

School Council Meeting January 12, 2021

7:00pm

In attendance:

Bonnie-Lynne Boehm (Principal)
Rita Astalosch (Assistant principal)
Sherry Charron
Andrea Budgell
Alana Seymour
Eleanor Heeing
Lesley Holt
Shawnene Wallgren
Rebecca Pashko
Michelle Johnston
Leslie-Ann Oshust
Stephanie Bennett
Rosemary Izekor
Shannon Dahlseide

1. Call to Order/Prayer- Alana Seymour
Prayer led by Michelle Johnston
2. Approval of Agenda -
First: Sherry Charron
Second: Rebecca Pashko
3. Approval of Minutes from December
First: Sherry Charron
Second: Rebecca Pashko
4. Grade Level highlight: Team One: Ms. Bennett & Mrs. Holt

Advent concert was a highlight.

Admin is taking good care of staff and giving as much support as possible.

5. Administration Report- Bonnie-Lynne Boehm

Saint John School Report - January 11, 2021

Submitted by: Bonnie-Lynne Boehm (Principal)

Rita Astalosch (Assistant Principal)

6. **Thank you to our parent community for all the support and messages of appreciation this year** This has been what is keeping staff going and is so very appreciated!
7. **Online learning:** Best Practices (Co-constructed norms and expectations, teacher and staff planning, aligned with EICS expectations and aligning with school context needs)
Co-constructing the norms with students made all of the difference.
8. **Re-Entry:** Feb. 1st Students who are currently online with St. Isidore will have a second opportunity to re-enter on Feb. 1st. Information will be sent to our online learners. Two students returned during the first re-entry point on Nov. 16th. 16 online learners and 2 families Homeschool
9. **Kindergarten Registration opens Feb. 1st.** Virtual “open house” video ready for this time
10. New Kindergarten Teacher: Ms. Menzak. Soon new grade 4 team teacher
11. **Leadership Tshirts are in.** Thank you to PSC for your support. Our students were absolutely thrilled.
12. **Advent Prayer Celebration and Concert** was well received and sincere gratitude to our staff, especially Mrs. Schaub and Mrs. Doderai, and Mrs. Comartin. Through this we were able to connect and celebrate with families across the country and in many, many homes the “Light of Christmas”
13. **\$817. 35 was raised for our Lights for Loonies and Twinkles for Toonies**
14. **Community support at Christmas-It Takes a Village**
15. **Tis’ the season: Surveys**
Accountability Pillar and Assurance Plan Survey
Pillars survey is from the province and filled out by teachers
Grade 4 students, all parents, and all staff fill out our assurance survey. All feedback is used to drive our planning and priority based budgeting.
Very important to hear that parents feedback

Ms. Astalosch: School calendar approval

Calendar is built for highest quality of learning. Fall break has been maintained and PD overlap dates are important to ensure staff collaboration.

Seeking feedback from all parents. Calendar should be posted on EICS website as a draft until it is approved.

Parent feedback is that it is easier to have a full week off and come back to school on a Monday.

16. Informal Q&A about online learning

Found the online being more 'parent led' in terms of completing work difficult because it put a lot of pressure on the parents.

Some would prefer to have a teacher in front of the students online for their usual day schedule.

New concepts being introduced made for difficulty.

Synchronous learning with a teacher in front of students all day was presented as an option for future online learning. Some parents couldn't do the synchronous learning during the day. Perhaps it could be recorded so students can do it later? Allowing for more flexibility for parents and families with those who are working.

Some students thrived with the online learning and found it very manageable.

17. Treasurer Report/Budget Vote -

Leslie-Ann Oshust presenting

Decided to go with more of a 'pot' system for each category of spending based on our pillars rather than dividing into many categories of potential spending.

Will be saving 40% of our fundraisers to carry over for the next year.

Education, Health and Wellness, Community, Faith

Included some other miscellaneous items that we support annually.

This new method allows for a little more flexibility with the uncertainty of our year and the differences that covid has made for our parent council.

Motion to approve the budget by Leslie-Anne Oshust. All in favor.

First: Sherry Charron

Second: Alana Seymour

18. Committee Reports

- School Clothing Order

Hoping for the smore within two weeks to make ordering available to parents.

Items are coming in both adult and children's sizes. Will be available throughout the whole year and is all done electronically. Individuals pick it up on their own, no school organization required.

- Committee Lead Info (Shannon & Bonnie-Lynne)

Still going to push the information of committees within Parent Council to try and get some parents involved for next year.

Need a new year book coordinator.

Council would like to push classroom reps again to have more parents and perspectives around the table.

19. New Business

- Saffron: Mrs. Heesing (Family Wellness Worker)

Parent evening about internet safety through zoom. January 26th evening.

Parents will get digital handouts with a zoom link. There is no cost to any of the programming. 1 hour presentation with a ½ hour for parents questions and comments. Separate evenings for St John and OLA

For students, the week before the parent night, each classroom will have their own timeslot throughout the day. This will be presented to each grade in an appropriate way with topics that are for their age level.

Leslie- Anne Oshust would like to lead a parent evening on how to set parental controls taking parents step by step to learn how to do that.

- Ukuleles
Council wants to sponsor this for the school.
Total cost for the ukuleles with storage and tuner would be \$2033.63 for a class set of 30.
Parent Council has set aside \$2500 for covering the cost of this initiative. This will be something that targets all students as Mrs Shaub will make sure all grades can use them within the music program.

Vote for support. All in favor

Motion for supporting Ukeles in a set of 30 for up to \$2500.

First: Sherry Charron

Second: Alana Seymour

Parent council could make a video of the delivery process to share with parents so they know where the money is being spent.

- CEPAC Meeting Jan. 14th
Alana and Shawnene will attend this meeting.
- Cobs bread
Alana will sign our school up and we can earn 5% of sales towards our school council.
Boston Pizza also does a similar program which we can take advantage of.
- February event
Could fall under the Community pillar. Council is willing to contribute some money towards the school if they have any cost required for the grade 4 leadership team's ideas surrounding kindness month of February.
Ideas from the parent council side will be taken offline for brainstorming due to time within the meeting tonight.

20. Next Meeting – Feb 2, 2021 7:00 pm

21. Adjournment 8:39pm

Important Dates: