**Holy Spirit Parent Council AGM Meeting Minutes,**

**Wednesday May 8, 2019**

Attendance: Jodi Ostrosky, Michelle Garnier McLean, Kim Metro, Kerri DeChamplain, Sherry Matheson, Sarah Johnson, Brandy Smith, Lorna Zebedee, Kim Pennock, Ed Kucy, Becky Gumpinger, Melanie Thorne, David French, Bernadine MacDonald.

1. Call the meeting to Order and Opening Prayer
2. Meeting called to order by Jodi at 6:31pm.
3. Opening Prayer led by Becky Gumpinger.
4. Approval
5. Kim M made a motion to approve April 17, 2019 meeting minutes, seconded by Jodi, carried.
6. Jodi made a motion to approve today’s agenda, seconded by Kim P, carried.
7. Teacher Presentation: Grade 5
8. Things we are doing in Grade 5: Today we had our transition day, some students toured St.Theresa School, some toured OLPH. We received positive feedback, the day was a positive experience overall. Tomorrow is a full day field trip to the Telus World of Science, where we will get to see a presentation by Josh Classen, CTV Edmonton’s Chief Meteorologist. We will go swimming this Friday, and track and field is on May 16. This is a busy time of year. In June, we will be having more science presentations. Thank you parent council for the money you provided, our Grade 5 team will be going bowling, as well as to see the Toy Story movie at the end of the year. The Grade 5’s loved the recent Easter celebration.
9. Ed wants to say thank you to our Grade 5 teaching team. They are a fabulous team at our school, who work well together. The kids love their teachers. Kudos to the Grade 5 teaching team!
10. Business arising from Previous Meeting

Update from Dave French, who attended the ASCA AGM a few weeks ago. Most parent councils were represented. There was a resolution that was put forward by the AB school board council association, they wanted AB Education to do a review of publicly funded education. This has been a historical thing that has happened. Dave found the AGM very interesting. They attempted to bundle a number of resolutions together, that were voted on by school councils across the province in the hopes of a group approval of the resolutions.

We were successful at the AGM of re-wording the resolution: the resolution got passed.

There are steps now that the AB school council association will lead, around a review process. There is no guarantee that the review process will happen, we will keep everyone posted on next steps.

This is the best possible outcome that could have happened. Trustees were grateful for the parent council representation. EICS made a difference, way to go parent council, especially Dave for representing Holy Spirit School’s parent council at the AGM!

1. Mental Health Capacity Builder –Erin Dawson Meyers Report:

This week was Mental Health Week and Catholic Education Week, we have been exploring the role of faith in supporting positive mental health through mindfulness, movement, and gratitude activities.

Monday's Building Resilient Kids parent night was a hit, we had 22 parents come out to OLPH and lots of parents stuck around to talk with the FWWs afterwards.

May 23, 6-7:30 at Lakeland is the Vaping 101 presentations, parents are welcome to bring their teens to this information night. You will learn the facts about vaping and tips for talking to your teens about this topic. Register at: [www.strathcona.ca/parentsupport](http://www.strathcona.ca/parentsupport)

June 5, 6-8 at the community center there will be a Kids Have Stress Too! workshop for parents. More info at [strathcona.ca/parentsupport](http://strathcona.ca/parentsupport)

1. Recess Regulations

a) A question arose around the relationship between the two school’s (Lakeland and Holy Spirit) outdoor equipment usage ie) basketball nets. Nets are shared between both schools, and are open for all to use, on a first come first served basis during outdoor recess. Outdoor times for playground usage are staggered between the schools. There are rules and regulations around winter activities ie) sledding on the hill. There have never been issues brought to the office about school yard equipment usage.

1. Administration Report
2. Ed presented, handout provided. Discussion around supplies and equipment at our school. Committees have been put together to discuss, look at areas for improvement for future years. Schools are borrowing and sharing some supplies from our school.

Next year we will have two wellness rooms upstairs. We will also have a sensory calming room. We are excited to have the opportunity for students to have a safe place to go when they need to regulate, and to be able to successfully continue with their day.

The Chapel needs to be a sacred space and this needs to be the focus, especially moving to a pre-K to Grade 4 school. Staff uses this space for prayer, our classes go in there as well. Faith centred.

Indigenous focus, the Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit. The artwork and writings on the wall, can be a great opportunity to populate spaces, connect to our school for staff, parents and students. We have contracted an Indigenous artist, Elder Strawberry’s nephew, to help us create Indigenous Artwork.

