

Jean Vanier Parent School Council Meeting Minutes November 2, 2017

Attendees: Carla Kemp, Bev Metcalfe, Gordon Marshall, Danielle Wong, Shauna Molinar, Holly Zacharko, Shannon Warawa, Carrie Desjarlais, Elaine Foote, Rosie Conrad

Meeting called to order at 6:03pm by Danielle.

Gordon said opening prayer.

Lori Pichota has stepped down as secretary and Rosie Conrad has accepted the position of secretary.

Treasurer's Report: Shannon provided the numbers currently in the account, which are inflated due to what still needs to be disbursed including hot lunch, the cost of the apples and water stations.

Principal's Report:

1. This coming Saturday, November 4th JV and Madonna school will be host the 5:00pm mass for Catholic Education Sunday.
2. On November 22nd Fr. Joe will be joining us for an assembly where he will bless and distribute the grade 4 bibles.
3. Fr. Jim paid a visit to the school on Wednesday, November 1 and was in almost all of the classes to say hello. The plan moving forward is to have weekly priest visits at the school.
4. Thanks for the wonderful turn out of parents for our Halloween activities!
5. Since our last meeting we have had many things happening around the school.
 - a. Opening Liturgy for the Ukrainian students - September 20th
 - b. Terry Fox - September 22nd
 - c. Bus evacuation drills, fire drills, Fire inspection
 - d. Grade 4 leadership retreat - October 3rd
 - e. School Photos and retakes
 - f. Several different in class and out of the building field trips
 - g. Sportball - October 11th
 - h. Waste reduction week - October 16-20th

This week we have welcomed a new school Secretary, Ms. Simone Dubuc

Mrs. Rafuse have been officially appointed Acting Asst. Principal until Mrs. Boehm's return.

Parent Teacher Interviews will be taking place on November 7th & 8th.

Remembrance Day service will take place on Thursday, November 9th @ 10:30am

November 10th is a PD day for staff and the start of the fall break for our students.

EICS is presenting Dr. Jody Carrington on November 7th @ 7:00pm in the St. Theresa Theatre

How can we best deal with parent engagement with the school and the Division – should you have any thoughts or ideas on this please be in contact.

Communication corner will be moved back to Fridays.

Updates:

#s from Apple Fundraiser and School Dance: The apple fundraiser brought in approximately \$1100.00 after costs and the school dance brought in approximately \$1300.00. The revenue from the school dance will cover the cost of the leadership t-shirts for the grade 4 students.

Grade 4 Leadership Shirts: As above the revenue from the school dance will cover the costs of the leadership shirts. There will be a slight change to the shirts going forward, as Faith permeates all of what our students do this will be included on each shirt. We are currently awaiting final design and expect the shirts to be in shortly after November break.

It was noted that parents would like some additional information about the groups that the students can join, it may be beneficial to send a write up in regards to the purpose of each group while the students are still in grade 3 to prepare for the choice in grade 4.

New Business:

Spellathon: This information was sent out on October 27 to most classes, to ensure conclusion within the month of November. The moneys raised will go to the library renovation fund. The teachers have been provided packages, they will test in class as the schedule allows on November 6, 2017. Students will receive scores and an envelope to return their cash pledges on November 9 with the request that all pledges be returned by November 20. There will be individual incentives for all students who participate, along with group incentives for those classes raising the most money.

Christmas Baskets and VIP Parking: Teachers will be provided with a list of the themed baskets so that they can sign their classes up, looking to send notices home with students at the end of November for donations. The Christmas concert is scheduled for Thursday, December 21 with a 1pm performance and a 6:30pm performance. Looking for corporate donations to be provided by December 13, 2017 – a letter is available for anyone able to request donations, please contact jvpac1009@gmail.com. The baskets will be on display December 18, 19 and 20. A raffle will again take place for VIP parking this year.

Library revitalization: There is a small committee of staff that are currently receiving and reviewing quotes for the items required for the library revitalization. They will be moving forward initially with the tables (including whiteboard tables) and will then be looking at comfortable seating for the students.

St. Nicholas: All students will receive the same treat bag and visit from St. Nicholas this year. PSC will cover the cost of the English student treat bags and PSC and BUCPS will split the cost of having St. Nicholas visit.

Open Discussion: A campaign is currently running in regards to student art being submitted for Students Against Drunk Driving. The information was provided to the school for follow up if there is interest.

Next Meeting Date: Thursday December 7th, 2017 at 6:00pm

Meeting Adjourned at 7:08pm by Danielle