

**Good Shepherd Parent Council Meeting  
October 14, 2020**

Present:

Jennifer Vieira	Daniela Kieffer	Lucy Ramdass
Carolina Ercoli	Ani Rapallo	Antonella Oliveri-Mifsud
Ana Valente	Maura Santanilla	Andre and Isabel Barros
Alexandra Lima		

Regrets:

Debbie Cienfuegos

Meeting was called to order.

Virtual Meeting protocols were reviewed.

School Council By-Laws / Code of Ethics were reviewed.

School Council Members appointed and/or acclaimed:

Chair	- Daniela Kieffer
Treasurer	- Carolina Ercoli
Secretary	- Lucy Ramdass
OAPCE Representative	- Ani Rapallo
Parish Representative	- Maura Santanilla
Community Representative	- Ana Valente
Teaching Representative	- Antonella Oliveri-Mifsud

Minutes of the February 19, 2020 meeting were reviewed and approved (L. Ramdass and A. Rapallo).

Chair's Report

- Agenda was reviewed and approved (A. Rapallo and C. Ercoli)
- Goals and priorities for School Council this year will focus on
  - Bringing and keeping the community together
- Fundraising
  - Guidelines – At this time there are no specific guidelines, but school safety protocols must be followed: no visitors to the school, no food coming into the building. Following ideas were discussed:
    - Dress up to represent your country / dress up for a theme – To participate students would have to pay. Each participant would have their name added to a draw to win a prize.

- Students would enter a drawing or poem writing competition. To participate students would have to pay. Each participant would have their name added to a draw to win a prize.
- Gift Card sales – Will be done online. To begin November 9, 2020. Deadline for orders to be November 30, 2020. Prize is to be awarded in order to promote participation. Purpose of this fundraiser would be to assist with the purchase of technology for the school. (Vote held to hold fundraiser: C. Ercoli, A. Rapallo, A. Valente, L. Ramdass). (Vote held and approved for prize amounts of one prize for the most sold of \$150 and the runner up prize of \$50 – D. Kieffer, A. Valente, L. Ramdass, C. Ercoli).
- Sacramental Gifts – Gifts for last term’s students who received the sacrament of communion to be ordered. Ms. Oliveri-Mifsud to order rosaries. (Vote held and approved for spending maximum of \$5.00 per student: D. Kieffer, A. Valente, A. Rapallo, A. Oliveri-Mifsud.)
- Sacramental Gifts – Gifts for last term’s students who will be receiving the sacrament of confirmation on October 28 to be ordered. Ms. Oliveri-Mifsud will circulate the online catalogue for review. (Vote held for spending maximum of \$10.00 per student: D. Kieffer, A. Valente, A. Rapallo, A. Oliveri-Mifsud.)
- “School Council Tailgate Party” – A way to thank the teachers for everything they have done. Coffee and subway lunch to be served at lunch time in the parking lot on October 29, 2020. A. Rapallo to prepare invite and sent to Ms. Vieira to disseminate to the teachers at Good Shepherd (30 teachers approximately). Maximum of \$500 to be spent. (Vote held and accepted: L. Ramdass, A. Rapallo, D. Kieffer, A. Valente.)
- Future Meeting Dates
  - December 2, 2020
  - February 3, 2021
  - March 31, 2021
  - June 2, 2021

#### Teacher’s Report

- Board’s focus is the mental well-being of the students.
- September 28 to October 2 – School participated in the Terry Fox Run. Funds collected for the Terry Fox Run was \$25. An orange shirt day was organized by Ms. Gabil. School spirit day was held October 9 – pajama day.
- Student Council has arranged for spirit week the last week of October. Some activities include spooky story day, costumes or orange and black day and movie day.

#### Principal’s Report

- Return to school – Teachers are very happy to be back at school. There was an expected apprehension at first, but the protocols are excellent and are successfully being carried out. The students are very well trained. Masks are not an issue (mandatory for grades 1 to 8). Most of the kindergarten kids are wearing masks as well. Students are practicing

and following the protocols without issue. There are currently zero cases at Good Shepherd. The school is fully stocked with PPE. There are 218 students face-to-face and 106 students online.

- Remote learning – Students can continue with online learning, but this is the least flexible option. Survey going out today to canvass for those who wish to switch to a hybrid model which would encompass face-to-face students mixed with online students. This would begin on November 16 and would require a reorganization of all classes in the school. It would result in a situation where potentially half of the students could be in-class and the other half could be online. The numbers will vary. A camera would be on the teacher and on the teacher's laptop. The flexibility with this is that parents have the flexibility to move their children in and out of the online/face to face model. The reorganization encompasses the entire school so there could be a change of teacher. The reorganization is affecting online classes as well.
- The Ministry's goal is to keep the schools open as long as possible. If there is a Covid-19 case in a school, Peel Public Health steps in and, with the principal's help, investigates the case. Depending on the results of the investigation, a determination is made as to whether self-isolation occurs, the class is quarantined, or the school shuts down. Each situation is addressed case by case.
- Father Roger Pascal is the new pastor at St. Marguerite D'Youville. Working on a plan to do visits with the students at Good Shepherd. He has met with staff virtually and held a virtual live streamed opening mass.
- Curriculum – Priority is health and well-being. Support resource has been developed for the staff. Board is supporting the need for moving slowly and focusing on health and well-being. Curriculum is advanced slowly and as appropriate.

#### Treasurer's Report

- Opening balance is \$3,560.14.

#### Parish Representative's Update

- First Communions for last term's students took place at the end of August. Almost all of last term's Good Shepherd Grade 2 students received the sacrament. E-mails regarding confirmation for last term's students have gone out. Good Shepherd confirmation date is October 28. Details for this term's students are still being worked out.

#### Other Business

- A. Rapallo was nominated for 2019-2020 Volunteer of the Year. She was recognized for all of her efforts and all of the time she has volunteered for Good Shepherd and the Good Shepherd Community. Thank you for all you do, Ani!

Next meeting – November 2, 2020, 6:00 p.m., via Zoom. Meeting link will be sent out via GShep email.

With no other business, further questions or topics for discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m. (Motion put forward: D. Kieffer; motion seconded: A. Oliveri-Mifsud.)