

Holy Family School Council Meeting Minutes
January 25, 2021

Attendance: Melanie Wagner, Shayla Fuchs, Rori-Lynn Daniel, Stacey Martz, Amy Holden, Heather Bettenson, Donna Bradley, Heather McPherson & screen name “enjoy the little things”

- Regrets: Trustee Anne-Marie Watson, Rebecca Quijada

1.) Call to Order @ 7:05pm 1st: Amy 2nd: Heather B

2.) Acknowledgement of the Traditional Land: Melanie

3.) Opening Prayer: Rori-Lynn

4.) Approval of Agenda: 1st: Amy 2nd: Shayla

5.) Approval of November 16, 2020 Minutes: 1st: Amy 2nd: Heather B

6.) Call for New Business:

- None.

7.) Committee Updates:

a.) Treasurer : account balance as per Heather Bettenson:

- Money spent this month:
 - \$241.05 - Christmas Craft Night supplies from SE account
 - \$203.44 - Stars supplies from SE account
- There was a slight discrepancy between January and November balances due to timing of transfers from accounts and GST. Corrected balances listed below.
- Current account balances and corrected balances from November:

Special Events Account - \$170.79
(Nov balance was \$615.28)

PACT Account - \$1062.69
(Nov balance was \$1172.65)

Field Trips Account - \$9790.00
(Nov balance was \$9790.00)

Hot Lunch Account - \$16,668.88 & credit of \$2086
(Nov balance was \$16,668.88 & credit of 2086.00)

b.) Faith Rep : Rebecca absent.

- No update.
- c.) **Hot Lunch** : update as per Heather Bettenson
 - Hot lunch program is suspended at this time, but preparations are being made in the event that it resumes in March.
 - Survey was completed by parents, indicating their preferred participating restaurants. Heather has noted feedback and will include changes when the HL program continues.
- d.) **Volunteer Program:**
 - Suspended at this time.
- e.) **Secretary:**
 - Nothing to report.

8.) Past Events:

- Christmas Craft Night
 - Event was successful and positive feedback was received from in class students and at home learners.
 - Thank you to the parent shoppers who purchased supplies, the educational assistants for preparing craft kits, and teachers for the instructional videos
- Epiphany Mass
 - The school division hosted mass was successful and included a grade 5 Holy Family School student.

9.) Upcoming Events:

- None.

10.) New Business:

- a. Fundraising committee update on read-a-thon provided by Heather Bettenson and Amy Holden:
 - Prize purchasing is almost complete, start date is anticipated for April 12.
 - *Healthy Hunger* will support paperless read-a-thon, development of software is underway.
 - Tax receipts may be requested individually for donations that meet amount criteria. HH program does not support this feature, but it is a possibility that the school division can provide tax receipts upon individual email requests. This will be looked into further before the fundraiser is launched.
- b. Hot Lunch Committee:
 - Division to revisit reopening of the hot lunch program in March. Please see item 7.c.
- c. School Request:
 - Washer and dryer have been requested by the school staff in order to assist teachers with regular cleaning of classroom items in compliance with COVID protocol. Ex. pinnies, disinfecting cloths, soft items from early learning classrooms, soiled student items, unclaimed lost & found items, etc.

- \$1200 proposed amount needed. All in favour.
- School division maintenance staff will determine the best location and suitable appliance before a final decision is made.

11.) Principals Report:

- Please see Principal's Report for full details.
- Thank you to parents for continuing compliance with daily COVID checklist.
- Learning Focus for January include social justice, responding to students needs, reading comprehension, safe and caring training.
- Author Theresa “Corky” Larsen-Jonasson will be meeting with staff for discussion sessions.
- Staffing updates due to staff on leave.
- Registration for pre-kindergarten and kindergarten are down comparatively this year.
- Holy Family School is partnering with RCMP to encourage residents of deer park to report all suspicious activity to police that is occurring on school property outside of school hours.
- Approximately 8-10 students will return to in person learning as the new semester begins February 1st.
- Upcoming social justice plans.
- Upcoming Mindful Monday & BIG goals plans.
- School enhancement counsellor focus for January.
- Administration procedures link listed (parent feedback welcome.)
- Face to Face Ministries retreat was successful.
- Parents of children in grades 4, 7, and 10 will receive a survey regarding their children's education.
- Advisory question - school may look at removing Twitter account as it is the least used of several communication platforms. Council in agreement.

12.) Trustee's Report: Anne-Marie Watson unable to attend, report shared by Rori-Lynn

- In response to confusion over superintendent survey questions, Anne-Marie has advised that the survey was initially created for teachers to complete. The decision was made to extend the survey to parents, but the wording was not changed from its original format and many found the dialogue confusing as it was initially prepared for those within the education system.
- There were 687 parents who responded to the survey, and 189 staff.
- The survey itself was produced at no cost and though the results are confidential, they broadly expressed a focus on faith, building trust, budget considerations, covid response, respect and collaboration.

13.)Date of Next Meeting: Monday, March 15 @ 7:00pm

14.)Adjournment @8:30pm 1st:Shayla 2nd: Donna

