

St. Theresa Parent Advisory Council Meeting Minutes January 25, 2022

Attendees: Pierre Ouimet, Ted Paszek Lindsay Tomalik, Holly Zacharko, Kim Metro, Bill Boyne, Jodi Ostrosky, Leanne Doetzel, Elaine Chance, Marie Lieke, Jason Duniec, Kim Pennock, Melissa Goulet, Rosie Conrad

Meeting called to order at 6:32pm.

Pierre shared an opening prayer along with the land acknowledgement.

Leanne motioned to approve meeting minutes from December 14, 2021, Holly seconded.

Round table introductions.

Teacher Report:

Bill asked about the consideration for the teacher proposals from December. If so the teachers would like to start implementing as it is already half way through the school year.

Jodi confirmed that a meeting had been held close to the beginning of January at which time the members in attendance agreed to approve all proposals that were received in December.

Lindsay stated that parent council would like to provide additional funding for sports than what was requested – an amount of \$1200 to cover off fees as needed.

Confirmed that there are funds in the bank available to pay for these requests.

Leanne motioned to approve the following funding in the amount of \$4700 and Kim Pennock seconded.

- \$1200 for Daniel Proulx's request for sports funding
- \$500 for Joanne French's request for levelled readers
- \$500 for Lesia Pohoreski's request for the music program
- \$500 for Shelly Sutcliffe's request for the mural in the art room
- \$2000 for Susan Wagner's request for the library

Bill expressed the appreciation that the staff have for this funding.

Administration Report:

-Administration meeting happened today to formalize the themes from the Thought Exchange that occurred in December, this will assist in creating the 4-year assurance plan for the Division. Some of the themes identified were wellness, learning and learners, connection/community/communication. This will inform the assurance plan for the next 4 years into 2026, but it is a work in progress.

-February is survey season, will be receiving a survey that looks similar to the Thought Exchange, will be sent to parents of students in grades 4 through 12. This will be to collect data to affirm what is going well and to identify areas of growth. Have yet to hear about further information from Alberta Ed.

-COVID 19 update, the school has not received masks or tests yet, it appears that it is only St. Teresa and one other school waiting for these items, there was the thought they would have come last week.

Question – regarding the rapid tests, if you have had COVID can test positive for 3 months, Mr. Ouimet shared that this may be a question for a health care provider if there is an ongoing test of positive, but that is common knowledge that one could test positive for the 90 days past having COVID.

-Managed to keep classes in school and not online, however it feels like things could change at any moment, likely what most other areas are feeling, weathering the storm at this time.

-Report cards will be out next Friday.

-Monday January 31 is a PD day

-February will be heart/kindness month, with pink shirt day, and the second half of the year will be in a good space.

Trustee Paszek:

Was the school on Thursday to participate in the Ukrainian Baptism of Jesus, was a great experience to be able to be back in the school and participating.

Current Superintendent is retiring at the end of January, there may be an interim Superintendent depending on the hiring process.

Keeping in school classes is critical, knows how important in person learning can be.

Former Superintendent Michael Hauptman has been provided a lifetime membership with ACSTA,

Fundraising:

There was conversation about getting etransfer/online banking set up. Kim Pennock will follow up with RBC about this, currently Melissa does have the cheque book.

Kim will be reviewing all the financial information and will be able to provide additional information in the future.

Leanne motioned to pay up to \$500 to treat staff for Valentine's day, Melissa seconded. Jodi will price out some options.

CPAC meeting:

Holly discussed the CPAC meeting, that each school is provided a \$500 grant for parent engagement. There are lots of rules around this, however maybe something regarding mental health/wellbeing, possibly some additional Indigenous learning.

Holly also mentioned that GRACE (Grateful Advocates for Catholic Education) have a golf tournament, this is how they fundraise, can make a team, sponsor a hole or even just donate. This will be taking place on May 25, and they will take donations up to that date.

Next meeting: Tuesday, March 8, 2022 at 6:30pm

Meeting adjourned: 7:25pm by Lindsay