

ST. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, September 14, 2021

6:45 PM

In attendance: K. Pollard, E. Dalla Torre, Father Alfie, A. Menzies, T. Evangelou, C. Hogg, J. Ge, M. Les, P. Card, S. Wauthy, B. Barco

1. Opening Prayer – Father Alfie
2. Approval of Agenda – Allison and Charles
3. Approval of Minutes from June 16, 2021 – Charles and Allison
4. Correspondence - none
5. Administrators Activity Report - see attached document. K. Pollard
 - i) Parking Lot/School times – pilot project.
 - ii) Survey coming to address school hours
 - iii) Potential discussion on staggered starts and stops
 - iv) Last year, roughly 30 minutes of education time was lost per day.
 - v) Collective agreement may need to be adjusted, i.e.: fair pay, etc.
 - vi) New routines and return to in person work is impacting patterns of movement
 - vii) Look at different options – i.e.: busing kids from Tillicum Mall, etc.
6. Father Alfredo Monacelli Report
 - i) October 2 will start using the Parish basement
 - ii) Sept 22 – first Mass of the year
 - iii) A few teachers approached him to visit classes.
7. Victoria Tri-Council - None
- 8. Committee Reports**
 - i) PAG Liaison – Anna J stepping down
 - ii) Finance – Charles Hogg
 - C. Hogg to connect with K. Pollard on budget
 - Special education budget currently in the works, budget to be reviewed by next LSC meeting
 - iii) Buildings and Grounds – Allison Menzies
 - Drainage of soccer field – apparently not a drainage issue, the soil needed to be removed, aerated and split.
 - \$25 K budget given to them; they have not spent it all.
 - Childcare garden (grant money) – child care programming can use it (\$35K spent)- moved trees, prepared sides, put new soil, new pavement.
 - Broken pipes were fixed for \$1,500 (by the portables), eventually a gravel path will be placed there to prevent future breakage.

- \$10 K for benches – plus additional \$2,500 for finishing, Mulch \$3,500, \$10 K for flowers. All in \$150K.
- McLeish willing to do the work now and deal with payment later.
- Is there a risk to holding off on the benches? – minimal
- Finance would be part of capital expense
- Solar Lamps – to deter geese from damaging property – potential project, \$3K left for the solar lamps.
- Maintenance cost of the field is another item to review next week.
- McLeish is a member of the ICS community, and is doing a lot of pro bono work as well.
- Procurement policy – any obligations?
- Invitation for S. McLeish to join next council meeting to do a presentation
- Water tank in the gym, quoted \$8500 (cheapest option) to be replaced as they expire (10years old).

iv) Marketing and Uniforms – Teresa Evangelou

- First uniform sale was Sept 13
- Next sale in October. Neat uniforms – no outstanding concerns
- Good start to uniforms

v) Parish Liaison- Joachim Ge

- Goal for this year: get families involved in the school. 380 students in the school this year – highest enrollment St. Joseph’s has ever had.
- PSG often will do fundraising together with the parish, encourage PSG to engage in Parish Council meetings.
- Parish Council not keen right now on too many activities/events as they are still restarting after being shut down for so long.

vi) Secretary – Monique Les (none)

vii) Chair – Erika Dalla Torre (none)

9. **New Business**

- S. Wauthy nomination (filling in for Anna Junge) – a brief introduction was given. J. Ge motions for Stephen to be a part of LSC.
- All in favour
- C. Hogg will assist with PAG budget with S. Wauthy
- Maintenance on outdoor project – vote
 - motion to approve the \$10K – for the benches only (C. Hogg). All in favour
 - motion to approve solar lamp installation (Two treatments, \$2K) – J. Ge. All in favour.

New meeting dates/times Tuesday nights – 630pm, every 4th week of the month

Next meeting October 26, 630pm in person, in the library (presentation)

Consider Joint meeting Dec 21 with PSG/Christmas social

Meeting adjourned at 8pm.