

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

Thursday, October 20, 2022  
6:30 PM in the School Library

In attendance: E. Dalla Torre, A. Menzies, K. Pollard, T. Evangelou, B. Untereiner, Fr. Alfie, B. Shereck, Blanche Barco, & S. Wauthy

Absent: C. Hogg, & R. Silva

Minutes: Teresa Evangelou

1. Opening Prayer – Father Alfie
2. Approval of Agenda – Alison & Teresa
3. Approval of Minutes - Allison and Teresa
4. Correspondence - none
5. Administrators Activity Report - see attached document. K. Pollard
  - i. IPE- Individual Education plans are happening
  - ii. Piloting New Math Program for grades 4-7. A great new program but it is expensive and aligns with the BC curriculum.
6. Father Alfredo Monacelli Report
  - i. Youth group-30 kids attending. A bullying issue has started at school and led to a youth no longer attending. Fr. Alfredo to discuss this with Mr. Keefer
  - ii. Halloween Howl is happening in the Parish Hall but a reminder that we are a faith-based school. One year a fortune teller was reading cards and many graphic decorations. Action- Mr. Keefer is to mention this at the PSG meeting. Brianne will also be helping at the event and will ensure decorations and theme are appropriate.
7. Victoria Tri-Council – Angela has spoken to Erika about something potentially happening soon.

### **8. Committee Reports**

- i. Buildings and Grounds – Allison Menzies
  - Outdoor work to continue
- ii. Marketing and Uniforms – Teresa Evangelou
  - Next sale: November 4<sup>th</sup> one in am and one after school
  - Uniform request form is in the office and newsletter. Volunteers to fill online requests.
  - Uniform policy changes (see attached policy from K. Pollard). Highlights of the new policy:

- Shoes/ runners all black and non-scratch soles.
  - Grey knee-high tights, knee-highs, or socks
  - No hair dying or artificial nails
  - Jewellery exception to religious articles given by the principal
  - Proposal for intermediate students to come to school in full uniform on mass days and formal assemblies. Students are not to be in their gym strip on those days if it is a gym day.
  
  - **Action:** Changes were accepted but a vote was taken on the last noted change. LSG member expressed their concern with students coming to school in gym strips all day. Discussion around intermediate students coming to school in full uniforms appropriate to the season and changing at gym time. Pros and cons were discussed, and a vote was held. Action: Intermediate students are to come to school in full uniforms and change for gym classes. Change to be implemented over the next few months.
- iii. PAG Liason- Stephan
- Budget was discussed
  - Used uniform sales
  - Proposal for a School Musical in 2023. A vote was done and the musical can go ahead as long as the lead negotiates the dates with Mr. Pollard and the staff.
  - Halloween Howl- Volunteers are in place
  - Winter Gala- Gearing up for advertisement and ticket sales this week. KofC will cook, CWL will serve, live auction donations are coming in and decorations are coming together. Call for volunteers in the newsletter and bulletin.
  - Kids can come if the liquor license allows- Teresa organizing this
  - Advertising is occurring in outside parishes. Announcements are to be made at St. Joseph's Parish on the weekend of November 5th
- iv. Finance- no report (Charles absent)
- v. Parish Liaison- Brianne- nothing
- vi. Secretary- nothing (Renita absent)

## 9. New Business

- Nothing

In-camera discussion

**Next meeting: November 24, 600 pm in person, in the library.**

Meeting adjourned at 725 pm.

## **Principal's Report**

October 20, 2022

Following the celebration of Thanksgiving weekend, we have completed most of the tasks assigned to St. Joseph's School for the beginning of the year.

Thanksgiving and the beginning of October are always a good time to count our blessings and thank God. Once again, St. Joseph's has so many things to be thankful for: dedicated teachers, a beautiful campus, supportive parents, marvellous children, and a whole team of diocesan staff in administration, faith formation, finance and advice to support us in our work.

We are currently celebrating our third liturgies of the year with the K-3 classes going to mass on Oct. 12 and the 4-7 classes attending on Oct. 19. Both masses have continued the thanksgiving theme and Father Alfie's homilies enlivened the story of the 10 lepers and only one returned to give thanks. Once again, it is such a blessing to have the church full of students, staff and parents and experience liturgy with full active participation once more.

Our theme for the year is "Seeking Truth, Healing and Reconciliation." We furthered our work on Reconciliation with the Orange Shirt Memorial Mass on Sept. 29<sup>th</sup> on which we prayed for the healing of all those affected by residential schools. We encouraged families and staff members to attend the South Island Powwow to support the Songhees and Esquimalt First Nations (on whose traditional territory our school is located). I enjoyed the experience and the gratitude the First Nations expressed for all the support they received. I also noted other Island Catholic School staff in attendance and was grateful that some are taking steps to redress some of the harms the church participated in.

Our students and families have put their thankfulness to work and once again supported two important charities. We have raised \$1000 each for Terry Fox Cancer Research and Cops for Cancer Tour de Rock.

Last year, staff reviewed the results of our 2021 Foundation Skills assessment. We identified a need for strengthening our math curriculum in the intermediate grades. To that effect, we are piloting a new Math Series to determine if it will provide a better resource to improve the math abilities of our students. Other academic assessments have been completed in the last six weeks and teachers have evaluated their students and are tailoring their instruction to meet their needs.

