

**Good Shepherd Parent Council Meeting
December 2, 2020**

Present:

Jennifer Vieira	Daniela Kieffer	Lucy Ramdass
Ana Valente	Ani Rapallo	Antonella Oliveri-Mifsud
Carolina Ercoli	Maura Hernandez	Shawn Xaviour - Trustee
Ryan Thomas	Debbie Cienfuegos	Marisol Avila
Guest – Parent	Guest - Parent	

Regrets:

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

Shawn Xaviour attended the meeting. He provided a few updates from the board. Reorganization is complete. Early November a 2020 distinguished alumni poster was released. SROs have been removed from the schools. Peel police is looking at ways to engage with our students and community. Organizational board meeting was held yesterday, and a new chair and vice chair were elected.

Virtual meeting protocols were reviewed.

Minutes of the October 14, 2020 meeting were reviewed and approved (A. Rapallo, C. Ercoli, D. Kieffer and A. Valente).

Chair's Report

- Fundraising
 - We will not be going ahead with the gift card fundraiser. The company wants a minimum order commitment, and we believe will not be able to meet it.
 - Decision made to hold off on fundraising for now. In the midst of the pandemic, school council prefers not to seek out money from community for fundraising purposes.
- Suggestion made to give back to the students / families at Good Shepherd this Christmas season. There are two forms of learning: (i) remote only - 43 students, and (ii) hybrid – 269 students. A total of 312 students altogether.
 - Students who are in class can take the token gift home, while those who are hybrid can arrange to come pick up their gift from Ms. Jacques after making an appointment, and those who are remote only would have their gift mailed to them by Good Shepherd.
 - Suggestion made to provide \$5 Tim Hortons gift card to each Good Shepherd student. Approximately 312 families @ \$5 gift card per family. Remote only students could have their token gift mailed to them by Good Shepherd.
 - Voting was held to go ahead with the gifts for students (approved by C. Ercoli, D. Kieffer, L. Ramdass and A. Valente).
 - Voting held to purchase one (1) \$5 Tim Hortons gift card for each Good Shepherd student (accepted by C. Ercoli, A. Rapallo, A. Valente, A. Oliveri-Mifsud).

- Communion - Rosary costs have gone up by about a dollar each. There are 23 students. Voting held to go ahead with spending \$5.95 per student (approved by D. Keiffer, A. Valente, C. Ercoli, A. Valente).
- Confirmation - \$10 spending cap per student was voted on and passed at last meeting. Fourteen students receiving confirmation this year. Gifts to be determined.

Teacher's Report

- Week of October 26 to 30 was Halloween Spirit Week. Went well.
- On the evening of November 5, last year's graduates were able to come to the school and pick up their certificates. It was well received and nice to see everyone.
- Report cards went home November 10.
- November 16 to 20 was bullying prevention and awareness week. Saidat presented on November 20. Pink shirt day was organized by Ms. Gabil.
- Tomorrow is information night for Grade 8's at D'Youville high school.
- Youth Faith Ambassadors will be holding a food drive. Each class will have a box for any donations. Donations will be collected and dropped off at the church for Helping Hands. For those virtual or hybrid who want to donate, a bin will be placed outside the doors for drop off. It will be checked daily for donations and brought in at the end of the school day.

Principal's Report

- Updates on Covid situation at Good Shepherd shared— First case was identified as a probable. That class, with two staff members, self-isolated. The other two cases were confirmed cases, each from two different classes (one (1) in each class). Action is taken by the school when Peel Public Health confirms the case. The letter from Peel Public Health has the tentative return to class date noted on it. Deep cleaning protocol is completed in the classrooms after class dismissal.
- The Ministry is considering increased testing in schools (in areas considered hot spots). Schools would be informed.
- PPE – Plenty of stock available. Daily survey done to take inventory of what's been used and what needs to be ordered. If in need, orders are filled quickly.
- There is a shortage of teachers across the province. Unfilled jobs have been a challenge. Open positions were posted multiple times. 3 new hires have just been made to fill 3 of our 4 open vacancies.
- Hybrid Model – Teachers have laptops with cameras until webcams and other equipment comes in.
- Field has been opened. Winter protocol is in place. There is a protocol in place for using cubbies and coat hooks so that children are not clustering.
- Equipment is still being provided to children who need them.

- Gifts for teachers are being accepted. Parents cannot enter the school, but can call Ms. Jacques and she will meet them at the door to receive gift

Treasurer's Report

- Opening balance is \$2,905.

Parish Representative's Update

- Reminder to check the parish website for up-to-date information. Changes have been made to the schedules for Communion and Confirmation.

Other Business

- There was no other business to discuss.

Next meeting – February 3, 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 8:00 p.m.