

ST. BONIFACE FUNDRAISING SOCIETY MINUTES – December 2nd 2020

Executive Council Members Present	Kelly Cyre, Teri Kantor, Julia Peters, Lahni Nielsen, John Edwards, Leana Perri
Parent Council Members Present	Tina Garrison
Teachers Present	Courtney Repchuk
Guests	

Circumstances

- during the COVID-19 Pandemic, our meetings are being conducted remotely via Microsoft Teams video-conferencing to ensure we are not gathering closely together in an indoor environment

Opening

- Call to Order: Teri Kantor: 7:01 pm
- Opening Prayer: John Edwards, Advent Reflections from Father Glen
- Treaty 6 Acknowledgement: Teri Kantor
- House-keeping: how to make motions and vote in our online format

Approval

MOTION: Teri moves that we approve agenda. Lahni seconds. All in favour; passed.

MOTION: Lahni moves that we approve the St. Boniface Fundraising Society minutes from the last meetings (Oct. 21, 2020). Teri seconds. All in favour; passed.

Treasurer's Report – Lahni Nielsen

Current Balances:

- **Casino Account: \$39,757.74**
- **General Account: \$4,703.06**
- **Park Account: \$671.51**

Fundraising Update –Teri Kantor/Kelly Cyre

- Current fundraisers :
 - Purdy's (Christmas chocolates): \$8000+ in sales, profit over \$2200 (wow)
 - Growing Smiles (Christmas greenery: poinsettias, wreaths, etc.): \$4000+ in sales, profit around \$1400
- Fundraising letter to parents: put on hold until we get better sense of possible fundraising opportunities and when we might get another casino
- Other fundraising ideas:
 - bottle drive after Christmas
 - Value Village clothing drive (money given per weight of clothes)

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- Other Initiatives
 - Sock It to YEG – sock drive for homeless (Teri will bring in donation boxes for each class)
 - Something to stand in for Christmas Carnival that would typically raise money for Sign of Hope – although this year Leana suggested funds could go to the Catholic School Foundation which directs aid directly to members of our catholic community in need
- Leana did report that there are some student agency (spear-headed by students) social justice initiatives in the school: 12 Days of Christmas
- Leana, Christmas hamper update: only 4 families in need of hampers this year so rather than involving parent community, staff have decided to take care of that within their group (as that also limits items from families being brought into the school – possible COVID concern)
 - was suggested that the school communicate this change to parent community in case they were worried that hampers would not happen this year

Principal's Report

COVID situation update

- in order to prevent staff needing to self-quarantine frequently, the school has had to scale back on certain teachers going into multiple classes in a day (e.g., Fine Arts Lead, Learning Coach, IB Lead) – will result in slightly different experience for students (but necessary for school)

12 Days of Christmas

- lead by Gr. 6 students
- some activities: door decorating contest, tree representation exercise, etc.

IB Review – Courtney Repchuk

- every 5 years (about), IB schools need to go through an evaluation
- past 18 months have been spent on the self-study and reflection phase (within-school info-gathering – staff/students)
- submitted all documents on Monday
- next phase is the 'Evaluation' phase
 - survey had gone out to parents and the results are very similar to staff/students
- current conclusions:
 - IB logo on things is a visual/obvious statement of commitment to the program
 - Fine Arts is being integrated well
- areas of growth:
 - language learning (for example, but not limited to, French)
 - celebration of different cultures within the school
 - enhance IB presence (on website and physical school environment)
- the official IB Evaluator will be visiting the school remotely on Jan. 20 – 22, 2021

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School Surveys – John Edwards

- Accountability Pillar – Summary
 - surveys to students, staff, parents
 - PAT results
- all results are very positive, receiving “very high” ranking in most categories
- Parent survey results: all scores were higher than the district average except one (math and number skills development)
- Student survey results: again, very positive – available at school for those interested

Funding Requests – Leana Perri

- Follow up from last meeting – school would benefit from School Council funds for fine arts supplies and for classroom consumables

MOTION: Julia moved that was assign \$6000.00 from the Casino account to cover Fine Arts Supplies for the year. Lahni seconded. All in favour. Passed

MOTION: Lahni moved that was assign \$1000.00 from the General account to cover Classroom Consumables for the year. Teri seconded. All in favour. Passed

Old Business

- 3rd Street Beat was supposed to do residency this year but that had to be cancelled
 - will be getting a refund of \$3150.00

New Business

- No new business

Adjournment, 8:04 pm

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Budget/Fundraising

- with little new moneys coming in, things will be tight, especially if unforeseen issues (repairs, urgent needs, etc.) arise
- Some money that was committed (e.g., fieldtrips) will not be used so that allows for a bit more to work with
- priority for fundraising dollars is tech, fine arts supplies, student consumables, and physical literacy
 - looking at \$6000 for Art Supplies/\$1000 for class consumables – a sum much lower than previous years

Was decided that we would defer funding decisions to our next meeting.

Old Business

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New Business

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Old Business

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New Business

- Kelly will look at the bylaws to see if we can eliminate the second meeting and combine fundraising and budget items into the main School Advisory Council meeting

Adjournment, 8:11 pm

Next Meeting: Thursday, Feb. 4, 6:00 pm