

**February Parent Council Meeting Minutes - February 2, 2021**  
**Via Googlemeet**

Those attendance:

Bonnie-Lynne Boehm (Principal)  
Rita Astalosch (Assistant Principal)  
Al Stewart (Trustee)  
Michelle Johnston  
Andrea Budgell  
Jackie Comartin (teacher)  
Brianna F  
Yvette Morin (teacher)  
Lisa Morin (teacher)  
Alana Seymour  
Shawnene Walgren  
Heather Butt Paul  
Leslie-Anne Oshust  
Dawn Pinder  
Shannon Dahlseide

**Call to order at 7:03pm**

**Agenda approval**

First Michelle Johnston  
Second Leslie Anne Oshust

**Minutes approval** from January 12th

First Leslie Anne Oshust  
Second Dawn Pinder

**Grade 4 Spirit Team presentation**

Random Acts of Kindness asking for support and approval from Parents Council to support this initiative

\$250 to support all of the classrooms receiving School Spirit Team kindness

Motion for approval to take from Community pillar:

First: Michelle Johnston  
Second: Leslie Ann Oshust  
All in favor!

**Board Trustee: Al Stewart**

Covid response has been very good and a high level of education is being maintained during this year.

**School Teacher report- Grade 2**

Had a presentation from Inuit presenter which students really enjoyed.

Able to attend assembly. Recesses are very different and they're enjoying playing with the other class. No behavior issues coming up. Sharing artwork idea: around the school different classes will have a buddy class to google meet with in order to share art work, World Read Aloud day. Saffron presentation went really well and focused on building on relationships. Report cards are an important way to celebrate with your kids and their hard work. It allows you to see where you can set goals together. Stick with reading! Poetry focus this month. Valentine's going to nursing homes in Fort Saskatchewan to bring the joy! All cards must be at school by February 9th for in class exchange. No sweet treats. Indoor curling is also coming this month for a whole week!

**Admin Report by Bonnie-Lynne Boehm**

- 1. Thank you to our parents and families for sending your kids dressed for all weather!** We are Alberta kids and it is so very important right now that our children get a chance to head outside, take breaths, PLAY, be outside in nature. Mental health, regulation, "be kids" Arctic Winter Games a huge success
- 2. Resilience, Regulation, Mindfulness(all interwoven in and through our Catholic faith):** Continued daily focus and integrated in who we are and what we do.
  - Every morning we begin with Mindful Moment-Breath to prepare our hearts for our prayer-Be still and Know that I am God.
  - Strategies and tools for building resilience throughout each opportunity to grow. This is not a sugar-coated reaction, "making lemonade".
  - It is intentional in honouring stories, (we all have them, we arrive with them in our backpack, they are part of who we are and how we know how to respond to the world and people around us)
  - acknowledging emotions and experiences, labeling the emotions (Marc Brackett's work on Permission to Feel)
  - and then, helping students discern what is in my control and what is in my sphere of influence.
  - All of these intentional tools, help students with social and emotional learning (SEL)which is the process of integrating cognition, emotion, and behavior in our lives. It involves systemic practices to incorporate SEL into leading, teaching, learning such that adults and children build self- and

social awareness, learn to manage their own and other's emotions and behavior, make responsible decisions, and build positive relationships.

→ Resilient KIDS! We cannot control what comes at us but we can control how we respond

**3. Kindergarten and New Student Registration opened Feb. 1st.**

4. World Read Aloud Day & Winter Walk Day: Cree Animoves

5. Indigenous Artist Mural: Lance Cardinal (Seven Sacred Teachings)

6. New Grade 4 Teacher, Ms. Evans

**Ms. Astalosch**

**7. Tis' the season: Surveys**

→ Provincial Accountability Pillar (Alberta Education) Opens January 16th, closes February 25th. All grades 4, 7, 10, all parents (option of paper or online-mailed by Alberta Ed) and teachers

→ Assurance Plan Survey (EICS) Jan 25-Feb. 23, Grade 4, all parents (parents will be sent a survey digitally from EICS) and all staff

→ Our EICS Assurance Survey for staff, students, and parents emphasizes the collaborative commitment to work together with all stakeholders and create a goal-orientated plan for our school. This is referred to as our School Assurance Plan. \*Our Assurance Plan focuses on shared goals, highlights successes and enhances challenges, and is directly tied to priority-based budgeting for our school community.

→ If it's going well, please let us know so we can keep doing what we do. Have a suggestion for enhancement, please share-we want to continue making St. John a GREAT place to learn and grow!

**8. Afrofit on February 18th Rocks and Rings**

**Treasurer's Report** - Leslie Ann Oshust

Hoping to have executive deliver the ukuleles to the school.

Council approved to have \$250 given from community spending to school spirit team. \$4413.50 left for the year.

**Committee Reports**

School clothing orders are live. You can order anytime online so everything is contactless and through Enhance It. Link has been shared in the smore.

**New Business**

**ASCA Update**

AGM is April 25th

### **Playground Association**

Council was approached regarding making a donation to the playground fundraising.

Project is going ahead as they are nearly at budget.

Will need to fundraise \$5000-6000 contingency fund for possible repairs.

Discussion regarding our making a donation.

Motion for donating \$500 from Health and Wellness pillar to the Playground Association

First: Leslie Ann Oshust

Second: Michelle Johnston

All in favor. Motion passed.

### **Shrove Tuesday**

Still cannot bring in hot lunch for schools. Trying to find a way to still continue to have Shrove Tuesday since it is so important for our school and as Catholics.

Would it be possible to have some parents cook and package within the school kitchen and follow covid protocols to have it delivered to students. February 16th is Shrove Tuesday this year.

Boston Pizza can provide take out packaging for all students. Bonnie-Lynne will find out with AHS if it's possible. **It is not possible. Will have to look at a restaurant in order to be able to make this happen for students.**

### **Basket Fundraiser**

Through Growing Smiles. Will all be contactless as the Poinsettia fundraiser was and online payments and orders. Hoping for a delivery date before Mother's Day in order to have plants ready for that weekend. Volunteers will be needed for organizing the orders into categories after delivery but before pick up times and then for distribution during our pick up time slots. Will again do a click and collect style pick up system which went very well at Christmas.

Shannon will update when Growing Smiles has dates confirmed and then we can advertise the fundraiser.

### **Ukulele Presentation**

Discussion will be held over until next meeting in March.

Attendance including parents names and children/grade:

Bonnie-Lynne Boehm (Principal)

Rita Astalosch (Assistant Principal)

Al Stewart (Trustee)

Michelle Johnston with Caleb in 4C

Andrea Budgell with Abby Budgell 3B

Jackie Comartin as teacher and mom of Jacob in 3B

Brianne F with Scarlett in 4S

Yvette Morin (teacher)

Lisa Morin (teacher)

Alana Seymour - Sage & Remi Seymour

Shawnene Walgren-Sadie-ann Wallgren

Heather Butt Paul - Braeden Paul in 4C

Leslie-Anne Oshust Autumn Oshust and Blake Oshust

Dawn Pinder with Avery Pinder in kindergarten

Shannon Dahlseide with Oliver in grade 2, Ivy and Elliott in kindergarten

**Meeting Closed at 8:31pm**