

## Minutes

Holy Family School Council Meeting Zoom Meeting  
Mon, Jan 10, 2022, 1900-2100h

### Attendance:

#### Members:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Gina Anderson   |                 |                                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Amy Fry         |                 |                                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Myriam Lafrance | Principal:      | <input type="checkbox"/> Maria Gray   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Erin Spiewak    | Vice-Principal: | <input type="checkbox"/> Patti Oxford |
| <input type="checkbox"/> John Williams   | Guests:         | <input type="checkbox"/>              |

- 1) Opening prayer (JW)
- 2) Minutes approved by JW, 2<sup>nd</sup> ES
- 3) Financial update (ES)
  - Ledger \$14 021.36
  - Reminder to submit t4 forms for honourarium

Action: AF to follow up with LQ whether this paperwork is required annually

- 4) In-camera session 7:11pm- 7:14pm
- 5) Parental communication and concerns
  - AF submitted letter to superintendent, Paul McFadyen regarding teacher evaluation but school council has not received a response yet
- 6) Principal's report (MG/PO)
  - With the christmas break and temporary shift to remote learning, not much to report
  - Two wonderful posadas ceremonies celebrated
  - Students and staff had great Christmas spirit this year
  - Christmas concert was delivered to parents online. The performance was great and everyone made the best of another filmed concert
  - Staff are doing well and helping out where needed
  - MG is conscious of poor communication with Grade 5 and but doing as much as possible under the circumstance. TOC's can not have an email address to communicate with parents. Priority to keep parents informed as much as possible through DF or MG
  - Discussed the COVID closure including "schools will never fully close". MG can try to make accommodates for those front line parents in need as long as staff are available
  - MG has invited the YG French liaison to the next SC meeting (Julie Belland) to discuss and learn about Core French program. After this discussion, MG and council can develop a plan forward including parent community engagement and determine how to deliver the best French program at our school. Likely have Zoom parent information session before March break
- 7) School switch to remote learning (if not addressed in (5))
  - Discussed that a few families reached out to MG to access in school learning last week. MG is open to trying to make accommodations for parents especially for high needs children in school if staff are available. Communication is ongoing if this happens again

8) Teacher hiring process (ES)

- Opportunity to discuss lessons learned for classes where hiring has not gone as planned. Discussed the over arching issue that some teacher positions were posted and hired too close to the fall start date. Ideally teachers should be hired in May.
- No other questions were raised and the situations was managed well under the circumstances.
- Discussed the urgency of getting the Grade 5 TOC on contract in order to get an email address to communicate with parents. Need consistency for students and parents.

Actions: 1. SC to write to a letter to superintendent requesting Grade 5 TOC be put on contract  
2. SC to write letter to DM and ADM (Education) about the recent hiring trend of teachers being hired too close the start of the school year.

9) CEAY update (JW/ML)

- Meeting on Wednesday Jan 12 lunch

10) Transportation Committee Update (AF)

- Meeting deferred again
- Bus 32 regularly gets cancelled. Text to cancelling the bus comes as late as 7:45am
- Related to driver shortage
- If you hear of other concerns let AF know

11) Every Student, Every Day grant for sensory room (JW, PO)

- Some money has been spent (seating, lighting, tools). More to come. Equipment is arriving weekly
- PO will let us know if there needs help setting up. Will take pictures

12) Mental wellness grant: "Making Meaningful Connections" (All)

- Maintain deadline as planned. Announcement will compliment upcoming PD day on the 17<sup>th</sup>. Teachers are working on goal planning in relation to school growth plan
- Proposals submitted will be reviewed by council at next meeting. AF will send information to MG to distribute to staff

13) Spelling Bee (GA/ML)

- Youth Investment Fund \$1.5K. Not used for prizes. Should be able to utilize all funding
- Everyone is still interested in the event. Planning will begin
- Biggest feedback – need to have separate spaces for two classes to spell at once (noisy). Send email to teachers to gauge involvement in planning.
- A day in May will be selected (GA/ML to meet soon)

14) Rendezvous activity to boost school spirit/door decorating

- Door decorating contest
- Hot chocolate party for the prize
- Requested to have YFNED provide a Pancake breakfast for students. MG will follow up for March 1<sup>st</sup>

Meeting finished at 8:20

Action	Item Description	Lead	Completed
3.	Clarify with LQ whether members receiving honourarium every month require annual T4 form.	AF	
Ongoing	Air quality reports in the school – follow up with Chris Hanlin (November)	AF	
8.	1. SC to write to a letter to superintendent requesting Grade 5 TOC be put on contract  2.SC to write letter to DM and ADM (Education) about the recent hiring trend of teachers being hired too close the start of the school year.	ES  ES	
13.	Pick a date for Spelling Bee Begin planning	GA/ML	
December	Donation to Children's Wish Foundation of BC/YUKON	ES	Done
	Ensure follow up meeting with 3 catholic school occurs. Planning for long term growth of catholic education in Whitehorse. Request report from Building Advisory Committee	JW	