

# Father Lacombe School Council Meeting

November 17, 2020 @ 6:30 pm

Via Zoom

## Present:

Maria Wagner

Thalia Hibbs

Reuben Calliou

Jenna Panchyshyn

Angie Purves

Dustin Fountain

Elaine

## Call to Order

- Reuben called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm

## -Welcome Prayer (Maria)

- Maria said the welcome prayer

## Admin Report (Maria)

- Maria shared her screen - Annual Report
- Mandate moving forward with government guidelines is that School Council has a lot more input in data and Annual Report that is provided to the government
- Based on data from teachers, kids, and parents
- Final report is due in the spring but because we didn't do one, it is in draft form
- Used data that we went over last time to put into the report
- Summary of school, principal, school construction
- Went through several domains showing outstanding results
- Domain 1: Faith
  - List of opportunities for staff to grow
  - Looked at how parents/kids rated the school in various areas
  - Highlighted areas of growth
  - Let parents know how teachers show their witness to faith – this is an area of improvement
  - How the school is connected to parish – school is very connected
  - Insights and conclusions added by Maria

- **Domain 2 – Student Growth**
  - No new data because PAT's were cancelled last year
  - Teachers meet monthly - discuss strategies to be collaborative for inclusive education
  - Connected with CARE - provide services to new families to Canada
  - Discuss how the children are contributing to society
  - List of citizenship strategies
  - 0% dropout over last 5 years
  - Only 77% of children thought they were good citizens
  - Kids do not feel like they belong – the school is going to work on this as an area of improvement
  - There are symptoms of anxiety among children
  - New program for kids on how to deal with anxiety, sleep issues and how to deal with this
  - Time to focus on mental health
  - Teachers did not feel like they could support the kids' mental health
  - New educational psychologist on board
  - Weighted blankets and other tools have been purchased
  
- **Domain 3: Teaching and Leading**
  - Group of great teachers and EA's that meet regularly to collaborate
  - Happy with results of these meetings
  - Opportunities for professional development and improvement – teachers feeling like they don't have time
  - Lots of PD days within STAR and locally
  - Professional Learning Communities (PLC)– where teachers get together with their own agendas and minutes to discuss issues important to them
  - EA's feel extremely supported
  - Student Intervention Team – team to support kids not learning as expected
  - School Leadership Team – Dustin and Maria and other teachers meet monthly
  - Three levels of collaboration and every teacher is on one of those teams

- Staff not happy with building and what it can provide but a new school will be built soon to meet these needs
- **Domain 4: Learning Supports**
  - How to help new families to Canada
  - Overall satisfaction rate is higher than the province average
  - Teachers report 98% satisfaction rate
  - Learning supports for indigenous community
  - How to infuse this into the curriculum
  - Little dip in data when it comes to mental health but this is being addressed as mentioned earlier
  - Numbers are really high
- **Domain 5: Governance**
  - Have come a long way in 5 years
  - Sending out questionnaires in other languages
  - Multiple ways to communicate with parents
  - Increased 19% since 2016
- **Budget Summary**
  - Balanced even with less money than previous years
- Excellent results all around with a few areas of growth
- COVID updates
  - No cases so business as usual
  - Decrease in kids missing school with new health guidelines

### **Trustee Report (Maria)**

- Maria reported on behalf of Donna Tugwood
- All international travel deferred
- Board has received Accountability Report related to COVID
- Shows where money has been spent, where more money is needed
- Board received updated numbers for online versus in school enrollment
- Catholic Education date on November 8

- Reuben inquired about number for online schooling – net increase of two students

### **Treasurer Report**

- Jenna presented
- Only amount that came in was \$8.25 for monthly fees
- Maria shared opt out fundraising letter via a screen share
- Going to add into letter that money will be raised for field trips as well as Chromebook purchase
- Can send in form with cheques or cash in a Ziploc bag
- Reuben brought up the other fundraisers discussed at the meeting in October
- Jenna indicated we could go online to apply but it is closed for this year
- Jenna went to Patio Gardens to inquire about poinsettias – was going to get pricing but then indicated they are doing renovations so no time to get pricing
- Jenna got an email from Evergreen Greenhouses – they have poinsettia fundraising program - options of different sizes and colors and can add decorative pots to order – they are ready to go
- Interested parties can just go and pick it up at the greenhouse
- Jenna will send an email out to group with the details
- Reuben indicated we could go ahead with the opt out fundraiser and the poinsettia fundraiser and send them out together or within a short amount of time from each other
- Jenna will confirm with greenhouse and email to Maria to be sent out in the next week or so
- Talked about potential of future fundraisers in January

### **Chair Report**

- Reuben created email address [fatherlacomdesc@gmail.com](mailto:fatherlacomdesc@gmail.com)
- Can send this email address to parents for input
- Send guidelines as well and role of school council
- Maria will double check that we can share this email address
- Because of COVID, not as much exposure for parents at the school level so this is a good alternative

- Discussed request from school for Chromebooks – school requested \$5,000.00
- Jenna gave balance in account of just over \$10,000.00
- Contributing \$5,500.00 for fieldtrips so we cannot contribute full \$5,000.00
- May get some additional funds with fundraising
- Last year, \$1,200.00 with opt out and around \$550.00 for poinsettia fundraiser
- Giving \$5,000.00 would give us a very low balance going into next year and fundraising would have to be aggressive
- Maria indicated fieldtrips will likely be less than \$5,500.00 this year due to COVID limitations
- Reuben asked for a proposal for a number of what we could contribute
- Jenna indicated Paint Night brought in \$880.00 last year so that could be a COVID friendly fundraiser
- Maria indicated the restrictions do not allow social gatherings right now
- Popcorn also brought in a decent amount of money
- Hot lunch is definitely hurting the fundraising amount this year as it brought in the most money historically
- Reuben suggested \$3,000.00 towards Chromebooks to support this initiative
- This will leave some money in account
- The attending members voted in favor of donating \$3,000.00 to the school for the purchase of Chromebooks by majority vote
- Maria indicated that they will be bought through educational supplier who offers them at a good price
- Reuben asked if parents could also order Chromebooks at that bargain price – Maria will ask
- Maria asked what is the best way to send the Annual Report - email as attachment or provide paper copy
- Thalia indicated maybe highlight areas on website – most parents won't read full report
- Meeting adjourned at 7:31 p.m.
- Next meeting third Tuesday in January