

Holy Redeemer - Parent Council Minutes

October 20, 2020

Call to Order: 6:30 p.m.

Attendance:

Parents: Tammy Bilodeau, Martin Reay, Angela Morin, Andrea Minarchi (Chair), Lori Taylor (Vice Chair), Jen LK, Catherine Cake (Treasurer), Laura Lee (Secretary)

Staff: Ed Kucy – Principal, Kristine Willis-Dengler – Vice Principal, Ted Paszek – Trustee EICS, Sarah McCann – Family Wellness Worker, Agnes Wiunow – Collaborative Response Coordinator

Opening Prayer – Kristine Willis-Dengler

Approval of the Minutes – approved by Andrea Minarchi/2nd by Tammy Bilodeau

October 20, 2020 Agenda approved

School/Teacher Report - Agnes Wiunow (Collaborative Response Coordinator)

Collaborative team meetings are being held every 4-6 weeks for the two divisions (grades K-4 and 5-8). The team meetings involve teachers, administration, Agnes Wiunow and Sarah McCann. Meetings held to discuss students' emotional and social needs, develop strategies, assess level of need and psychoeducational assessments. The K-4 division already had their first meeting.

Highlights from classrooms:

Kindergarten (Mrs. Spilchak):

Learning letters, sorting shapes, learning patterns

Grade 1 (Mrs. McMaster):

Students to begin reading, printing simple sentences, working on Halloween book, patterns in Math and numbers 1-20, learning about dressing for Winter

Grade 2 (Mrs. Brouwer):

Grade 2 having own class for core subjects, skip counting and number sense in math, learning to write longer sentences

Grade 3 (Mrs. Twohey):

Staffing change, Mrs. Twohey, Grade 3 Teacher is now having her own class for core subjects but still enjoy seeing their grade 2 friends for Health, Physical Education and Art, learning about rocks and minerals in science

Grade 4 (Mrs. Cossey):

Learning about waste in our environment, students cleaned our playground

Grade 5 (Ms. Richard):

Learning about weather in science

Grade 6 (Ms. Kennaugh):

Stop motion project, going over Genesis 1 and 2 in bible, trees in forest as science unit

Grade 7:

New to the school, Mr. Holba, joined as grade 7 math teacher, just finished science unit

Grade 8 (Mrs. Willis-Dengler):

Finished science unit, finished short story in Language Arts

School/Teacher Report – Sarah McCann (Family Wellness Worker)

Sarah McCann's involvement includes connecting students/families to community resources for social, emotional and family support. Confirmed consent is always required from parents to work with students. Noticing a higher level of needs due to Covid. Anxiety is much higher this year.

- School is supporting a student diagnosed with cancer. The school received consent from family to help the student and family in any way we can. Maybe a possibility to help with indirect fundraising. Sarah will touch base with family.

Trustee Report – Ted Paszek (EICS Trustee)

Highlights from October 14, 2020 EICS Board Meeting

- o Grade 12 diploma exams are voluntary this year
- o Grade 6 and 9 provincial achievement tests not being written this year
- o EICS Board working closely with Chief Medical Officer to keep our schools safe
- o No known Covid transmission within school as of yet
- o Online students can choose to re-enter in person learning but reverse is not possible.
- o Federal funding made possible to support online learning

Administration Report – Ed Kucy

- Two new staff members: Aaron Holba – junior high teacher and Joanne Mcrobert – educational assistant
- Grade 3 class now has their own class for core subjects made possible by federal government funding. Grade 3 core is now being taught by Ms. Twohey
- Shout out to staff members for their diligence in following protocol
- No cases of Covid at the school. Staff member with the Boys & Girls Club in our school tested positive but Alberta Health Services investigated and deemed no close contact in our school
- Wellness Wednesdays – Virtual Bingo a big hit. Tie dye day also well participated
- End of September Father Jim from OLPH attended the school and blessed grade 4 bibles
- Virtual mass held October 20, 2020
- Parent/teacher interviews scheduled November 4 and 5. Instructions and more information to follow in Raiders Weekly Newsletter
- Unable to use school fees to pay for subscription (Lexia Core, RAZ kids, Mathletics). School fees approved one year in advance by Board
- Motion by Laura Lee to for subscriptions to be paid by PAC funds. Not seconded. Ed Kucy will check with teachers on breakdown on which subscriptions are used and how often.
- Question: Can one subscription encompass all needs? Ed Kucy advises it may be difficult to find one that encompasses all needs and coincides with Alberta Curriculum.

PAC Projects:

a) Fundraising Options:

- Krispy Kreme Doughnut Order Fundraiser – maybe difficult because of Covid, do not want to bombard parents with fundraising
Action: put on hold for now, possible Spring opportunity
- Grocery gift cards – possible 5% of total sales back to our from larger chain stores, 10% from smaller retailers
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- Purdy's Chocolate Orders – Go ahead for Christmas fundraiser. Catalogues in, tentative deadline for ordering Nov. 25 and delivery December 8. Angela

Morin handling project. Ed Kucy confirms school can provide a location in school to organize order but AHS protocol must be followed.

b) Yearbook:

- 2018-2019 finished. Delivery scheduled November 9. Money owed is \$2,500.00
- 2019-2020 – Staff member, Linda Maitland collecting photos via email. Parent, Angela Morin to volunteer.
- 2020-2021 (current year). Staff members, Linda Maitland and Diana Chrystian will come aboard to help develop yearbook for the current year

c) Hot Lunch Program:

- Andrea Minarchi attended CEPAC meeting. Hot lunch program can be offered if AHS protocols followed
- Kristine Willis-Dengler volunteers grade 8 students to deliver lunch orders to classrooms on a rotating team basis. Would be good for leadership
- Freson Bros. may be an option to provide hot lunch
- Ed Kucy will add a request for a hot lunch volunteer in weekly Smores

d) Funding School Projects:

- Need to know cost for Ukuleles
- Need to know costs of any projects
- Mandate allocation of funds. Ed Kucy will contact PAC Council Chair from Holy Spirit to possibly share an example of their fund allocation
- Ed Kucy will ask teachers for wish list (limit suggestions to top 3 items)

e) Grade 8 Farewell:

- Angela Morin and Laura Lee volunteer to organize
- Other: Already have volunteer for kindergarten farewell

f) Facebook group going well. Only 20 members. Hoping to get the word out by members sharing on Facebook with the Holy Redeemer families.

g) Emails – If any information to be sent to parents can be sent to the school and then be forwarded to parents administration

h) Ideas & Additions: none

i) Treasurer's Report: Information unavailable – Treasurer, Shelley Laroux absent

Adjournment:

Next meeting: November 17, 2020, 6:30 p.m. (All meetings are posted on the school website under parents - school council)

End: 8:09 p.m.