

Father Henri Voisin Parent Council Meeting

February 9, 2022

Minutes

Meeting called to order @ 6:33 p.m.

In attendance: Shane Chisholm, Trista Carey, Erin Bast, Lindsey Galicz, Kelli-Anne Mysko, Cynthia Patterson

1. Welcome/Opening prayer Trista
2. Approval of Agenda - Erin approved, Seconded by Lindsey. All in favor, carried
3. Minutes from January - Erin approved, Kelli-Anne seconded. All in favor, carried
4. Reports:
  - a. Administration Report
    - Government announcement: division met this a.m. with the deputy minister. Starting Monday PreK-Grade 12 students do not have to wear masks in school or on the bus. Follow up with the deputy minister this coming Friday.
    - PPE is still available: sanitizer, daily cleaning, oxifar, ventilation
    - Boundary meeting: 3 options presented. There are concerns with a 50/50 split and long bus times. Options 1 and 2 are facing a 50/50 split that could split up friend groups with our grade five students. There is a very significant impact on the families of our school with regards to the boundaries change.
    - We are moving away from EDSBY. The contract has not been renewed. In its place we will be using Schoology through PowerSchool. Parents will ideally be using Power School from Kindergarten to Grade 12.
    - Shane shared that there are Parent Information sessions available through CARC.
    - The staff is going through trauma informed training through AB Health Services. We began modular one on January 31 during our Professional Development. It is a two year training project for our staff.
  - b. Trustee Report
    - Anne Marie Watson sent her regrets. She wanted to highlight that parents should be aware of boundary changes.
  - c. Financial Report
    - 311.83 expensed for books for the read-a-thon
    - 230.20 deposited from Healthy Hunger
    - Central office transferring money 1160.00 from old fieldtrip accounts.
    - \$15,700 current bank balance 17,093.33 with deposits
  - d. New Business
    - Boundary Stakeholder Q and A - Question: If population density is a factor and FHV is a swing school, were there other considerations to moving another middle school over closer to St. Josephs? Answer: Yes there was about 3 years ago to put two Middle Schools (one public, one Catholic) beside St Josephs but the city did not agree.

Disappointment with bus times and the thought of splitting our school population 50/50 were voiced. There is concern over what the bus routes will look like and it was a disappointment that they were not provided at yesterday's presentation. Mr. Chisholm had informed that parents can certainly come up with other options to present to the board.

- Next set of Parent Teacher Interviews are in March. Trista has called for volunteers to help provide a meal for the teachers on either the night of March 23 or 24. Erin and Lindsey have volunteered for March 23. Lindsey is looking for ideas for supper. Shane suggested an EDO order. It was agreed that was the way to go.
- We need to reserve a date for our flower sale. Historically we try to hold it before Mother's Day. It was suggested to hold it Thursday, May 5. It was in agreement that this would be an appropriate date. Trista Volunteered to coordinate with Jenny to book our date and organize order forms. Lindsey had suggested she could get volunteers for that date for pick-up.

e. Hot Lunch

- Hot Lunch will now be two days a week, usually Monday and Thursday, beginning February 28. There will likely not be money coming in from the hot lunch orders as almost \$750.00 is needed to be returned for the 2020 orders. There have been good reviews coming in and everyone is happy with the service. Erin plans to begin working with the High School to see if they will be participating in our hot lunch program. Erin was inquiring about inviting parents to volunteer. Shane indicated that things have been coming prepackaged and prearranged therefore it has not taken long to deliver the food to the classrooms. Parent volunteers are not needed at this time. Shane informed the parent council that the counseling team has been asked to help distribute the donation lunches that have been available to our school population. There are about 5-10 children who could use a donation lunch in our school population.

f. Old Business

- Engagement Grant - Schools are looking to combine grants together. Some suggestions for speakers were Anne Douglas who is available to do presentations in May. The cost is \$850 and it will be online. Jody Carrington has been approached. George Curros is another speaker that is being investigated. The division would like to have each presentation twice.
- Read-a-thon - We were looking for volunteers to count money on Thursday, February 17 for read-a-thon. Lindsey has volunteered to come in the a.m. If she is unable to find anyone to assist her, Trista has agreed to come and help in the morning. Author Allison Hughes will be coming in (virtually) on Friday the 18th to speak with the children. There is no deadline on the forms for read-a-thon so we might want to send a Swift Reach message out to parents so that we have everything ready to count for Thursday.

Reflection - Trista

Adjournment @ 7:32 - Kelli motioned to adjourn and Lindsey seconded

Next Meeting @ March 9th

Prayer and Reflection for Next Meeting - Lindsey