

ST. BONIFACE Fundraising Society MINUTES – September 29th 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, Cressida Racine, Nicole Hamilton
Teachers Present	Rebecca Shakura
Guests	Kelly Cyre
Regrets	

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: 7:08 pm

Approval

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

Treasurer's Report – Lahni Nielsen

Current Balances:

- **Casino Account: \$ 30 157.94**
- **General Account: \$ 9,455.34**
- **Park Account: \$671.51**

Fundraising Update –Teri Kantor

- Davison Orchards (apples) – will bring in about \$1000.00
- Upcoming – Purdy's and Growing Smiles (for Christmas)
- Bottle Drive upcoming – Gr. 6s?
- Royal Pizza night – maybe on Oilers game night? (needs to be on a Tues, Wed, or Thurs)
- CASINO – Save the Date! Mon and Tuesday, Feb. 28 and March 1, 2022

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Principal's Report

Budget Requests

- Classroom consumables (as in previous years) - \$100 per teacher, x8 teachers

MOTION: Lahni moves that we approve \$800 from the general account to cover classroom consumables (at \$100 per teacher) for the current school year. Tina seconds. All in favour. Passed

- Upgrade/update in gym equipment – much of the gym equipment is currently in a state of disrepair

MOTION: Kelly moves that we approve \$1000 from the casino account to cover the cost of replacing/upgrading the current stock of gym equipment. 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

MOTION: Phil moves that we approve \$2500 from the casino account to cover the cost of inviting Marty Chan as an Artist in Residency to work with all classes on literacy and writing development. Kelly seconds. All in favour. Passed

- Rebecca Shakura – request for classroom pumpkins (Gratitude pumpkins) for carving and for adding students' "gratitudes" on the outside

MOTION: Lahni moves that we approve \$80 to cover the cost of a pumpkin for each classroom. Nicole seconds. All in favour. Passed

Old Business

- No old business

New Business

- No new business

Adjournment, 7:43 pm

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Opening

- Call to Order: Teri Kantor: 7:43 pm

Approval

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

MOTION: Kelly moves that we approve the St. Boniface SAC minutes from the last meetings (June 21, 2021). Phil seconds. All in favour; passed.

Principal's Report

Student Numbers for this year

- Down to 170 students – a drop of 47 due to some students opting for online (no longer associated with St. Boniface as they were in the past) and due to two outgoing classes (last year's gr. 6) and only one incoming class (this year's kindergarten)
- This results in a loss of funding relative to last year so the budget will be very tight

Respiratory Outbreak

- COVID reporting/process is quite different this year
- "Outbreak Status" if over 10% of students are away for any respiratory illness – regardless of whether it is COVID related
- We had an outbreak (Sept. 15) where 20% of students were away – no one reported back to the school that a child had COVID during this time – seems like it was just parents being diligent about the symptom checks and keeping kids with coughs/colds at home
- As in the past, the school will report to parents/guardians immediately if a COVID case has been confirmed in the school community

Teaching Staff

- Great group of staff at St. Boniface
- Professional Development training to help teachers help students recover from delayed development caused by COVID disruptions
- The Division has come up with an assessment plan which the teachers are getting training on (with money set aside by the Provincial government)
- The goal is that students will be caught up in their development by the end of the year

Old Business

- No old business

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New Business

Cereal Drive

- Cereal drive coming up soon, to support in-school nutrition program for St. Francis of Assisi (and in conjunction with Louis St. Laurent
- Cereal comes from donations and then milk is provided by the division of ECS

Road Crossing Issues – Phil Alain

- Crossing 117 St. on the north side of 40 Ave is very dangerous (intersection between St. Boniface and Richard Secord)
- Very busy intersection before/after school - cars are trying to turn from 40 Ave to 117 St or from 117 St to 40 Ave and kids/families are walking to/from school
- Near-misses are observed frequently
- The two schools should come up with a safety plan for that intersection before/after school hours
- Phil has reported the issue to the city on several occasions – no action (has a current case # for reference)
- Tom responded that he will phone the city to add the school's voice/support and that he will contact Richard Secord about the issue
- Phil asks that other parents also contact the city so they understand the significance of the problem

Adjournment, 8:13 pm

Next Meeting: Wed. Nov. 3, 6:30pm

<p>MOTION: Phil moves that we adjourn the meeting. Kelly seconds. All in favour; passed.</p>