Our first round of IEPs are complete and we are moving ahead with Learning Support activities and classes for the 2022-2023 school year.

Once again through the generous donation of their time, our teachers have completed the Cross-Country season and have also fielded teams for rugby and ultimate frisbee. This week basketball season has begun. We are fielding two teams this year, one boys' competitive team and a co-ed recreational team. Special thanks go out to Lesley Whiteside, Jody Fallow, Katie Munro, Miss G and Mitch Zuback. Our Irish and Jazz dance troupes are well underway and we have significantly more choir members this year. Already they have distinguished themselves by leading song at our liturgies with skill and enthusiasm.

The end of the beginning of the year is complete. We move forward in faith and hope as we engage in the challenges of the year ahead.

Respectfully submitted,  
Keefer Pollard, Principal  
St. Joseph's Elementary

<b>Winter Uniform/ Full Dress Uniform Thanksgiving Day until Spring Break, School Masses and Formal Assemblies</b>	
<b>Girls'</b>	<b>Boys'</b>
<p>K-3 grey tunic or grey skort (no shorter than 2 inches above the knee) or girls' grey dress pants 4-7 grey kilt or grey skort or <b>grey walking shorts</b> or girls' grey dress pants Skirts and skorts may not be shorter than 2 inches above the knee</p> <p>Plain white cotton blouse, with pointed collar, buttons in the front. Long or short sleeves. No stand-up collars, frills lace or embroidery. No coloured or patterned t-shirts under blouses.</p> <p>Grey and burgundy single crested tie</p> <p>Burgundy cardigan, pull-over or vest. School sweater must be worn at the beginning of each day.</p> <p>Plain black dress shoes or runners free of coloured logos or stitching. Pump style shoes, boots or heels higher than ½ inch are not allowed</p> <p>Grey knee-high socks or leotards. No frills or lace on socks or leotards.</p> <p>An optional hair band in grey, burgundy, white or black may be worn.</p>	<p>Plain grey dress pants <b>or grey walking shorts.</b></p> <p>Plain white long-sleeved or short-sleeved dress shirt. No coloured or patterned t-shirts under shirts.</p> <p>Grey and burgundy single crested tie</p> <p>Burgundy cardigan, pull-over or vest. School sweater must be worn at the beginning of each day.</p> <p>Plain black dress shoes or runners free of coloured logos or stitching. No boots.</p> <p>Grey or black socks.</p>

One or two small stud or sleeper earrings are permitted. Students wearing Hijab must choose colours of grey, white, burgundy or black.

Haircuts must be neat and compliment the school uniform – no extreme haircuts or styles, including razor cut or dyed designs.

Hair dyeing or bleaching is not allowed. **[ Coloured dyeing or bleaching is not allowed.]** Make-up and nail polish are not permitted. One or two small stud or

sleeper earrings are permitted. Additional jewelry is not permitted unless approved by the principal.

Exceptions to the uniform code (e.g. discreet jewelry of a religious or cultural nature) may be approved by the principal on a case-by-case basis for religious, cultural or health reasons.

<b>Summer Uniform Spring Break until Thanksgiving</b>	
<b>Girls'</b>	<b>Boys'</b>
<p>K-3 grey tunic or grey skort (no shorter than 2 inches above the knee) or girls' grey dress pants</p> <p>4-7 grey kilt or grey skort or grey walking shorts or girls' grey dress pants</p> <p>Skirts and skorts may not be shorter than 2 inches above the knee</p> <p>St. Joseph's crested polo shirt or plain white cotton blouse, with pointed collar, buttons in the front. Long or short sleeves. No stand-up collars, frills lace or embroidery. No coloured or patterned t-shirts under shirts</p> <p>Burgundy cardigan, pull-over or vest. This is optional for the summer uniform</p> <p>Plain black dress shoes or runners free of coloured logos or stitching. Pump style shoes, boots or heels higher than ½ inch are not allowed</p> <p>Grey Grey, <b>white</b> or black socks. No frills or lace on socks. <b>Removed leotards.</b></p> <p>An optional hair band in grey, burgundy, white or black may be worn.</p>	<p>Plain grey dress pants or grey walking shorts.</p> <p>St. Joseph's crested polo shirt or plain white long-sleeved or short-sleeved dress shirt.</p> <p>No coloured or patterned t-shirts under shirts.</p> <p>Burgundy cardigan, pull-over or vest. School sweater must be worn at the beginning of each day.</p> <p>Plain black dress shoes or runners free of coloured logos or stitching. No boots.</p> <p>Grey, <b>white</b> or black socks.</p>

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<b>Physical Education Uniform</b>	
<b>To be worn all day on days students have P.E. (except on days when we have mass or formal assemblies)</b>	
<b>Girls'</b>	<b>Boys'</b>
Grey t-shirt with school logo or Timberwolves t-shirt Knee-length burgundy shorts Runners with non-marking soles (low cut runners are the best) White socks Optional grey St. Joseph's jogging pants/sweatshirt with logo	Grey t-shirt with school logo or Timberwolves t-shirt Knee-length burgundy shorts Runners with non-marking soles (low cut runners are the best) White socks Optional grey St. Joseph's jogging pants/sweatshirt with logo

Apart from one or two small stud or sleeper earrings, no jewelry is to be worn during P.E. classes as this is a safety issue.