

**Good Shepherd Parent Council Meeting
February 3, 2021**

Present:

Jennifer Vieira	Daniela Kieffer	Lucy Ramdass
Antonella Oliveri-Mifsud	Ani Rapallo	Maura Santanilla
Carolina Ercoli	Ana Valente	Guest – Parent (Leah Font)
Guest – Parent (Gene Gray)		

Regrets:

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

Introductions and courtesies took place.

Virtual meeting protocols were reviewed.

Minutes of the December 2, 2020 meeting were reviewed and approved (motion made – D. Keiffer; motion seconded – A. Valente).

Chair's Report

- Fundraisers Discussion
 - Another school is doing a Dominos Pizza Family Night. A code is used when placing the order. The school gets \$5 for each pizza ordered. A. Oliveri-Mifsud to gather information for next meeting.
 - Fortinos has done something similar in the past. A code is used at checkout and the school would get a percentage. A. Rapallo to gather information for next meeting.
 - School fundraiser will be done through an online virtual book fair. More information to come this month.
- Due to the current covid situation, there is nothing further to report.

Teacher's Report

- Week of December 14 was the Christmas spirit week. Student council planned events for each day of the week.
- Food drive was held and was very successful.
- The Tim Hortons gift cards were very well received.
- After Christmas, learning was moved to online.
- Grade 8s had their course selections.
- Report cards are coming up next week. PA day next Friday for parent teacher interviews.
- Communion gifts were purchased. They are being put together and cards are being printed.

Principal's Report

- New technology for the teachers arrived in December.
- No new cases of covid since the ones last reported in December.
- Transition to learning from home was smooth.
- New planning time teacher has just been hired. She began in January and is with us to the end of June.
- One position remains unfilled, but recruitment is taking place.
- LED lighting is being placed throughout the school. This is a board project which is going on now.
- Greatest positives:
 - The importance of self-care – mindful moments are done during announcements; currently exploring other options for self-care.
 - Learning new technology.
 - Learned about the generosity and the self-giving nature of the community. The food drive donations were wonderful. There were cash donations as well; one anonymous donor.
- Greatest challenges:
 - Teachers have to find new ways of teaching and assessing students. There is also a need to find ways to engage them.
 - Dealing with the fatigue for both the teachers and the students.
- Board updates:
 - Masks are now mandatory for Grades 1 to 8. Mask exemption policy will be strict.
 - There will be an additional assessment component. Principal will need to verify that all teachers, supply staff, staff, parents, etc. entering the school have done their screening.
 - Masking recommendations are for the students to wear the masks while outside if social distancing cannot be maintained.
- Since closure in March 2020, the Board asked that all schools hold their school goals. The board is now reviewing school goals. J. Vieira meeting with teachers to discuss school goals and will update Parent Council at the next meeting.
- As February is Black History Month, various virtual assemblies are being organized.
- Virtual mass has been booked for February 17. Details to be e-mailed out.

Treasurer's Report

- Opening balance is \$1,617.80.

OAPCE Report

- Nothing to report.

Parish Representative's Update

- Only 10 people are allowed in the church at a time. Church is proceeding with Reconciliation for Communion. There are 10 registered for Good Shepherd.
- Live streaming masses are continuing.
- No decision has been made as to how ashes will be administered.
- Waiting to hear if the church can re-open next week.
- Confirmation students have zoom sessions with Father Roger and a teacher from St. Marguerite D'Youville High School. These will take place every other Friday. First session was January 22, 2021.

Other Business

- One member brought forward a specific incident that occurred during online learning in an intermediate class. J. Vieira to investigate and follow up with parents as appropriate.

Next meeting – March 31, 2021, 6:00 p.m., via Zoom. Agenda and meeting link to be provided by J. Vieira.

With no other business, further questions or topics for discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.