

Minutes from Parent Council Meeting held April 20, 2021

PART 1 – WELCOME, PRAYER AND APPROVAL

Call to Order: 6:30 p.m.

Attendance:

Parents: Andrea Minarchi (Chair), Lori Taylor (Vice Chair), Shelley Leroux (Treasurer), Laura Lee (Secretary), Chris McCrea

Staff: Ted Pascek (EICS Board Chair), Ed Kucy – Principal, Kristine Willis-Dengler – Vice Principal, Nikki Brouwer-Grade 2 Teacher

Opening Prayer – Kristine Willis-Dengler

Approval of March 16, 2021 Minutes – approved by Lori Taylor/2nd by Shelley Leroux

Approval of April 20, 2021, Agenda – approved by Lori Taylor/2nd by Shelley Leroux

PART 2 - SCHOOL UPDATE

Teacher Report – Nikki Brouwer (Grade 2 teacher)

Kindergarten students are learning last few letters. They started their home reading program and learning measurement by measuring everyday objects using non-standard units.

First Grade students are learning to use their five senses in science. They will receive eggs soon and anticipate the eggs will hatch by June.

Second Grade students are learning two-digit addition in math. In social, they just finished their unit on Saskatoon and in science they are learning about hot and cold. They will be building their own thermos.

Third Grade students are learning geometry in math and building structures.

Fourth Grade students are learning wheels and levers in science. They will be painting in an upcoming field trip. In math, they are learning to tell time. They are also enjoying paddleball.

Fifth Grade Students just began a new novel study.

Sixth Grade Students are learning about Ancient Athens. Seven Grade students said good bye to the student teacher who recently joined their class and just finished their novel study, Fatty Legs.

Eighth Grade Students are finishing their mechanical systems unit and are excited to be planning their farewell.

Administration Report – Ed Kucy

- Adoration is in the building tomorrow.
- Extra-curricular activities like Fine Arts and basketball are going well.
- Just hosted the very first school assembly this month while keeping in cohorts and adhering to AHS guidelines. It gave everyone a sense of community which was much needed.
- We are grateful our school is still covid free. A huge thank you to everyone for doing their part to keep our community safe.
- The new draft curriculum is a hot topic. EICS will make an informed decision. They will look at the pros and cons and use a feedback process. EICS Superintendent, Shawn Haggerty has personally called concerned parents.
- The draft assurance plan was forwarded to parent volunteers to review. Need feedback in one week so Ed and Kristine can prepare to present to Central Learning Services.
- Staff have been busy. A committee is working towards developing a handbook for staff, students and parents outlining general guidelines for the school such as parking and visitors.
- The last PD day staff enjoyed a guest speaker and discussed the results of the survey results.
- School purchased some items of teachers' wish list on their own such as symmetry mirrors, math sets and a water fill station. They would love to put an additional water fill station at the front of the school near the gym.
- In the last couple of months, staff has discussed future plans while observing school goals and division goals. The future plan comes from a collective voice.

Items requested:

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| No. 1 priority – Sensory Activity Path (possibly installed near library) | \$2,000.00 |
| Amount towards numeracy, approx. \$100/class, supplies could be kept in math manipulative room | \$1,000.00 |
| Amount towards literacy, approx.. \$100/class, ex. Guided reading level books | \$1,000.00 |

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| Hokey stools \$100/stool @ 5 stools | <u>\$500.00</u> |
| TOTAL: | \$4,500.00 |

Quorum: Does PAC Council vote to support the Assurance Plan as decided by Holy Redeemer Staff for up to \$4,500.00?

Unanimous Yes by council members.

Trustee Report – Ted Paszek

- New draft curriculum – the Board has not received all data yet. Soliciting response from parents. The review of the new curriculum should be thorough and thoughtful. The Board wants to provide a response to the Government that is solid.
- Trustee Board Meeting tomorrow
- Will be able to discuss district budget at the following meeting
- GRACE Committee just held a summit on April 19. GRACE is a Canada wide committee advocating Catholic education. They are holding a contest for submissions on why they love Catholic Education.

End of Report

Council Members concerned over how to input feedback on the new draft curriculum. Very lengthy and difficult to compare to current curriculum. Suggestion made to provide feedback/vote on pieces of the curriculum that stands out when reviewed as a parent.

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PART 3 – PARENT COUNCIL-PROJECTS:

- Andrea attended CEPAC meeting. A lot of information on resolutions. The new method is a legal-like approach to resolutions. Andrea Minarchi joined a working group to discuss the new legal-like approach.
- ASCA Annual General Meeting April 23-25
Andrea Minarchi will attend.

Will PAC reimburse Andrea for registration fee to attend ASCA Conference \$155.00?

Approved 1st Shelley Leroux/2nd Lori Taylor

PAC PROJECTS

- “This is Our School” video done by Kristine. Thank you. Amazing job! It was shared on Smores and social media.
- a) Fundraising Options:
- Fundraising set aside for this year
 - Read-a-thon - Lori Taylor discussed with School librarian, Tracey Skoggins. Plan to have the read-a-thon up and running in October of next year.
- b) Yearbook:
- 2019-2020 – Angela Morin paid for the balance of the unpurchased yearbooks \$120. Motion - Will PAC reimburse Angela for the payment of the unpurchased yearbooks?
Approved 1st Andrea/2nd Shelley
 - 2020-2021 (current year). Still need parent volunteer to put together the yearbook.
 - 2021-2022. Jessica Koehli will volunteer to organize yearbook
- c) Grade 8 Farewell – Meeting planned next week with Kristine, Emilie Sarnecki, Angela Morin and Laura Lee to discuss virtual grad. Grade 8’s already in a cohort so they can do speeches together, eat a meal together etc. It will just be shared differently with family (virtually).
- d) Ed had an idea to promote Nature Kinder by placing an outdoor sign near the back of the school. Requesting fence posts for this signage.
- e) Year End Thank you to teachers
- Maybe an open tab for the teachers at a coffee house
 - Send individual meals to school for teachers to enjoy
 - Any kind of thank you and communication that we appreciate you

TREASURER’S REPORT – Shelley Leroux

- Received additional rebate from Purdy’s \$166.26

- Sent Ed payment of Lexia subscription \$773.83. Shelley suggested flat amount from PAC be agreed upon if PAC decides to put money towards subscriptions in the future.
- Balance \$49,084.18
- Received request for payment from Lifetouch. Shelley will follow up with Angela Morin

Adjournment:

Next meeting: May 18, 2021

End: 8:17 p.m.