

Minutes from Parent Council Meeting held October 19, 2021

PART 1 – WELCOME, PRAYER AND APPROVAL

Call to Order: 6:36 p.m.

Attendance:

Parents: Andrea B., Jess Koehli, Catherine Cake, Lauren Unrau, Christina Likely, Andrea Minarchi, Laura Lee, Brittany Faux, Jolene Johnsen, Angelina McLaughlin, Tammy Bilodeau, Angela Morin

Staff: Ed Kucy – Principal, Kristine Willis-Dengler, Nicole Richard

Opening Prayer – Kristine Willis-Dengler

Treaty Acknowledgment – Ed Kucy

Introductions

Approval of September 21, 2021 Minutes – approved by Andrea Minarchi/2nd by Tammy Bilodeau

Approval of October 19, 2021, Agenda – approved by Laura Lee/2nd by Andrea Minarchi

Nominations for 2021-2022 Parent Advisory Council

Treasurer – Tammy Bilodeau nominates Lauren Unrau for Treasurer position, Andrea M. approves

PART 2 - SCHOOL UPDATE – Nicole Richard

- Students are very excited for Halloween, Academy students grades 5-8 organizing events such as a fair in the morning and Haunted Halloween. There will be a costume parade in the afternoon.
- The students are learning about the Cree Calendar. Following the book 13 Moons on a Turtles Back. Each class picked a special outdoor spot to visit each month to notice how season changes.
- In Fine Arts, auditions are happening for the Spring play
- Students are preparing for Christmas Concert
- Grade 3 students built their own instruments for their Hearing and Sound Unit

- Previous PAC agreed to cover 25% of costs for the Artist in Residency initiative that took place in February of last year. The students did things like made puppets, designed costumes and recorded their own play. The school received a grant to cover 75% of the cost of the program and previous PAC (2019-2020 school year) agreed to cover 25% balance. Program delayed due to Covid. School invoiced this past July. Total cost was \$21,000, Alberta Government paid \$14,500, School paid for the remaining 25% being \$5,500. Andrea Minarchi will track down previous minutes.

Administration Report – Ed Kucy

- Older students attended MADD presentation
- Holy Redeemer participating in the Linking Generation Program. Building connections with seniors. Looking for parent volunteers on October 28 to attend Chartwell Seniors' Residence with grades 7 and 8.
- Grade 4 had Bible presentation with Father Mario
- Nutrition Program up and running
- End of September school had Truth and Reconciliation Week. Massive map with teaching activities set up in the gym. Elders attended to help set up tipi previously donated to the school.
- Terry Fox run went well
- Volleyball up and running
- Students participated in Twin Day
- Three fire drills and 1 lockdown drill
- November 2 and 3 parent/teacher interviews
- Fall Break coming soon

PART 3 – PARENT COUNCIL-PROJECTS:

a) Fundraising:

Read-a-thon – Christine Likely and Tracey Scoggins will connect. Will this be a PAC initiative? Ed says this could potentially be a school program. It would make more sense to run as PAC with parent support to be successful. Ed will follow up with Tracey Scoggins.

Purdy's - Angela Morin indicates new incentives: If \$5000 raised, school receives the regular 25% amount back to school plus an additional 2.5%. If \$10,000 raised, school receives an additional 5%.

Gift Cards – Fundscrip: Over 100 gift cards to choose from. School receives 2-10% back from sales. Lauren will find out closing date. No foreseeable problem

handing out to parents. Possibility to hand out at the same time as turkey/ham hand out if that is going on this year. Ed will check with Aimee Fontaine to see if happening this year.

PAC will run both fundraisers (Purdy's and Fundscrip) this Christmas season.

- b) School support/Allocation of funds –**
Possibilities discussed: playground (very expensive, 5-6 years to pay off), \$50 teacher fund, tub of toys, gym equipment, cross fit training equipment, subscriptions, doing a survey to parents with options, items within the school assurance plan.
- c) Yearbook 2020-2021 –** How many photos are there for that school year? Ed estimates 15-20 per class. Tess Guerin could help the parent volunteer from the school side to make sure each student is represented in yearbook. Jess Koehli can volunteer for 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 yearbooks. Catherine Cake and Lauren Unrau willing to help out. Tess Guerin will reach out to Jess/Catherine/Lauren.
- d) Hot lunch –** PAC will use Health Hunger Program. Would like to run Wednesdays and various Fridays as long as we have volunteers. Grade 7 and 8 students or Faith Team can help to hand out. Program will roll out week of November 15.
- e) Grade 8 Farewell –** PAC will not seek volunteers. Mrs. Willis-Dengler will check with students on their preference this year.
- f) Treasurer's Report –** nothing to report. Lauren Unrau and Shelley Leroux not able to connect yet.
- g) How to get more parent involvement**
- Love the Smores and reminder emails on PAC meeting days
 - Beneficial to put all PAC meeting dates on website

End: 8:10 p.m.

Next meeting November 16, 2021