**Jean Vanier Parent School Council Meeting Minutes September 24, 2018**

**Attendees:** **Carla Kemp, Shawna Molnar, Carrie Desjarlais, Michelle Stelmach, Krystin Bajer, Gail Rockwell, Gordon Marshall, Barb Rafuse, Holly Zacharko, Shannon Warawa, Rosie Conrad**

Meeting called to order at 6:02pm by Shawna.

Gordon shared an opening prayer.

Introductions

Approval of June 24, 2018 minutes, Shannon motioned – were approved.

**Treasurer’s Report:** in mid August there was $18,043.77 in the account.

Apples brought in $1391.61 this year, last year it was $1117.95, increase of about $270.

No trouble covering the costs of the grade 4 leadership shirts this year.

This year we didn’t charge for participants to come to the dance, so it will likely cost a bit out of the account for this. Will be $700 out of pocket for the DJ. Possibly look for an internal resource to DJ at future dances.

**Hot Lunch:** Submitted the letter to Mr. Marshall, first date was supposed to be October 10, however was a bit late so it will catch the October 24 date. It was stated that if we can’t find volunteers to assist with hot lunch that we won’t be able to continue the program.

We are now ordering milk through the hot lunch program as well.

If there are any concerns or comments about the milk program, please let Holly or Tara know as this is the first time they will be running this program. Discussion about how this could be divided, as there were concerns milk was going bad last year. Thought that possibly have volunteers divide it in the morning so that it is ready for lunch.

The 2nd cycle of hot lunch will be cut in half and there will be a 3rd cycle as we are all aware that this time of year can be tough with bills after Christmas, it will decrease the cost right at this time.

Trying to keep the meals at approximately $5 and also looking at the possibility of donate a meal.

We are also looking at providing breakfast muffins for kinds who don’t have breakfast.

Discussion about using Panago as a fundraiser for spring

**Principal’s Report:**

Gordon Marshall -

1. Welcome back and thank you for all you have done for the school already this year! Apple fundraiser, family dance, etc.
2. Thanks to Shell Canada for the wonderful welcome back messages on our sidewalks on opening day.
3. Thanks once again to Kelly Davies for supporting the school through the donation of apples for the first half of the year. We would love to find someone to support the apples for the second half! If anyone knows of any companies that would be willing to do so, please put this forward.
4. We have 296 students currently registered this year and this include the new Pre-K program. We are down a few students from what we anticipated last year. This may be due to the process of so much choice for parents with children entering Kindergarten.
5. We had a great turn out for our Meet the staff night.
6. Tomorrow we have Fr. Jim Joining us for our Gr. 4 Bible presentation.
7. Also tomorrow we will be hosting our annual Terry Fox run.
8. Wednesday, Sept 28 we have school photos being done and as well, first thing in the morning we will be having our bus evacuation drill.
9. Thursday, Sept 27th will be our Gr. 4 Leadership retreat.
10. Friday is Orange shirt day.
11. This year we are going to explore the possibility of having an advent concert at OLPH Church. Holy Spirit and Madonna have both approached OLPH, Holy Spirit did an advent mass with the community and Madonna held a concert at the church. Explore each of these options, possibly having a basket raffle in the basement and even cookies and coffee.

Both Barb Rafuse and Gail Rockwell had updates and requests as well.

Currently BUCPS pays for the Ukrainian students to attend Shumka and also for their bussing. School requested that parent council pay for the bussing for the remainder of the students, approximately $500, and tickets for the remainder of the students will be paid out of school fees.

There is also an ask if parent council would provide a set amount of funding per class, previously it was around $100 - $200 per teacher, there are approximately 14 teachers. Or possibly funding the chapel. They are looking to provide seating, and renos such as taking the whiteboard down and making a crucifix. The business we used previously for the standing crucifixes in the classroom can make church furniture such as kneelers. OLPH has offered some pieces from their art collection for the chapel as well. The chapel could be used for religion classes, adoration, small celebrations. Looking at a budget of about $2000 for an 8 foot cross. Will look to have more prices for the next meeting.

Holly motioned that we pay for the buses for Shumka, Carla seconded, all in favour.

Currently the school provides a card and a pencil for each student for their birthday – along with a small treat from Mr. Marshall’s office – they would like to look at providing a birthday book for each student. Cost would be approximately $1.75 x 320 students $560, Mrs. Nixon would take care of ordering and will ensure a selection for all year.

Holly motioned that we support the birthday books, Carrie seconded, everyone in favour.

Update on the St. Nicholas statue, last meeting with Kelly Davies is that it will likely be ready in a month. Cost to parent council is $300 and BUCPS offered to pay the other $300.

***Updates:***

**Family Dance:** turned out well

**Apple Fundraiser:** went well, there was an extra box left and these were distributed to the students. There were 4 families that didn’t pick up but 3 came after called and Shannon dropped one box on the way home. Possibly look at having ABJ volunteers come to help move the apples from the pallets to the stage.

**Library:** Shannon will pay directly for the soft seating. The library may need a few standing chairs, 3 more at approximately $150/$160. Will check on bean bag chair with Mrs. Nixon.

**Sportball:** Parent council has paid in past, school is not looking to have sportball this year. They are looking to concentrate more on a cultural piece. There will still be use of curling sets from rocks and rings. As well received a donation from Golf Canada, Golf in Schools program, large bag of items for teachers to use with students.

***New Business:***

**Jean Vanier Picture Update:** school is ok with updating the picture, Mr. Marshall will inquire with the Religious Education Consultant.

**Parking Issues:** Parking info was provided in the last Communications Corner. We need to encourage people to use the drop off zone as that, drop off. Again do some education with the students, this seemed to help previously. Ensure that Glen Allan is aware as well, and a suggestion that extra parents may be able to help.

**Grade 4 Leadership Shirts:** Ordered by JV already, hoping they will be ready for the Thursday retreat. JV to provide invoice for payment.

**2018/19 Fundraising:** Christmas is next, then look at Panago? Spellathon? Mathathon?

***Other Business***

As well inquired about makerspace, school will use what they have to begin with. Thoughts around how can we improve technology base.

**Next Meeting Date:** Monday, October 29 at 6pm.

**Meeting Adjourned** at 7:27pm by Shawna