

Holy Family School Council Meeting Minutes
March 15, 2021

Attendance: Melanie Wagner, Rori-Lynn Daniel, Stacey Martz, Heather Bettenson, Donna Bradley, Heather McPherson, Anne-Marie Warson, Jackie Armstrong, LouAnne W

- Regrets: Shayla Fuchs, Amy Holden, Rebecca Quijada

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

2.) **Acknowledgement of the Traditional Land:** Melanie

3.) **Opening Prayer:** Stacey

4.) **Approval of Agenda:** 1st: Donna 2nd: Heather B

5.) **Approval of January 25, 2021 Minutes:** 1st: Heather B 2nd: Jackie

6.) **Call for New Business:**

- None.

7.) **Committee Updates:**

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

- Current account balances:

Special Events Account - \$3589.79

-\$4219 was added to this account from the Hot Lunch Account to match the budget.

-\$800 was moved to the HF Social Justice project for families in need.

PACT Account - \$912.69

-\$150 was used for Soup for the Soul (3 at \$50 each.) One of the Soup for the Souls was from October 7 (invoice was missed.)

Field Trips Account - \$9790.00

Hot Lunch Account - \$13,785.88 (\$11,699.88 + \$2086 credit)

-\$750 moved to HFS music program.

-\$4219 moved to Special Events account to reflect school budget.

b.) **Faith Rep :** Rebecca absent. Update given by Stacey.

- Father Mirek will be joining the grade 4 class for a Holy Week liturgy which will be video broadcast to the remainder of the school. There is a possibility that a livestream could be made available to parents interested in watching from home.

- Preparations are being made for the grade 5's rosary celebration in May.

c.) Hot Lunch :

- Hot lunch program continues to be suspended at this time.

d.) Volunteer Program:

- Suspended at this time.

e.) Secretary:

- Nothing to report.

8.) Past Events:

- Shrove Tuesday was celebrated at home. Students were encouraged to send in photos of their pancake meals for HFS social media accounts. Few participated.

9.) Upcoming Events:

- None.

10.) New Business:

- a. Spring Photos: April 19 & 20th
 - No parent volunteers required.
 - Council in agreement that class photos will not take place.
- b. Fundraising Committee: Amy absent, update given by Heather Bettenson
 - Read-a-thon anticipated start date of April 12, allowing students to read and fundraise until May 3. Ballots will be allocated the week of May 10. Prize announcement on May 17.
 - As per parent feedback, the fundraiser will no longer reward the students who raised the most money, but the students who read the most minutes.
 - Prize purchasing complete. \$1252 spent, original amount budgeted was \$1300.
 - Teacher feedback needed for "class privilege day" reward for class who reads the most during the fundraiser.
 - Heather B has a contact that has agreed to host the read-a-thon program on their server at no charge, as a donation to the school.
 - New read-a-thon program does not store donation payment details.
 - Free online "name choosing" programs may be utilized for random prize drawing.
 - Stacey and Heather B will collaborate on instructional video to assist parents and students in navigating the read-a-thon program.
 - For those students without technology at home, time and assistance at school will be provided so that they can input their fundraiser information.
- c. Admazing Savings coupon book
 - Decision made to wait until after read-a-thon fundraiser to determine if coupon book fundraiser is needed.

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 February/March include faith based sessions, responding to students learning needs, reading comprehension, safe and caring training.
- Mrs. Annette Grieman Kocins will be covering Mrs. Ratzlaff's class until further notice.
- Registration for pre-kindergarten and kindergarten are down comparatively this year.
- Residents of Deer Park have responded positively to the letter sent out by Holy Family School regarding reporting suspicious activity to RCMP complaint line.
- Upcoming social justice plans.
- Upcoming spirit days.
- Upcoming Mindful Monday & BIG goals plans.
- School enhancement counsellor focus.
- Administration procedures link listed (parent feedback welcome.)
- Parents of children in grades 4, 7, and 10 will receive a survey regarding their children's education.
- Advisory question - is staggered entry/dismissal something you would like to see continued?

12.) Trustee's Report: as per trustee Anne-Marie Watson

- Board of trustees meeting held at end of February. Topics discussed included:
 - new middle school in Kentwood approved, currently in the design phase. Budget phase is expected next with an anticipated opening of September 2022.
 - the school board continues to advocate to the provincial government for school staff priority COVID vaccination and rapid testing kits. At this time, neither request has been addressed.

13.) Date of Next Meeting: Monday, May 17, 2021 @ 7:00pm

14.) Adjournment @8:26pm 1st: Donna 2nd: Jackie