

## St. Theresa Parent Advisory Council Meeting Minutes October 24, 2023

**Attendees:** Jodi Ostrosky, Nina Hart, , Jason Duniec, Kim Pennock, Kara Gettings, Tana Currie, Leanne Doetzel, Cara O'Brien-Joyce, Pierre Ouimet, Holly Zacharko, Rosie Conrad

Meeting called to order at 6:30pm.

Pierre shared an opening prayer along with a land acknowledgement.

### **Minutes:**

Jason motioned to approve the last minutes, Kim seconded

### **Agenda:**

Addition to the provided agenda as ASCA 8 e

Leanne moved to approve the agenda, Jason seconded.

### **Teacher Report:**

Cara provided the following:

Grade 5 – TUSC, storm chasing, swim lessons, SC library, Emma the MHCB completing presentations.

All Ukrainian classes attended Divine Liturgy with other students from Edmonton and Sherwood Park.

Grade 7 L and CR – integers and eco systems.

Grade 8 Mrs. O'Brien's LA students survived their first 5 paragraph essays written by hand.

SFL – volleyball, lacrosse, longboarding, football, biking.

Mrs. Wagner is back, there will be two book fairs, first one is November 13 to 17 and will be open during the evening of the 3 way conferences. Second one is likely in March.

Foods – all classes are cooking and the topic has been breakfast.

Fashions – everyone is learning the operation of the sewing machines.

**Question:** Is there a shortage of library blocks? Pierre advised he was not aware of any shortage, but would look into classes who may not have attended yet.

**Request from school chaplain:** Have an ask to purchase 30 advent wreaths to be used this year and ongoing. Price would be \$1018 with flameless candles included. Would be collected at the end of the advent season, stored and used again next year.

Jason motioned to approve \$1050 to pay for this request, Kim seconded. No one opposed.

**Trustee Report:**

Mr. Boisvert was unable to attend.

**Administration Report:**

Miok moments will be back again, will start after Christmas.

During Advent there will be an assembly every Monday morning to light the wreath, families are welcome to join.

Remembrance Day – last school day before break is November 3.

Catholic Education Sunday is November 5, there is debate about whether to move this to coincide with Catholic Education week in May, however there will be mass on November 3 at 8:30am at OLPH dedicated to Catholic Education Sunday.

3 way conferences will be after fall break – the 15 and 16. Format similar to years past, can do either in person or virtual.

Holodomor will be observed on November 24.

**Question:** clarifying Halloween volleyball? No just a tournament.

**Question:** Halloween? Will just be costumes for Halloween.

**Question:** Concerns noted about the teens hanging out at Festival Place area. Yes, last week the grade 5s walking to swimming encountered these teens and a teen made comments to the kids. The School Resource Officer (SRO) will be visible and in proximity while the groups of students are going for lessons. Also encourage parents who are attending to watch to also walk with the students.

**Question:** Any feedback on the company taking school photos, agreement that there were concerns about quality, will look at other providers.

**Treasurer Report:**

\$1300 raised through the apple fundraiser.

\$6800 in bank account.

**Fundraising:**

Tana spoke about the DFS catalogues, will go home November 3. Will be online ordering with a November 23 end date. December 11 to 15 for delivery. Will have prizes for the top fundraiser classes. Can track each class and individual sales. Jason moved to approve up to \$100 to provide prizes to the top 3 classes, Kim seconded.

50/50 is morally neutral and not a concern to be held in a Catholic school.

50/50 license – will need to be set up through a fundraising committee of the council – must be at arms length. Need a member voting list with the number of voting members, will send out a google form to gather this information from as many parents that will provide the information.

A fundraising society will need insurance, Nina will send Jodi the information that they have gathered for St. Nicholas.

Square – would need someone who has authority to sign on behalf of parent council.

Conversation about what ASCA indicates parent council can be involved in, will take and look offline, however the feeling of the current council is that things are working well.

Motion to form a fundraising society council. All in favour, no one opposed.

**Next meeting:** December 6, 2023 at 6:30pm

**Meeting adjourned:** 7:54pm by Jodi