

**ST. PAUL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
CATHOLIC SCHOOL PARENT COUNCIL**

MINUTES FOR THE MEETING HELD VIA GOOGLE MEET ON June 9, 2020

Present at the meeting were:

Principal: Leslie Keating

Chair: Sara Scott

Secretary: Liz Matheson

Parent Reps: Dani Christie, Sonya Sedgwick

OECTA Rep: Katie Carswell

CUPE Rep: Kim Francz

Community Rep/Breakfast Club Coordinator: Diane Anderson-Campbell

Absent with Regrets: Dee Archer, Carly Dee, Wendy Heffernan, Greg Stewart, Meagan Wark

Welcome, Introduction and Opening Prayer: Leslie called the meeting to order and led the council in prayer.

Accept Minutes: Dani motioned to accept Feb 3, 2020 meeting minutes, seconded by Kim.

OLD BUSINESS

TREASURER'S REPORT Wendy absent, Leslie gave update.

- Total Balance \$31,098.22; negative balance in Hot Lunch account due to refunds – Kim will reconcile.
- Yearbooks were \$14-15 each. Sponsorship was not requested this year. Hoping to have them ready for pickup by families on the last week of school.

1) Request for Funds

- Provide 194 families with a yearbook; \$17 each, \$3298 total cost
 - MOTION TO FUND made and passed via email vote on May 22, 2020
- Gift for Principal's Retirement between \$100-\$150
 - MOTION TO FUND made and passed via email vote on May 22, 2020
- Sponsorship of grad awards (Top Male & Female Athlete, Arts Award, Extra Mile Award); up to 4 awards at \$30 each, up to \$120 total
 - MOTION TO FUND made and passed via email vote on May 25, 2020

BREAKFAST PROGRAM REPORT Presented by Diane

- Spent until March Break - \$3,572.07 of \$5,829.48 budget
- Applied for Student Nutrition Program renewal funding
- Applied for President's Choice Charity funding
- Are ensuring that St Paul students and families are well looked after
- Number of households using local foodbank has doubled in recent months
- Non-perishable items leftover at the school are to be donated to the local foodbank

SCHOOL REPORT Presented by Principal Keating

- Principal Keating is retiring at end of school year; bouquet was received with thanks.

- Graduation:
 - Graduates are invited to come to school for pictures and awards Tues June 22
 - Opportunity for graduates to return to St Paul on a high school PA Day in the fall to speak to Grade 7 students and see staff.
- Agendas for 20-21 school year:
 - Did not pay for agendas this year
 - New company has been selected by the Board and are more expensive
 - Rather than asking parents to cover cost of agendas, Parent Council was asked to consider covering cost (approx. \$3500 but Kim will update as more info available).
- School Boards have been asked to plan for different scenarios for Fall 2020
 - Everyone back with safety measures and social distancing in place
 - 50/50 return – every other day/every other week/half days
 - Families choose not to return, distance learning required
 - No return
- Mental health of students has been a priority.
 - Staff and board are providing support for students and families with anxieties
 - When preparing class lists for the fall, care has been taken to ensure many students remain with the same teacher and/or with friends
 - Summer school courses have been made available for those struggling with mental health issues

OPEN DISCUSSION

- What will the Breakfast Program look like in the Fall? Will it even exist?
 - Leslie advised that the Board would take into consideration when preparing fall plans as mentioned above.
- Are teachers being invested in?
 - The Board is providing resources and supports to assist teachers.
- Is it possible to have one standardized platform for all grades/classes if this continues into the fall?
 - The Board will have to provide more direction on this if teachers are not returning to classroom teaching in the fall and if full or part-time online education continues.
- What progress on the Burger Hut property?
 - All future plans are on hold at the moment.
 - Waiting on MTO and whether they go ahead with the signal
 - Come fall, it may just be a parking lot for parents
- Report and belonging pickup time for working parents
 - Possibility of later pickup time slot; Kim/Leslie will monitor need and add if warranted
- Fall Raffle
 - May not be able to run as normal or be postponed
 - May have to explore other options for fundraising
- Staff changes will be posted in the last Week at a Glance
- Class lists will be available last week of August
- Principal's replacement to be announced last week of June
- First Day of School – Sept 8th; although not official at this point.

Next Meeting Dates: New principal to set first meeting and elections date for Sept 2020

Motion to Adjourn: Sonya made a motion to adjourn, Dani seconded.