**Jean Vanier Parent School Council Meeting Minutes March 8, 2018**

**Attendees:** **Shawna Molnar, Jordan Gulayets, Carrie Desjarlais, Shannon Warawa, Michelle Cameron, Holly Zacharko, Gordon Marshall, Barb Rafuse, Trustee Ted Paszek, Nancy Famulak, Rosie Conrad**

Meeting called to order at 6:04pm by Michelle.

Gordon said opening prayer.

Introductions.

Approval of last months minutes, request was made to add Clayton Starko as the BUCPS rep to be placed on the minutes. Request made to ensure that everyone signs in to confirm their attendance at the meeting. Beyond this the minutes were approved.

Welcomed Trustee Paszek to the meeting.

**Treasurer’s Report:** For Shrove Tuesday $415 was collected for the pancakes, the bill was $1512.

We are currently waiting to deposit the hot lunch cheques, as there are late payments. Discussion around how do we approach the late payments as all cheques should be able to be deposited at the same time. Possibly look at only online payments for hot lunch. We need to ensure that we are respectful of volunteer time, for the hot lunch coordinators who are having to call for the late payments but also the treasurer who has to deposit the money.

**Trustee Paszek**: Boundary review information is on the website. Moved option 5 and tabled it, not finalized, will be discussed at the March 21 meeting. This was left so that the Board could receive more information or suggestions to come in. Actual implementation for any option will be the 2019/20 school year. There is a lot of information on the website for review.

**Principal’s Report:**

Barb Rafuse – Thank you for the gift to Pani Baugh, she was provided a gift card to Max and Maude.

Update on the statue of St. Nicholas, Kelly Davies is able to make this statue for us, the cost would be $200/foot, so about $600 to purchase a 3 foot statue. Looking for support from both PSC and BUCPS. Will likely be carved in June. Shannon motioned to support up to $500, Michelle seconded this. Jordan was not able to officially support but did indicate that BUCPS would be interested in donating as well.

Leprechaun traps – Makerspace area, this was an initiative to have the grades collaborate and work together. The students were asked to bring some supplies, but there were also extra pieces. Tricky Tom will have a gold piece for each of the traps.

Gordon Marshall -

1. On January 19th all of our students participated in a celebration for the Feast of Jordan with Fr. Rendy from St. Sophia Parish.
2. On February 14th all of our students attended the Ash Wednesday Mass at OLPH. The students were very well behaved and respectful while at mass. Due to weather we did get buses.
3. Thank you to Parent council for their support of our Shrove Tuesday Pancake hot lunch
4. Our Parish priests continue to visit our school on Wednesday afternoons. Fr. Jim, Fr. Joe and Fr. Raj, they take turns visiting the classes and building relationships with our students.
5. Our Gr.4 students enjoyed their trip to Sunridge on Jan 23rd and they have wrapped up their curling experiences for the year at the beginning of February.
6. Sportsball was here on Jan 24th for our students and will be returning on March 14th.
7. Report cards went live on powerschool on Jan 30th.
8. Jean Vanier School celebrated the winter Olympics on Feb 23rd. A big thanks to all the parent volunteers who helped make it a success.
9. We held our Pre K- and Kindergarten open house on Feb 28th and we had a wonderful turn out! About 90 to 100 attended. We are excited to be offering the pre-K program beginning next year!
10. Feb 28th also marked Pink shirt day! Where we focused on bulling awareness!
11. Our makerspace kick-off event is our whole school cross grade Leprechaun trap building event on March 15th  The thought is to have the library made more into a makerspace, as well as more technology, a cubelets demo was provided.
12. Next week we have softball Alberta coming in to introduce softball to our students.
13. March 14th is mental health awareness at Jean Vanier where Mr. Fras has arranged for student nurses from Grant MacEwan to do classroom presentations.
14. March 19th is Down’s syndrome awareness day and we will be recognizing that with Crazy Socks day!
15. New Library furniture has begun to arrive, the tables and chairs. Thank you! Smartboard will be mounted in the Library and we continue to build our makerspace resources!
16. Parent teacher interviews will be taking place on March 20th and 21st. Sign up information will be coming out to parents next week!
17. Spirit Wear is coming, sizes will be available to try on during the parent/teacher interviews.
18. During the month of February our Gr. 4 students and teachers completed the assurance surveys and parents completed them earlier. Jean Vanier is doing very well!
19. School photos – there was further discussion and we will stay with Icon this year.

***Updates:***

**Shrove Tuesday:** As above

**Library:** As above

**Advent Celebration for 2018/19 School Year:** Tabled

***New Business:***

**Salisbury Fundraiser:** Letter will go home to students with an order form, cash and cheques returned to the school and the choice of whether the gift cards will be picked up at the school or sent home with students. So as not to conflict with the BUCPS fundraising this will be sent out prior to Spring Break and gift cards will be back in time for Mothers Day.

**Bingo:** April 20, 2018. Need a bonanza board, possibly a popcorn machine. Will request equipment. Letter will be available to send out for corporate donations. We will contact the high school for volunteers again this year. We will also invite L’Arche. Doors will be at 5:30pm with a start time of 6:00pm.

***Additional items:***

Jordan from BUCPS brought forward a concern with regards to communication from the school/district. In regards to a situation that occurred at the St. Teresa bus transfer. Gordon explained the incident and clarified that further communication would go out.

Holly noted that there were no apples lately, it is about $90/week. Will put this in communication corner, even possibly look at other fruit, such as bananas.

For the next agenda, Fellowship Morning with parents and grandparents.

**Next Meeting:** Thursday, April 26 at 6pm.

**Meeting Adjourned** at 7:55pm by Shawna