

ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL PARENT SUPPORT GROUP MEETING MINUTES

February 21, 2017

PSG Present: Jeff White, Laura Forbes, Bruce Adams, Theresa Durante, Ashley Pereira, Ingrid Uhrich, Dawn Thalheimer, Pam Paulhus

PSG Absent: Pamela Lovering, Chantal Staerkle, Shelley Uzelman

Support Present: Mrs. L. Fleck

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:34 pm.

2. Opening prayer by Ingrid Uhrich.

3. ***Bruce made a motion to accept the January 10, 2017 minutes. Ashley seconds the motion. All in favour. Motion carried.***

4. Business arising from the Minutes

-no business

5. Acceptance of Submitted Reports

No Reports

6.1. President's Report: Jeff White

No Report

6.2. Vice President's Report: Pam Paulhus

Cards for Kids had a great January!

Cards for Kids will be having a May contest for selling cards in the classes.

Cards for Kids may ask PSG to fund the prizes for winners.

6.3. Treasurer's Report: Dawn Thalheimer

- General Account @ \$ 19,710.42
- Colts Cafe @ \$4,992.02
- Gaming Account @ \$ 17,984.33

Hallowe'en Alley proceeds were \$25.76

Mrs. Fleck to follow up with Mrs. Beetlestone regarding Robotics invoice.

6.4. Secretary's Report: Laura Forbes

No Report.

6.5. Council Liaison: Theresa Durante

Notes from January meeting:

Masterpiece Campaign/new school project

Phase 1 Completed – still lots to do

Expenses higher than anticipated, over budget by approx. \$300,000

Masterpiece committee trying to find ways to recognize smaller donors

Council approved an increase to tuition rates - \$10/child per month.

Council discussed a proposal to increase volunteer hours/parent participation fee.

There will not be a big Council fundraiser/gala this year.

6.6. Fundraising Coordinator's Report: Ashley Pereira

Read – a Thon begins February 27, 2017.

School has been signed up for Growing Smiles for Spring Plant Sale

Payment – should we use Colt's Café? Ashley and Dawn to discuss further.

Shrove Tuesday shopping today, everything is in PSG cupboard, sausages later this week.

\$430 for food. Volunteers still needed, a form will be sent home asking for volunteers.

6.7. Social Committee:

Position is still open.

6.8. Public Relation's Liaison Report: Bruce Adams

No Report.

6.9. Hospitality Coordinator Report: Ingrid Uhrich

February 22 is Ready, Set, Learn.

6.10. Colt's Café Report: Chantal Staerkle

No Report.

6.11. Volunteer Coordinator Report: Pamela Lovering

No Report.

6.12. Principal Report: Mrs. L. Fleck

Further to Council report:

Parent Participation Hours will be increasing from 15 to 20 hours. A minimum of 5 hours must be dedicated to Masterpiece Campaign Event. Parent participation fee will increase to \$250/year.

Re-registration packages will be coming out soon.

New banners were presented! Mrs. Thalheimer designed and had four school banners produced for the Foyer and available for use at events, etc...! Thank you Dawn!

7. Business Arising from the Reports

Jeff points out that this year is going by fast. Need to start recruiting for PSG positions for the coming year.

8. New Business

Mrs. Hopley attended the meeting to discuss needs for the upcoming Chautauqua! Chautauqua is planned for the Spring. Chautauqua is an Iroquois word meaning mocassins. Traditionally, a Chautauqua is a travelling education movement where travelling performers would perform under a big tent for the community; people would come, be entertained and learn about various subjects.

St. Joseph is planning, with students from Grades 4-7, a historical celebration of Canada's 150 birthday. May 30-June 1. Students are developing scripts to celebrate the histories of Canada, Kelowna, Okanagan, and our school. This show will be on the same level as Joseph; hoping to open the show up to the entire community, for 3 nights. May 30 – June 1.

Tickets will be sold, proceeds from ticket sales will go towards the costs of the tent and LED screens, etc.

Mrs. Hopley thanked the PSG for their continued support of the Drama Club and is requesting \$1500 from the PSG to put towards costumes and props.

Ashley makes motion to fund costs of costumes and props for the Chautauqua with a contribution of \$1500. Ingrid seconds motion. All in favour. Motion carried.

Mrs. Hopley is also presenting on behalf of the Chess Club. The Chess Club has been doing very well, 25 students attend every Tuesday. The Chess Club was invited to a tournament last weekend and the team did very well. In fact they did so well, they have now been invited to a competitive tournament. The first tournament was \$10/child and the next tournament should be roughly the same.

Ingrid makes a motion to cover the costs associated with the two chess tournaments. Pam seconds. All in favour. Motion carried.

Pam Paulhus – presented a request from the school for funding a Yogibo in the Special Resource Dept. A Yogibo is a large bean bag, the perfect way to give students a supported break. It helps ADHD, anxiety, etc.. Midi size Yogibo costs \$279 plus tax.

Dawn makes a motion to fund up to \$800 for purchase of two midi-size Yogibo or what the Resource Dept deems most appropriate. Ingrid seconds. All in favour. Motion passed

9. Next regular meeting date to be March 14, 2017.

10. Volunteer for opening prayer for the next meeting: Theresa Durante.

11. Ingrid makes a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dawn seconds the motion.

All are in favor. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:42 pm.