

Good Shepherd Parent Council Meeting

October 30, 2019

Present:

Jennifer Vieira	Daniela Kieffer	Lucy Ramdass
Carolina Ercoli	Ana Valente	Ani Rapallo
Debbie Cienfuegos	Romina McWilliams	Alexandra Lima
Maura Santanilla	Antonella Oliveri-Mifsud	Guest: Dani (the Lunch Lady)

Regrets:

Laura Rosero	Arlene Evangelista
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Meeting called to order.

Timed Presentation – The Lunch Lady

Sample hot lunches provided for taste testing. Kitchen and delivery processes explained. There is a fundraising component to their service - \$0.25 to \$0.35 from every lunch order goes back to the school at the end of the year. Two weeks' notice required in order to begin ordering lunches through The Lunch Lady.

Minutes of the October 2, 2019 meeting reviewed and approved. (Ani Rapallo and Carolina Ercoli)

Chair's Report

Fundraising – First fundraiser this year was the Laura Secord chocolates - very successful. Anticipated profit is \$7,000. Winner of the Raptors tickets sold six (6) boxes – Nivan. Laser Quest winner sold six (6) boxes – Tanesia. Grade 8s did really well and won the large chocolate bar for most class participants.

Communication to be sent to parents on results of the fundraiser, what some of the proceeds will be used for and who the winners of the prizes were.

X-Movement is booked to come November 19, 20 and 21. Program selected is connected to our school goals in the area of well-being. November 20 is a one hour evening community event. Promotional material to be sent to parents shortly.

Parent Council Meeting of November 20, 2019 has been cancelled to accommodate the family evening.

Suggestion made to do more community events. Ideas include movie night. To be discussed in more detail.

Anti-Bullying – An area of focus related to our Equity goals. Highlights such as Orlando Bowen (One Voice) assemblies and workshop will be used to promote and educate students with respect to anti-bullying. Bully Brave Program suggested to support this area.

Virtue of the Month – Suggestion made to bring back certificates for virtue of the month and hold assembly. Ms. Vieira shared current plan to highlight virtues alongside other school assembly topic (e.g Remembrance Day, Black History Month etc.). Will consider further ideas.

OAPCE Report

Meeting held tonight. Guest speaker will be discussing hold and secure at schools. Information to be obtained and passed on.

Treasurer's Report

Current balance is \$15,405.66. This amount still includes the money owed to the chocolate fundraiser vendor.

Money for refreshments (suggestions for water, fruit, veggies) for the community event to November 20, 2019 – Parent Council voted to spend up to \$400 (passed by Daniela Kiefer and Ani Rapallo).

Sound system – cost to Parent Council is \$3,851.54. Previously approved. Money not yet removed from school council account.

Christmas Event – Parent Council voted to spend up to \$250 (passed by Daniela Kiefer and Ani Rapallo) for materials needed, including refreshments.

Families In Need – Parent Council voted to spend \$250 (passed by Daniela Kiefer and Ani Rapallo).

Principal's Report

New Parish Representative – Maura Santanilla.

Youth Faith Ambassador – 29 students participated.

New health nurse assigned. Will work with Ms. Vieira and Ms. Pervidsa.

New NPU officer. Discussed doing an Officer vs. Teacher event and donating funds raised to ShareLife.

Beautify the School Project – Ms. Zuccaro is obtaining quotes from some artists. Students will assist with designing.

50th Anniversary for the School Board.

Raptors 905 – Grades 7 and 8 will be invited in February for a game.

Ministry released a policy for cell phone use. Gap Policy being reviewed and revised as needed. School is currently addressing issues regarding poor use of cell phones by intermediate classes. Letter is being sent home to Grade 7 and 8 parents to let them know that cell phones are to be used under direct teacher instruction only.

Teachers' Report

Rosary Apostolate began October 2. Students enjoyed it. Each class received rosary.

Boys Volleyball placed first in our family.

Junior Girls Volleyball played well in the tournament.

Cross country October 18 and intermediate student Leo placed 21st of 150 in the board.

Brampton Beast game attended today. Feedback was great. Grades 2/3, 3 and 7 participated. Will look to attend in the future again.

Halloween dance is October 31, 2019. All classes created artwork to decorate the gym.

Junior Badminton Club begins soon.

A Day in the Life is November 6, 2019. Grade 8s will attend D'Youville Secondary for the day.

Progress Reports go out November 12, 2019. November 14, 2019 is interview night. November 15, 2019 is PA Day.

Terry Fox fundraiser raised just over \$500; double last year.

Some parents have asked why students were not paying transportation to school sports events. To be discussed in more detail at a future meeting. Will add on as future agenda item.

Parish Representative

Confirmation registration held this week. Good Shepherd registration held Monday, with tonight being an alternative night. Registration seems quite low. Communication to be sent home to parents to remind them.

Helping Hands is a Christmas Program at the Parish. It is available to the school if we have families in need that we are unable to assist.

Edge Program – Program that is available every two weeks for the children. Not only faith based; also has a social aspect.

Other Business

Brave Program – Council members tabled the idea of bringing the “Bully Brave Program” in to the school. A level one class would teach children how to recognize bullying and how to assert themselves through words and body language. Grades JK to 3 = 40 minute classes for \$115 per class; Grades 4 to 8 – one hour classes for \$135 per class. Ms. Vieira to follow-up with Carrie at Bully Brave to discuss in more detail.

Concern raised about parents standing at the back of the school until the bell rings. To be addressed by Ms. Vieira.

Fundraising – New ideas to be brainstormed. To be discussed at a future meeting.

Next meeting– January 22, 2020.

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