipment sales of approximately \$5,500.00 would go towards it and the other portion would have to be raised. Program would have to be voted on again.

Edmonton Symphony Orchestra. In Spring 2019, \$950.00 was paid to have a concert. Rachel McMaster was organizing. Ed Kucy will follow up with Rachel McMaster.

School funds were allocated to have the grade 3 core students to be moved from split class.

Educational Assistant put into large kindergarten class to assist the teacher.

Education Assistant in Nature Kindergarten program.

Ed Kucy indicates kids have adapted well and so far so good. A few changes noted:

Updated bell schedule. Rounded dismissal bell to 2:40 and blocks to either 0 or 5.  
Website to be updated with current information.

Added time to Language Arts and Math blocks.

Parent comment: love Raiders Weekly

## Treasurer's Report – Shelley Leroux

Closing balance as of August 31, 2020 - \$50,634

Hot Lunch cheques approximately \$80.00 in cheques to be cashed

Two years of books to be audited.

Action Needed to add/remove signing authority

## Other

Method of communication for Parent Council with parents outside of Parent Council. Must always be through the school office. Facebook page could be formed by PAC.

Ed Kucy received permission to share email addresses of executive members.

Adjournment:

October 20, 2020

End: time: 8:30 p.m.