

St. Theresa Parent Advisory Council Meeting Minutes December 14, 2021

Attendees: Pierre Ouimet, Ted Paszek Lindsay Tomalik, Holly Zacharko, Kim Metro, Bill Boyne, Jodi Ostrosky, Rosie Conrad, Ian Clavelle

Meeting called to order at 6:37pm.

Pierre shared an opening prayer.

Staff Presented Proposals for Funding:

Daniel Proulx (in person) -\$500 to subsidize athletics, sports are more expensive, there are gymnasium costs for tournaments, referee costs. Basketball and volleyball can be expensive and parents may be struggling with the costs of the season. There are 2 Sr teams and 2 Jr teams, would like to continue the opportunities for these students, to keep them interested in the sports. 4 or 5 families asked for assistance which could be likely more than the \$500 requested. Other teachers reiterated that the mental health aspect of the sports is good for the students.

Lesia Pohoreski (in person) – in the music program grade 5/6 participate, this is not an option, there are over 300 students taking music twice a week. This results in well loved instruments, there have been ukuleles and guitars purchased but they do need to be mended. There are long coloured tubes that the kids use along with xylophones and glockenspiels, some of these may need to be repaired. The request is for just under \$500 (about \$485), for 3 ukuleles, guitar strap and mallets, along with boomwhackers.

Joanne French – looking for lower level readers, about \$100 to \$500, for students to take home to assist with reading. About \$100 for 20 books, \$500 for 100 books. 3 to 5 students with 5 books/student/week. Variety of genres and levels to support different students. Jodi brought up maybe trading between schools as a possibility for this, but it was identified that it may not work that way.

Shelly Sutcliffe – requesting a mural in the art room, currently there is not a lot of inspiration for the students in the room with the white walls. Artist would be Lindsey Oulton, raven/rainbow. \$268.10 material costs, \$100 for artist honorarium, \$131 for overages, to total \$500.

Mrs. Wagner – looking for \$2000 for the library, for non fiction resources, cookbooks, sports books, Guinness book, but also for fiction series such as Dogman and Wings of Fire. Goal is to keep students interested in reading.

Approval of Minutes:

Rosie shared screen with prior minutes, Lindsay motioned to approve, Holly seconded.

New Treasurer:

Lindsay motioned to remove James Kriese and Paige Smith as Treasurers and from the bank account and to add Kim Pennock and Melissa Goulet to the bank account. Jodi seconded.

Administration Report:

- There is a George Miok scholarship provided \$1000 per year for Miok moments, catch kids doing kind things. Start in February, provide tokens to the students and random draw will occur for each grade each month for a gift card, probably chapters. The grand prize will be for 8th grade, maybe \$250 a chromebook or electronic of sorts. These are the current thoughts, not all worked out yet.
- charitable donations that the teachers have been organizing over the past few months have been very appreciated.
- Advent mass next Tuesday, 6th grade in person, all others over live stream.
- District assurance survey, last day to provide feedback was December 15 – 2 questions.
- Catholic School review – collecting data about Catholicity of schools, helps to inform staff and administration. Couple of recommendations that could do better in the future. St. Teresa's has done an excellent job of having visible faith filled demonstrations.
- Question about service providers for photography, question if everyone was satisfied, no concerns brought up, but a question about whether there could be outdoor pictures with trees.

Trustee Paszek:

Currently a superintendent search, hoping to have a new one named by the end of January. There are two new trustees, the rest were re-elected. Ted will be the chair til June.

Fundraising:

A further meeting will be held the week of January 10, as currently there is no ability to provide funds until the account has been sorted out.

There is a \$500 grant for school councils, PDF from the GoA, to promote engagement or utilize for speakers, something to consider.

Next meeting: January 25, 2022 at 6:30pm

Meeting adjourned: 7:45pm by Lindsay