

Good Shepherd Parent Council Meeting

March 25, 2019

Present:

Jennifer Vieira	Lidia Owsiana	Lucy Ramdass
Carolina Ercoli	Ani Rapallo	Ana Valente
Daniela Kieffer	Marisol Avila	Debbie Cientuegos
Alexandra Lima	Laura Rosero	Nancy Leal
Sean Xavier (Trustee)		

Meeting was called to order.

Minutes of the January 30, 2019 meeting were reviewed and approved. (Ani and Marisol)

Chair's Report

Subway orders – E-mail blast was sent out. A few new options were added – new subs, as well as new sauces.

Lunchbox orders – Statement received for the month of February shows almost \$80 made. They have a “student of the month” program. If a student follows the criteria set out in the program, the selected “student of the month” will receive lunchbox orders for a full month. A. Rapallo to look into the required criteria.

Kidssentials will be offered for Thursday, April 11, 2019 with no financial benefit to us.

Trustee's Report

Dufferin Peel's 50th birthday is this year (September). Board is looking into doing different events to celebrate. More information to follow.

February 11 – Met with members of the provincial parliament. Good discussions around continuing support for catholic education.

Expanding school messenger system – Already active in high schools but will now be implemented in elementary schools.

Budget – Public consultations coming up.

Government put out announcement about classroom sizes changing. Kindergarten to Grade 3 will not change. Grades 4 to 8 will remain at a 24.5 average and secondary will go from 22 students in a classroom to 28 students.

Autism Spectrum Disorder – Continuing to push for change.

Catholic Education Week - First week of May.

Teachers' Report

In place of Disney on Ice, students will go to Ripley's Aquarium.

Literacy Night is Thursday, March 28, 2019. 147 people have registered to attend so far. Each station will provide a different resource. There will be an Indigenous theme for the story, and it will be tied into Earth Hour the next day.

Skills Ontario Competition challenge is taking place Wednesday, March 26, 2019. Team of four (4) girls will be going.

Intermediate Boys Volleyball is ongoing.

Blue Jays game will not go forward this year. Will consider next year.

Bowling – Three dates are booked for Good Shepherd. Entire school will attend.

Principal's Report

Yearbook – Three teachers are available to supervise volunteer students; however, they can only supervise during lunch break. A. Rapallo has volunteered to come in from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. to help run the program.

Grades 5 and 6 will be going to Ripley's Aquarium. Trip is booked for Friday, June 7, 2019.

Sacramental Gifts – Grade 7 have chosen a bracelet. Grade 2 have chosen a rosary. Gifts will be purchased and packaged; tags will be added to indicate they are from Parent Council.

Kiss 'n' Ride – A work order has been placed to have a visit made to Good Shepherd so that recommendations can be made on where to have signs made and posted for crossing from the parking lot to the school.

Raptors' Game – This is being looked at for next year. \$50 deposit to be made between April and June of 2019. Late August or early September will have to let them know number of tickets. Can organize a bus for those families who would like a ride.

Spirit Wear – One vendor (Create It Promotions) prices t-shirts at \$6.97. This is the cheapest vendor. J. Vieira will reach out to ask for samples so that Parent Council can see the quality.

Lenten Mass – Students were very respectful and reverent. This was communicated to them.

EQAO – Good Shepherd has been approved for four (4) after-hours tutoring classes. Notes to be sent home so that those interested can sign up.

Autism month is April. There will be an assembly in the gym on April 2 and a walk for Autism. Various other events to be held throughout the month. For example, bring a toonie for autism.

Holy Week is the week of April 15.

Sewing Studio – The Sewing Studio will be at the school on Thursday, May 9, 2019 and Friday, May 10, 2019. All students will participate. Another sewing machine will be donated to the school by The Sewing Studio.

Kindergarten night (Journey into Learning) is being held on Thursday, May 9, 2019.

EQAO starts Monday, May 20, 2019.

First Communion is taking place on Sunday, May 12, 2019.

Confirmation is taking place on Wednesday, May 22, 2019.

Treasurer's Report

Current balance is \$5,924.65.

J. Vieira asked if Parent Council would be willing to pay for (i) the cost of buses for the Ripley's trip for the Grades 5 and 6 (\$565); (ii) the cost of buses for graduation (\$384.20); and (iii) the cost of buses for the bowling trip for the entire school.

Voting was held for items (i) and (ii) above (total of \$949.20). Motion made and all were in favour. Approved.

With respect to item (iii) above, J. Vieira will obtain pricing and a vote will be held at the next Parent Council meeting.

Discussion was held to brainstorm ideas for fundraisers that Parent Council could hold this Spring. A. Rapallo to reach out to Big Box Fundraising to obtain pricing and samples for birthday cards.

During Literacy Night, Parent Council would like to sell bags of chips to raise funds. \$100 allotted as the budget for the purchase of the chips.

Parish Representative Update

Confession for all families – This is taking place Monday, April 1, 2019 from 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. All are welcome to attend.

The Edge is restarting on Friday, April 19, 2019.

Holy Name of Mary College School – Open house is on Saturday, April 13, 2019 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Those interested in attending should contact Giselle at 905-891-1890 ext. 103.

ShareLife campaign continues. Day to give is Sunday, March 31, 2019.

Other Business

OAPCE conference is on Saturday, April 6, 2019. This is an all-day workshop, with dinner at the end of the day. If a Parent Council member decides to go, School Council will pay for the tickets. Vote carried and passed.

Next meeting is Wednesday, April 24, 2019 (Budget Consultation Webcast)

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