

## Minutes from Parent Council Meeting held November 17, 2020

Call to Order: 6:32 p.m.

### Attendance:

**Parents:** Tammy Bilodeau, Angela Morin, Jessica Koehli, Andrea Minarchi (Chair), Shelley Leroux (Treasurer), Catherine Cake (To Be Treasurer), Laura Lee (Secretary),

**Staff:** Ed Kucy – Principal, Kristine Willis-Dengler – Vice Principal, Stephanie Spilchak-Kindergarten and Nature Kinder Teacher

Opening Prayer – Kristine Willis-Dengler

Approval of October 22, 2020 Minutes – approved by Andrea Minarchi/2<sup>nd</sup> by Angela Morin

November 17, 2020 Agenda – approved by Andrea Minarchi/2<sup>nd</sup> Laura Lee

### SCHOOL UPDATES

#### Teacher Report – Stephanie Spilchak (Kindergarten and Nature Kinder Teacher)

Kindergarten students are feeling rejuvenated from Fall Break. Kindergarten students moving right along with their Jolly Phonics Program. Students are working on subitizing using fun dice games and learning to print numbers. The kindergarten class has new centre rotations using a ticket system. This helps to better track which stations the children have attended.

Nature Kinder students flourishing in their outdoor play. Stephanie asked for others to spread the word about the phenomenal program. The students are developing their critical thinking and problem-solving skills.

#### Family in Need Support Options

Andrea Minarch reports that the Family Wellness Worker, Sarah McCann confirms the family with the child who is undergoing treatment for cancer would love to be a part of a fundraiser for the Stollery or Kids with Cancer. Andrea suggested a few fundraising ideas:

- Bottle drive
- virtual-a-thon (shaving head, colouring hair)
- social distanced walk or run
- Selling cancer awareness ribbons/stickers
- Spring sports game

Andrea will head this project and keep us posted.

### **Administration Report – Ed Kucy**

- Parent and Teacher interviews went well the week prior to Fall break
- Nutrition Program began the week returning from Fall break and the kids are loving it. Aimee Fontaine is running the program. Some changes this year as many items are individually packaged.
- No Christmas Concert this year. Mrs. Willis-Dengler is part of a committee to establish alternative options for Christmas Concert. Looking at possibility of videotaping children performing Christmas songs and making it shareable to parents.

### **PAC Projects:**

#### a) Fundraising Options:

- Purdy's Chocolate Orders – Angela Morin indicates approximately \$3500.00 in sales from current order. Possibly more once ordering closes on November 20. Order will be delivered to school around December 10. Angela Morin and Ed Kucy to discuss distribution while following protocols.
- Park other potential fundraisers until closer to Spring. Grocery gift cards a possibility.
- Andrea Minarchi reports receipt of a \$500.00 donation to PAC from her employer, Capital Power.
- Discussed the possibility of changing PAC status to a charitable society so a charitable receipt can be provided to donors. Ed Kucy will get information from Holy Spirit treasurer.

#### b) Yearbook:

- 2018-2019 finished. Kelly F. will be delivering yearbooks to the school. Ed Kucy is figuring out how to get yearbooks to students who no longer attend HR.

- 2019-2020 – Angela Morin ready to go with putting yearbook together. Ed Kucy indicates Linda Maitland and Diane Chrystian organizing photos.
- 2020-2021 (current year). Linda Maitland and Diana Chrystian collecting photos. Shelley Leroux asked that the yearbooks be done by a Canadian company as \$100 extra was paid for previous yearbooks due to exchange from US funds to Canadian.

c) Hot Lunch Program:

- Laura Lee and Jen K. to volunteer to organize program.
- Last year's ordering system will probably be best to use.
- Still a problem getting orders to the students as parents are not allowed in the school. Grade 8's cannot help in distributing lunch as due to cohort restrictions.
- Ed Kucy will ask Nutrition Program Head, Aimee Fontaine if she is interested in helping.

d) Funding School Projects:

- Andrea Minarchi reviewed the information she received from other parent council how their funds are allocated. There are four categories: Operating, Positive Faith Formation, Literacy/Numeracy and Technology
- Discussed funding subscription programs (RAZ kids, Lexia Core and Mathletics). Parents concerned this may set a precedent for future years. Smaller school means smaller fundraising and \$3000 per year on subscriptions would be difficult for PAC to uphold.  
Ed Kucy shared teacher survey on program usage:
  - RAZ 62% at school/62% at home
  - Mathletics 87% at school/75% at home
  - Lexia 50% at school/50% at home
 At previous September 22, 2020 PAC meeting, PAC agreed to pay 50% of \$6000 being the total cost of the subscriptions. Ed Kucy will provide PAC with exact cost of subscriptions.
- Ed Kucy gathering wish list information from teachers.

e) Grade 8 Farewell:

- Angela Morin and Laura Lee planning Option A and B depending on Covid restrictions. Kristine Willis-Dengler indicates the students are expecting an event in the gym with decorations, music, etc.

f) Would like more parent involvement on Facebook group. Continue to send emails to through the school to communicate with parents.

g) Treasurer's Report:

- Outstanding cheques for hot lunch. Ed Kucy will reach out to people who have not cashed the cheques.
- Two years of books need to be audited by two people. Andrea Minarchi and Catherine Cake volunteer.
- Any families reached out as family in need. Possible funds to be set aside for family in need. Ed Kucy confirms he has not received a request.

h) Ideas & Additions:

- Andrea Minarchi brought up how we can make the Christmas season fun for the kids. No more bring and buy sale which brought the students the joy of giving. Kristine Willis-Dengler suggested a Christmas book read by Zoom or video link. Discussed the possibility of a craft for the kids to do via Zoom and then be able to give away. Andrea Minarchi will discuss possible craft with Tammy Bilodeau.

Adjournment:

No meeting in December

Next meeting: January 19, 2021

End: 8:04 p.m.