

## St. Theresa Parent Advisory Council Meeting Minutes March 8, 2022

**Attendees:** Pierre Ouimet, Ted Paszek, Holly Zacharko, Bill Boyne, Jodi Ostrosky, Elaine Chance, Jason Duniec, Kim Pennock, Melissa Goulet, Rosie Conrad

Meeting called to order at 6:33pm.

Pierre shared an opening prayer along with the land acknowledgement.

### **Treasurer Report:**

\$1800 made on the soup fundraiser, still awaiting some prior financial information. Also checked to see if the cheque for \$4700 to the school was cashed, Pierre will look into this.

Pierre asked about whether the council will be covering the cost for the grade 5 Birch Bay trip. In past this has been covered, confirmed would be again, asked for the numbers.

March 21/22/23 will be organizing the soup from the fundraiser for the students to take home.

The next likely fundraiser will be Kernels, then will look to have the apple fundraiser from Davidson Orchards in the fall.

### **Teacher Report:**

Bill extended thanks for the funding for the teacher projects, as well as the treats provided on Valentine's Day for the staff, the coffee and Sherwood Park Bakery donuts.

Things are ever changing on the school front, the biggest development is the relaxing of restrictions.

Have seen the mask wearing go from 80/20 to 50/50 over the past while.

HVAC has new filters to improve air quality in the school.

There are a number of initiatives to support Ukraine through the crisis that they are experiencing.

Included in this is Natalia Kostiuk (article in the paper by Nick Lees), along with the Canadian Ukrainian Foundation.

### **Administration Report:**

In addition to support Ukraine, there was the flag raising by Strathcona County, as well as an assembly and wearing blue/yellow.

Mrs. Pohoreski would like to raise funds for our sister school in Ukraine and has some ideas of how to do that.

More visitors and spectators are being invited into the building, as well there are now no cohort zones at recess.

There will be no additional assemblies at this time, will ease into this. Parent/Teacher interviews are still virtual at this time, but if a parent insists on coming in they will be able to do so.

Launched Miok moments, first draw later this week.

Surveys – February survey closed, AB Ed may have an additional one, as well as one specific to the principal (new to school). The assurance survey guides the 4 pillars, Faith Integration, Learners & Learning, Systemic Wellness, Community Engagement. Data received will be reviewed. For the school survey 137 completed and 46 provided anecdotal comments. The themes were as follows:

- Late shipment of the rapid tests
- Lot of comments on Covid
- Transportation and Bussing concerns

Inconsistency in teacher communications between the classroom and home  
Snow/ice in the parking lot

Lunch club restarted this week.

Linking Generation, the students will attend the Lodge

Question – about the door usage, Pierre mentioned that they may tweak this so that it flows smoother.

Pierre posed the question about continuing virtual meetings – will do the remainder of this year in virtual and then next year will alternate in person and virtual.

The \$500 grant for parent engagement may be able to be used for a paint night for parents/students.

Possibly 30 to 50 people will be able to attend.

**Trustee Paszek:**

Great to hear what is happening through the Teacher and Principal report.

Paul Corrigan is the new Superintendent.

The Board provided letters to the Minister of Education regarding their disappointment regarding the curriculum change, not receiving information yet.

Calendars approved in principle for next year – voting on March 16. Christmas break will be between Dec 21 and Jan 3. 1<sup>st</sup> day back to school will be August 30, 2022.

Question – how was the decision made about fall break – there is a push in EIPS to possibly look at the removal of fall break, will still be in place 2022, and there have been no decisions made. It would be cost prohibitive to have fall break if EIPS does not as it would affect transportation.

Question – Grade 8 Farewell? Prior it was Friday evening – give certificates out, principal speech. Grade 8 teachers would normally organize it. Usually about 45 minutes to an hour and then socialize/visit/pictures. Mass would have been in the afternoon. Typically last Friday in May or first in June.

Jodi motioned to approve the minutes from the January 25 meeting, Jason seconded.

**Next meeting:** Tuesday, April 19, 2022 at 6:30pm

**Meeting adjourned:** 7:35pm