

Good Shepherd Parent Council Meeting

April 24, 2019

Present:

Jennifer Vieira

Lucy Ramdass

Daniela Kieffer

Ana Valente

Carolina Ercoli

Lidia Owsiana

Laura Rosero

Meeting was called to order.

Parent Council participated in the Public Budget Consultation Webcast. Topics discussed were budget development, sources of funding, grants for student needs, operating expenditures, cost allocations, board financial position, enrolments, new vision for education, challenges for 2019 – 2020 and the 2018 - 2019 survey. The use of the “Thought Exchange” was explained. Website will be open for the next week and access to the “Thought Exchange” can be obtained by going to <https://my.thoughtexchange.com/#299671078>.

Minutes of the March 25, 2019 meeting were reviewed and approved.

Chair’s Report

Card fundraiser – After reaching out, we were told that we missed deadline for b-day cards. Will do all occasion cards. Arriving May 3, 2019 and will go home on May 10, 2019. Event ends and orders arrive on May 27, 2019. \$33 for 33 cards. Profit will be \$11 per box. Delivery fee is being discussed. Prizes are provided: pizza party, 4 x \$25 gift cards and 32 gb iPod Touch (if over 400 boxes sold). Parent Council discussed purchasing additional prizes. J. Vieira will reach out to classrooms to provide feedback on what the prizes could be.

Hot Lunches – Lunch Box orders for June will be online shortly. For the 2019 – 2020 school year, Lunch Box orders will be run on Mondays for subs and Fridays for the usual restaurants.

Teachers’ Report

School teams are ongoing.

Passion play was successful.

Co-teaching in classrooms continue.

Bowling trips are taking place this week.

Confirmation is taking place May 3, 2019. First Communion is taking place May 12.

Rosary Apostolate Celebration of Mary is on May 6, 2019.

ShareLife Spring Dance has been moved to May 17, 2019.

Principal’s Report

Spring Dance – Student fee to attend, profit after cost of DJ will be donated to ShareLife

Spirit Wear samples will be in by this Friday.

New library floors have been approved by the Board. First consultation meeting will occur in May.

Fire alarm system is being redone. Work will take three months to complete.

Sacramental gifts are being purchased. They will be purchased for all students.

Staff donated to the Kolai family.

Reconciliation took place on March 26, 2019.

EQAO tutoring is doing well.

Literacy night went well.

Autism Speaks donations are still being accepted until end of April

Ripleys trip was successful.

DP Innovators Summit – Select students and teachers were chosen to represent the school.

PA Day Updates – Worked on school goals. Literacy – increasing critical thinking. A group worked on Google Classroom. Another group worked on “Beautify Our School”.

April 30 is Spring and Sibling Photo Day.

May 6 to 10 is Catholic Education Week.

May 8 – Students going to diversity conference.

May 9 – Mothers’ Day tea.

May 21 – EQAO start date.

Overnight trips for grades 7 and 8 – Number of requests this year for financial assistance. This has increased over past years.

Treasurer’s Report

Current balance is approximately \$4,873.57.

Bowling trip buses cost \$1,202.32. Voting held for Parent Council to cover the cost. Approved.

Card fundraiser – Voting took place for spending \$200 on a large prize for each of the primary, junior and intermediate divisions. Approved.

Next meeting is Wednesday, May 29, 2019.

June meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 12, 2019.

With no other business and no further questions or topics for discussion, the meeting adjourned.