

DESHAYE CATHOLIC SCHOOL COMMUNITY COUNCIL

15 March 2022

7:00pm School Staff room

1.0 Call to Order

- In Attendance: Rolande Burant-Maher, Paul Owens, Arkin Kauf, Christy Friel, Kim Schaan, Colleen Trombetta, Christine Chad, Lisa Diewold, Jamar & Eilene (parents joined late)
- Regrets: Sarah Craig, Heather Duncan, Stephanie Grand, Nancy Wirges,

2.0 Adoption of Minutes and Agenda

- Christy called meeting to order at 7:03pm
- Paul led the group in prayer for Ukraine
- Christine moved to accept the March agenda and January minutes, Lisa seconded

3.0 Reports

3.1 Chairperson's Report, Christy Friel

- Sarah proposed the board consider the Community Connections and another newsletter to improve information sharing with the parent community
- Further discussion was deferred to New Business

3.2 Administrator's Report, Rolande Burant-Maher

- See addendum for full details
- Full band trips to LeBoldus has started again with much excitement

3.3 Treasurer's Report, Colleen Trombetta

- Pita Pit: Cost \$89.38 Revenue \$277 Net \$+187.53
- DQ: Cost \$228.03 Revenue \$517.20 Net \$+289.17
- Teacher Appreciation Expenses \$250
- YTD Revenue \$4,522.05
YTD Expenses \$4862.65
YTD Net \$(400.60)
- Bank Balance \$5494.79
- Christy requested an increase in the Teacher Appreciation funds by \$35 to \$285. Kim moved to accept this request, Christine seconded

3.4 Acceptance of Reports

- Lisa moved to accept all reports, Christine seconded

4.0 Old Business

4.1 Fundraising

- Lisa reported she has contacted three vendors to host our spring BBQ fundraiser
- She plans to select a vendor to launch the fundraiser after Easter
- She will send a notice to be included in the next CSCC Community Connections letter

5.0 New Business

5.1 Constitution

- Group is tasked to review the most recent changes to the Constitution in preparation for the next AGM

6.0 Any Other Business

6.1 CSCC Community Connections and newsletter

- Christine suggested combining the two newsletters as one
- Group reviewed the example from St. Elizabeth and the committee's potential mock-up
- Group recommends topics should include: Finance report, Social activities, Hot Lunches, Featured teacher and Community Connections
- Group voted its approval to task the committee to prepare and distribute a newsletter for after Easter

6.2 Hot Lunches

- Feedback from staff and parents regarding last lunch from Dairy Queen
 - the food arrived cold
 - was less organised compared to other vendors
 - Costs were high
 - Christy reported another location has provided better service to another school

6.3 Sacrament Gifts

- The proposal of a budget was deferred until the next meeting
- ACTION: Kim will call two parishes and will ask Nancy if she would contact the other 2 of the 4 south-end parishes to collect numbers of Deshaye students receiving sacraments

7.0 Next Meeting

- May 17, 2022 at 7:00pm

8.0 Adjournment and Prayer

- Christine moved to close the meeting at 8:00pm, Rolande seconded
- Group shared a Hail Mary to close the night

CSCC Principal's Report **March 2022**

Enrolment and Attendance

- Enrolment as of March 2022 – 283 including all the PreK students. An increase due to new families/immigration. We are excited to welcome new families!
- K enrolment for next year is slower this spring – let's spread the news about our awesome school.
- Attendance – Remains high.

Highlights of February/March:

- Staff Appreciation Week – thank you for your ongoing support and gratitude CSCC!
- Lessons and activities centred around Black History Month and Pink Day were well received and impactful.
- Grade 7/8 Social Justice projects were successful. Some were school-wide.

- Basketball is now done – we witnessed team growth and skill growth in our two teams.
- Cross-country skiing/curling/snowshoeing opportunities experienced by students. While some of these activities and learning outcomes are tied to Grades 6, 7, and 8, the snowshoes have been utilised by children grades 2/3 and up.
- Good response for Student/Parent/Teacher conferences. Most families continue to choose virtual meetings.
- Seesaw continues to be utilised by our teachers, parent engagement is growing.
- RCSD Admin changes were announced; Paul and I are happy to be returning here for the upcoming year.

Plans for March/April and Going Forward:

- As a mask friendly environment, the transition to the removal of protocols in the school regarding mask use and proof of vaccination (visitors/volunteers) has been smooth and supportive for all.
- In person liturgies and assemblies have started. We do not all attend, as we are still mindful of spacing and social distancing in smaller spaces.
- Lenten Service projects in the classrooms are starting – focused on Ukraine. A school-wide project is in the plans for Holy Week.
- Beginning our plans for:
 - Grade 8 Farewell/Mass;
 - Classroom outings in April, May, June;
 - Play day plans;
 - Track plans;
 - Middle Years Retreat;
 - End of Year Mass (most likely at Christ the King Parish, but will not involve all classrooms due to numbers and space).