

## St. Basil Parent Council Meeting

Wednesday March 30<sup>th</sup> at 630pm via Teams

1. Call to Order 6:33pm
2. Opening Prayer
3. Additions to the Agenda: none
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  - a. **Principal's Report** ~ enrollment as of March 31 is 575 with more on the way! Projected for September over 600. Will be increasing by 3 more classrooms overall; will need more portables. Currently we have 24 classes will have 27 in September. 3 or 4 of each grade  
~ technology will continue to be an issue. The board is changing the funding model so hopeful that will help but I anticipate we may need to supplement. We still have not had all technology returned following COVID shutdowns.  
~Parking Lot safety is greatly improved for students though less convenient for parents we know  
~COVID restrictions lifted starting to resume normal activity; looking at sports teams, trips, Grad;  
Thank you for generous contributions to SSVP and SPCA through our various campaigns. We are held in high regard for how our community is so supportive toward others.  
St Basil Church now fully open so hopefully more parishioners will return. Confirmation took place March 10 (large turnout) and First Communion for all gr 2 students and any who were missed will be on May 14. Registration required.  
Many activities occurred during February to celebrate Black History Month and teachers have been given resources to help ensure that this happens all year long not just one month of highlighting. We are also starting our BYND BLK group and are very happy to report that we have received some funding through the Experiential Grant Funding to help get that group going. We had to defer our plans due to COVID. Details to follow next month

- b. **Chair Report** ~ nothing to add at this time.
- c. **Treasurer's Report** ~ funding for gift cards and primary books purchased were the last things to come out of account.
- ~ funds are still available to purchase needed items.
  - ~ hot lunches have resumed to help grow account.
  - ~ Balance as of March 31, 2022: \$7,982 (not all of this is available as we still have to pay for pizza for the month of April).
  - ~ Lottery Account: \$1, 053.05
- d. **RCPIC Report** ~ Meeting in Feb. with a psychiatrist Dr Jean Clinton from McMaster talking about self-regulation and practices to succeed. Very informational.
5. **Fundraising** (Mrs. Kuyper)
- ~ bulk of funding has gone to technology in previous years
  - ~ other suggestion of flowers/chocolate for Mother's Day was put forward. Email to follow.
  - ~ check from suppliers on pricing or make plans for next year if not possible this year.
  - ~ Grade 8 students are doing a Krispy cream donut fundraiser to pay for year end trip (Hockey Hall of Fame, Ripley's Aquarium, Spaghetti Factory for dinner and Jays game)
6. **Fundraising for benches on the school yard** (Stephanie)
- ~ Reach out to Assumption / SJC school for help/interest in making these.
  - ~ Placing benches along tree line, avoiding pavement to maximize play area.
  - ~ checking other resources to get info and/or quotes.
  - ~ look into greenery grants for future projects next year.
7. **Pizza day**
- ~ continue with hot lunches for fundraising.
  - ~ increase to 1\$ more per pizza , equaling to \$2.25/slice for parents
  - ~ was making .75 profit off each slice instead but now only approx. .50 if we don't increase
  - ~ May will be the first time increase will be implemented.
  - ~ decided it was fair to increase it as inflation has raised the prices for most things.

8. **Upcoming Events (sports, school trips, graduation, possible year end event):**

- ~ Sports will resume where the season would be at this point. Volleyball tryouts and teams have been chosen. In May, Soccer for Jr students (grades 4-6) and track and field for grades 4-8 dates haven't been decided yet.
- ~ No cross country but fielding a run club is in the works.
- ~ Teachers beginning to plan trips again but limited due to the shortage of bus drivers.
- ~ Grad will take place in the gym this year.
- ~ Teddybear picnic will happen: Date June 10, 2022; looking at having some sort of entertainment such as music, performers of some sort as long as it's not too individualized. Volume of people will make it too hard otherwise. Sarah to look into it more.
- ~ email to follow about Fun Fair and planning for that.

9. **Other Business** ~ None at this time.

10. **Next Meeting Date:** April 25 @ 6:30 pm