

## **ST. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL COUNCIL**

Agenda

Tuesday, November 30, 2021

6:30 PM

In attendance: A. Menzies (acting chair), K. Pollard, S. Wauthy, C. Hogg, T. Evangelou, M. Les, Fr. Alfie, P. Card, B. Barco, A. Valiquette

Absent: J. Ge, E. Dalla Torre

1. Opening Prayer - Father Alfie
2. Approval of Agenda – Moved by Teresa and seconded by Allison
3. Approval of Minutes from October 26, 2021 – Moved by Charles and seconded by Allison
4. Correspondence – None to report
5. Administrators Activity Report
  - i) Busy school and getting ready for the Christmas concert!
  - ii) Q: on covid exposure communication from school. Confusion on which grade(s) affected.
  - iii) K. Pollard will make it clearer in the future for informing parents.
  - iv) FSA results: province puts out testing for Grade 4 and 7 students to test literacy and reading and writing and numeracy. Looks at program development(s)
  - v) Next staff meeting will look at areas on how to improve numeracy
  - vi) P. Card acknowledges that there has been a big gap year due to covid for literacy for primary students, but they are continuing to build on those foundations
  - vii) St. Joseph's has a 5-year rolling score that looks at how well students are doing within the programs.
  - viii) <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/administration/program-management/assessment/foundation-skills-assessment>
6. Father Alfredo Monacelli Report
  - i) 50% of capacity for Masses restriction is in effect today
7. Victoria Tri-Council - none
- 8. Committee Reports**
  - i) PAG Liaison – Stephan Wauthy
    - i. New Bike Rack - \$650, placed outside the gym doors.
    - ii. 150 Hoodies ordered, and \$5 from each hoodie purchased goes back to the PAG and all going to the PE program.
    - iii. Parking Lot auction, last day to register is Dec 10.
    - iv. Discussion of purchasing a larger school bus – long term goal

- a. PAG supports a lot of field trips, so a higher capacity bus may be more cost efficient? (Rental cost of buses is high)
- b. School is getting bigger and need to account for space on bus (currently 27 available on owned bus, vs 50-something students that require transportation)
- c. 2014 numbers, for a 70-passenger bus. \$21,900
- v. C. Hogg suggests a LSC and PAG meeting to approve budget (April-May 2022)

ii) Finance – Charles Hogg

- i. Includes 2019-2020 information
- ii. Budget to be reviewed in February or March to assess creation process (i.e.: for special projects). Property Expenses, teacher salaries and administration expenses
- iii. Nonnegotiable expenses – repairs, maintenance property taxes, utilities, custodians
- iv. Custodial position was posted for part time, but no applications yet. Contract jobs at the moment for custodial work.
- v. Early learning program – increased fee of 5% across the board based on amount of time
- vi. Motion to approve budget for September 2022 - moved by Allison and seconded by Teresa - All in favor

iii) Buildings and Grounds – Allison Menzies

- i. Hot water tank – shipping fees have gone up since the last quote in June, but replacement is underway
- ii. Meeting with Mr. Card for future planning of projects

iv) Marketing and Uniforms – Teresa Evangelou

- i. Last used uniform sale brought in \$239. Another sale to take place in January 2022.
- ii. Hoodies are not part of uniform for PE
- iii. Suggestion: put in newsletter an update on when to switch to summer uniforms vs winter uniforms

v) Parish Liaison- Joachim Ge (absent)

vi) Secretary – Monique Les (none)

vii) Chair – Erika Dalla Torre (absent)

**9. New Business**

- i) At PAG meeting K. Pollard suggested to bring a volunteer or hire someone to make a family carpool system. Could reduce congestion in school parking lot.
- ii) Parent support system to take the lead on this, or LSC?
- iii) Consider a prerequisite before putting name in (i.e.: insurance, background checks, liability, etc.)

- i. Need to consider additional requirements and what implications there would be if LSC were to endorse this program.
- ii. What about letting parents connect with other parents and organizing on their own? (Informal system vs. an organized system)
- iv) Information sharing app/website a possibility?
- v) K. Pollard to find out more legal information for next meeting on any ride sharing programs on the island for schools.

Adjourned at 7:35 pm

**Next meeting:** January 25, 2022