**Jean Vanier Parent School Council Meeting Minutes January 18, 2018**

**Attendees:** **Shawna Molnar, Danielle Wong, Michelle Cameron, Gordon Marshall, Barb Rafuse, Holly Zacharko, Trustee Ted Paszek, Shannon Warawa, Rosie Conrad**

Meeting called to order at 6:01pm by Shawna.

Gordon said opening prayer.

Approval of last months minutes, Holly motioned and Danielle seconded.

Welcomed Trustee Paszek to the meeting.

**Treasurer’s Report:** A cheque was received from BUCPS for $1201.13 from the Admazing Books.

Christmas VIP Parking/Seating $432 in sales this year.

Baskets raised about $3000 with expenses only of $71 for sundry items such as wrapping.

**Trustee Paszek**: Explained the role of the Board as a Corporate Entity. Provided copies of EICS Board Highlights, which are also available on the EICS website.

Special meeting on January 24, 2018 to start the consultation regarding reconfiguration of schools because of overcrowding, specifically at Holy Spirit. Decisions will be made in Spring.

**Principal’s Report:**

1. Mrs. Boehm has returned to school, a big thank you to Mrs. Rafuse who has been acting in the role.
2. A thank you to PSC and BUCPS for the St. Nicholas visit.
3. A request for a statue of St. Nicholas for the school, about 2.5 to 3 feet size wise. Unable to find a statue in most of the usual stores, so will approach Mr. Davies to inquire about interest in creating a statue and for a $ amount.
4. The school is looking to implement cultural curriculum along with increased indigenous information in the curriculum.
5. There is an update of the curriculum from Alberta Education starting in December 2018 with an estimated completion date of 2022, it will role out in EICS as K-4, then 5-8 and finally 9-12. The curriculum has not have a significant update in many years.
6. Currently utilizing competencies and this language when working with students in the classroom, such as problem solving, collaboration, personal growth etc. To encourage student success.
7. Accountability pillar, parents of students in grades 4, 7 and 10 will receive documentation starting January 29 (paper mail).
8. Parish presence, Fr. Jim, Fr. Joe and Fr. Raj are setting up scheduling for school visits, looking to come in once/week for about an hour.
9. Feast of Jordan on January 19, 2018 all invited to attend.
10. Morning Mass, past years classes had attended mass. As Mass times have changed to be earlier this year the school is working with the Parish to see if there is an opportunity to move it so that classes could attend.
11. School Pictures, currently using Icon Photography however Smart Photography is coming out to speak with administration. Discussion of the possibility of sibling photos as well.
12. Thought exchange has been sent out with regards to boundaries, then there will be coffeehouse meetings. There may be opportunity to have PSC involvement as well.
13. January 15, 2018 Assembly had speakers from Catholic Social Services to discuss the donations raised by the students. Will possibly look at Toonie Tuesdays during lent for further support of Vileda House. Administration is cognizant that many have their own charities of choice they would like to balance the ability to educate the students on social justice issues within the school.
14. The school received 18 icons from a function at St. Basil that were blessed and then mounted outside the library. These will be used throughout the seasons to teach and discuss different subject matters.
15. Lent starts Ash Wednesday which is February 14, 2018 which is also Valentine’s Day, celebration for Valentine’s Day will occur on February 13, 2018. Ash Wednesday Mass scheduled for 12:30pm at OLPH.
16. Kinder Registration started on January 15, 2018. The school is still gathering information from parents with regards to scheduling these classes as there is no further noon hour bussing for kinder students. Option is for am or pm or full days – will see what is identified by those parents registering their students.
17. Tables for the library common have been ordered, current tables will go to S. Andre Bessette in Ft Sask. 32 chairs and 8 tables have been ordered with an anticipated delivery at the end of February. Have confirmed that volunteers are able to paint the shelves in the library.

***Updates:***

**Christmas VIP Parking and Seating:** As above

**Christmas Basket:** As above

**Motion to Pay for St. Nikolai:** $371.49, motioned by Shawna and seconded by Michelle.

**Relocation of Advent Celebration for next year:** Is there a possibility of holding it at a Church, we had about 400 to 500 spectators at each of the afternoon and evening performance. OLPH holds about 1000 so it would be at the max as well. Will continue to see what may be available for next year. Possibility of tickets.

**Motion to approve gift cards:** For two teachers in the school, Erin Dziwenko and Pani Baugh. Carried

***New Business:***

**Shrove Tuesday:** Letter to go out to parents, will provide juice and water, Headquarters will provide catering. Requesting a toonie to be paid by January 25, 2018. Will invite L’Arche and possibly Trustees as well. Will save an amount for the Grade 4 class that will be curling during that time.

**Confetti Sweets:** will hold on this. Will also look at the possibility of Salisbury gift cards for fundraising as there is a 20% profit. Tabled for next meeting.

**Bingo:** Tentative date of April 20, 2018.

**Next Meeting:** Thursday, March 8 at 6pm.

**Meeting Adjourned** at 7:13pm by Shawna