

# ST. BONIFACE Fundraising Society MINUTES – November 3<sup>rd</sup> 2021

Executive Council Members Present	Teri Kantor, Julia Peters, Lahni Nielsen, Julie Chrapko, John Edwards, Tom Rees
Parent Council Members Present	Tina Garrison, Phil Alain, Kathleen Curlev
Teachers Present	Kelsey Winter
Guests	Lisa Turchansky, ECSD Trustee for Ward 76
Regrets	

## Circumstances

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- 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

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- Call to Order: Teri Kantor: 6:33 pm

## Approval

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

**MOTION:** Lahni moves that we approve minutes from 2020 AGM. Phil seconds. All in favour; passed.

## Treasurer's Report – Lahni Nielsen

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Current Balances:

- **Casino Account: \$ 26 995.64.94**
- **General Account: \$ 9,177.30**
- **Park Account: \$671.51**

## Fundraising Update –Teri Kantor

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- Davison Orchards (apples) –\$10028.66
- Upcoming – Purdy's and Growing Smiles (for Christmas)
- Bottle Drive, Gr. 6s – week after November break
- Royal Pizza night – tonight and tomorrow night
- CASINO – Save the Date! Mon and Tuesday, Feb. 28 and March 1, 2022 – getting paperwork sorted – aim to get even representation from parents of all grades
- Great Cereal Smackdown – Month of November – to acquire cereal boxes to support breakfast program at St. Leo School and St. Francis of Assisi School – Challenge again St. Stanislas and Louis St. Laurent

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## Principal's Report – Tom Rees

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### Budget Requests

- Art room needs to be restocked (paper, paint, oil pastels, plastercine, etc.), similar to previous years

**MOTION:** Julie moves that we approve \$5000 from the casino account to cover consumable art supplies to restock the art room for the current school year. Tina seconds. All in favour. Passed

- Mrs. Winter addressed council with an explanation of the City Hall School experience that Gr. 6 is part of. Currently in the 2 months of virtual classes, but will be going to City Hall in person in January. The Edmonton Catholic School District has arranged to supply the bus. The overall cost is \$1000 for the class. To help subsidize that cost for parents, asking if School Advisory Council would pay for half of that.

**MOTION:** Phil moves that we approve \$500 from the general account to cover half the cost of City Hall School for the Gr. 6 class. Lahni seconds. All in favour. Passed

- To address some shortfalls in academic development caused by COVID disruptions, especially in the area of literacy and writing – prospect of having an Artist in Residency work with the kids over a few days
  - Marty Chan – local author/playwright – who would work with all the kids on the writing process and inspire them in the hopes of filling some of the learning gaps experienced during the pandemic

### Query

- question came up about the previous purchase of drama scripts that we couldn't use due to the pandemic ("Annie", for Div. 2 and "Goldilocks" for Div. 1, which we were hoping to produce in the spring of 202)
- Mr. Edwards will look into whether there is an extension that can be granted for those

### Old Business

- We need a new Secretary, so please spread the word!

### New Business

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#### Potential Future Fundraiser – Popcorn for Movie Night (Tina Garrison)

- Tina has a connection with moviesnacks.ca
- we could promote it to the school for a particular day
- families would order on website using a particular promo code
- 50% of popcorn sales returned to St. Boniface
- discussed possible dates (Valentines, Family Day, Oscars)

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## Potential Future Fundraiser – Silent Auction (Phil Alain)

- Phil has experience with this type of fundraising initiative
- appeal to St. Boniface community for donations
- set up on social media for people to bid on items
- Timeline: request items in Jan., get it running in Feb., close it in March?
- payment procedure might be tricky (since no e-transfer to school...)

**Adjournment, 7:15 pm**

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# ST. BONIFACE School Advisory Council MINUTES – November 3<sup>rd</sup> 2021

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- 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

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- Call to Order: Teri Kantor: 7:16 pm

## Approval

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

**MOTION:** Julie moves that we approve the St. Boniface SAC minutes from the last meetings (September 29, 2021). Lahni seconds. All in favour; passed.

## Principal's Report – Tom Rees

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### Assurance Model (for transparency and accountability)

- through the St. Boniface website (then “About” and then “School Assurance Dashboard”, parents can access provincial, divisional, school-based reporting on satisfaction surveys, PAT results, as well as budget breakdowns
- St. Boniface continues to do well in the surveys, with rates consistently higher than the divisional average, and with a consistently high response rate

### St. Boniface Website

- Mr. Edwards has done an excellent job at creating/maintaining an excellent website for our school
- please promote it as an excellent resource

### Student Numbers/Budget

- adding an EA to help support K and Gr. 1 (as students are starting out with a educational deficit as a consequence of COVID disruptions to their learning)
- Student numbers are lower this year (168) and will likely drop again for next year as a large Gr. 6 class will be leaving
- As an IB school, we have no particular catchment area (anyone can come), but we also don't want to be seen as poaching students from other Catholic Schools
- Will be meeting the with Community Division to see how we can best promote the school
- The key is to get prospective families inside the school (for a tour, etc.) as more often than not, once a family sees the school first-hand, they want to come
- Julie suggested that there may be opportunities to attract students from over-subscribed schools (like Monsignor Fee Otterson)
- will be promoting via the regular Open House (it would be great if it could be in-person) and will be looking for help from the current parent community to promote our school (word-of-mouth promotion is so valuable)

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## Report Cards

- are a thing of the past as now assessment is ongoing and recorded in PowerSchool continuously
- changes to technology and terminology, etc., will be communicated to parent soon

## St. Boniface Community

- St. Boniface kids are great and it is a lovely community

## Fine Arts (John Edwards)

- Mr. Hagel is our Fine Arts lead teacher (80 mins/wk) which involves supporting the rest of the staff in how to incorporate fine arts into their regular curriculum teaching – in addition to having blocks of time just for fine arts
- Some upcoming fine art projects:
  - Virtual advent calendar by Division will display student artwork plus our rendition of “O Come, Emmanuel”
  - no in-person Christmas concert this year but we will have a compilation on video to share with parents – based around the story line of St. Boniface and the advent of the Christmas tree

## Old Business

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- No old business

## New Business

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**Trustee, Lisa Turchansky** (who is a great supporter of our fundraising initiatives and also helped with the playground construction of a school not in her ward)

- Thank you to the parents and SAC at St. Boniface for your support all through the pandemic and for accommodating all the measures put in place to support the safety and well-being of your children
- Please reach out if you have any questions
- Please promote our school amongst your friends and family, as parents are the best advocates of our schools

## Artist in Residence - Marty Chan

- with the support of funds allocated by the SAC, Marty Chan (local author/playwright) will be joining us from April 4 – 8, plus Monday morning of April 11 (to help the Gr. 6s prepare for PATs)
- during his time he will work with each class to promote literacy and creativity, etc.

## Adjournment, 7:55 pm

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**Next Meeting: Wed. Jan. 12, 6:30pm**