

BLESSED SACRAMENT PARENT EDUCATION COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING held on Thursday November 19, 2020 at 5:30pm

Present:

1. Sean Greenhalgh ("SG")
2. Alaine Maxwell ("AM")
3. Gabriela Oteiza ("GO")
4. Brian Duong ("BD")
5. Alex Kurnicki ("AK")
6. Helene Leone ("HL")
7. Ami Sanyal ("AS")
8. Fr. Miguel Segura ("MS")
9. Reine Mykyte ("RM")
10. Kathy Johnson ("KJ")
11. Jenny Boivin ("JB")

Guests: Stephanie Burns Staiano ("SB"), Martin Ertl, Becky Greenhalgh ("BG"), Adam Jones ("AJ"), Tracy Parolin ("TP"), Portia Purcell ("PP")

A. Opening Prayer (AK)

B. Adoption of the Agenda

1. AM motion to adopt, SG seconded

C. Approval of Minutes of the September and October 2020 meetings

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D. Updates

1. Pastor (MS)
 - a. COVID Update, places of worship are closed and details will follow from the archdiocese
 - b. Purchase of snowblower for school and parish use
 - c. Purchase of safety barrier for the parking lot and more tables
 - d. Confirmation class going back on zoom
 - e. People can donate to the parish online through direct deposit – people have been generous in their support of the parish.

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- f. To do: MS will look into how longer renters are using the gym and how long they are allowed to stay.

2. Principal's Report (RM)

- a. Kids enjoying the artificial turf play area
- b. Fundraising has been a success, and school wants to thank the businesses that supported their efforts
- c. ESS to virtually host Our Lady of Fatima for the next professional development day
- d. Open house scheduled for December 10 – enrollment expected to be strong again this year, anticipate a waitlist. Registration date has been moved up.
 - i. AS offered to look into free (10k) targeted Google advertising.
- e. Figuring out how to continue sporting activities within small groups, clubs.
 - i. Social justice club is being considered

3. Chair (SG)

- a. No significant changes due to COVID thus far – transmission rates are low in schools, masks are not mandatory at the moment.
 - i. RM – adult masks are required for drop off and pickup. The new front lawn encourages parents to drop off and go home.
- b. Welcome to HL
- c. Explained the role of the PEC – to advise RM and MS, provide governance and policy, look at strategy and long term planning, including how to move technology forward, bring the community together, finances.

4. Chair (GO)

- a. Received October financials, generally on budget and nothing of concern
 - i. SG notes that activities fee is collected up front but budgeted monthly, will send overview materials.

5. Building and Infrastructure (HL)

- a. Provided a document regarding student safety to SG
- b. Emphasis on safety going beyond the brick and mortar
- c. Can work and adopt a similar safety policy document.
- d. Will meet with AJ and have more to update next meeting.

6. Community Relations (AM)

- a. Parent volunteer survey has received a great response rate.

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- i. Some interesting insights: the next steps will be to share it in some form perhaps at the next parent meeting in December and consider implementing a few ideas.
- ii. Any results that are shared will be high level and will respect the privacy of those who responded002E

7. School Rep (KJ)

- a. Students are doing well, getting used to the mask protocol where applicable.
- b. Candy donations were twice as much as last year, and ESS will donate to two outreach programs.
- c. Student elections are coming up.

8. Fundraising Committee (SB)

- a. The new leads for fundraising are BG, TP, and PP.
- b. Walkathon was a massive success, 48k raised just shy of the aggressive goal of 50k.
- c. Planning a silent auction to come in April and run for two weeks.
- d. Raffle outcome was positive from a monetary perspective – will discuss how to use it going forward.
- e. TP will take on the licensing process next year.

9. Seismic Committee (AJ)

- a. AJ is doing the handover to HL.
- b. Two proposals are in place, waiting for a third.

E. Items for Discussion

1. Library Roof Leak

- a. RM has a quote to fix the entire roof, can look at other options (temporary or more long term)
- b. AK will investigate options.
- c. Adopted motion to investigate options on the library roof leak and obtain additional quotes: moved by AK, seconded BD, MS approves

2. Trees at the playground

- a. Arborist assessing these trees for risk.
- b. AJ notes school needs to replace tree that was removed last summer.

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3. Parent's Meeting in December
4. Advertising ESS Supportive Business
 - a. ESS will thank those business that support the school
5. Snow Day Guidance
 - a. Notifications will come via email, social media, radio, and the remind app
6. Slow Street Initiative
 - a. AK notes this version is the best case scenario for ESS, given city priorities.
 - b. Adopted motion to City of Vancouver to indicate acceptance the revised slow street plan: Moved by AK, BTD seconded.
7. Information Technology
 - a. Current provider has offered to make a presentation.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:15 pm.