1. Pre-K: Elk Island Catholic has some base furniture, we will turn the current construction lab into a Pre-K room. Let’s see how we can improve this space for future use. We would like to consider furniture for the Chapel, hallways, more things to be considered as well.
2. Sherry Matheson has put in a lot of time, kudos to her for her time in these efforts. Working with Kristy, an interior designer, plans are being discussed. Final version we have now. Soft seating, furniture that is inter-changeable and can be moved around the school. Focus is to start in the Chapel, and seating can be moved out of Chapel and as needed around the school. It takes four arches to make zig-zag pattern. 8 seats in front at 16” seats in back are 20”, stadium seating, raised, tiered seating. Looking at doing this in the Chapel for furniture. Hallway side of Mrs M’s room opens, between pillar and door, hoping to add 5 seats. 36” and 18” seats, looking at dark purple for the Chapel seating. She suggested this, which works well given the amount of time that our Church year is in purple. Greenish /yellowish color called citron for the other seats, seating can be made into circular shape. Right now that pillar has some horseshoe tables around it, looking at two sets of circular seating, idea is that at any given time we can move the furniture, expand the space, include more people. Idea is to create workspaces, coffee table areas, etc. Upstairs instead of arches, going with square shapes. Looking at 8 of them, 3 blue, 3 green, 2 citron. And two round ones as well, but taller than squares, with table top to make them into work areas. Colors are cohesive, items are all moveable and useable. Having some spaces for the kids to use is great, gives us flexibility for workspaces and learning spaces. We wanted to create as many options as possible.
3. Library space vision: we will move out a few items. Rounded seating, some against a wall, also she has put in a request for a rug, there is a pillar in there, also 4 arches to go around the pillar. Mrs Matheson has applied for a community grant at Shell Scotford. The physical literacy grant is about movement, is sensory related, and will be good for all children. The initiative in Alberta is called Ever Active Schools. This would benefit the whole school. We have a huge tarmac area outdoors. She has put in for buying stencils and paint, could put together a work bee to plan this out. Could prepare floors for educational designs such as math, wax coating over top. The children would love this, would be very inspiring. Next year’s focus for health and wellness is physical literacy.
4. Field Trips.
5. Living Wall discussion. Connects with Indigenous Wall Art, idea of an Indigenous Mural. To be discussed further. In progress.
6. Grade 4 alternative seating proposal. Hallways, breakout rooms etc, can use a refresh. Technology could be a topic of conversation. We have two carts of chrome flips. 1 to 1 technology starts in grade 4. How do we move Chrome books and carts up and down stairs. Mr.Vince recommends some base items for junior students in P.E. Playground packages for outside.
7. Grade 8 farewell lunch to be further discussed in the society minutes.
8. There are 4 different areas that we will look at for improvements. The circle furniture seems intelligent. Is there value in getting more circle furniture? Value, versatility. Very beneficial and useful as the furniture is moveable around the school. Ed and Sherry to continue discussion on this. Sherry put in the Grant last week It goes in front of Shell Scotford on May 15. Hope for a reply by July 1.
9. We still have some staffing to finalize over the next few weeks. Most teachers already know who is going to which school next year.

1. Adjournment 7:34pm meeting adjourned.

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1. Call the meeting to order and opening prayer
2. Dave French motioned to call the meeting to order at 7:34pm, Kim M seconded, carried.
3. Approval
4. Kim P motioned to approve April 17, 2019 meeting minutes, Jodi O seconded, carried.
5. Kim P motioned to approve tonight’s agenda, Jodi O seconded, carried.
6. Business arising from previous meeting

None

1. Treasurer’s Report

a) Report from Kim P: (see report) $10,000 is set to be brought in from hot lunch for the 2018/2019 school year. Silver Bells brought in $5000. Waterpark brought in just over $7000. Currently, our bank balance is approx. $52,000. Thank you to all who helped fundraiser for these events.

1. Voting on funds

The following are some areas of consideration:

1. Artroom, 5 shelving units and some totes could be purchased at Costco/walmart. Totes could be used in the library as well. Two could go upstairs, three in library.
2. Physical literacy grant, waiting to hear on this. Danielle B and Carrie Belisle have put in a proposal for this Grant ($950). Physical literacy Grant to include calming room, could include inspirational quotes in the school of “believe in yourself”, etc on bathroom stalls. Change some areas throughout the school to include positive messaging, etc. Variety of things that can help children with calming, etc. Having a space like this would be very beneficial for children. Update: This Grant received approval as of May 9, 2019! Way to go ladies!
3. Chapel: We may be getting some money from a company to help us with improvements in this space. Crucifix could be purchased for the Chapel. 2’ by 4’. Stations of the Cross, updating these could be considered. Set of 14 with choice of background.
4. Walls, Indigenous Mural. We would like to represent Treaty 6. We would like to incorporate the Mural as a teaching tool as well.
5. Field Trips:

Grade 4’s going to Strathcona Wilderness Centre. This has been paid for already but we could look at keepsake books for students to collect signatures.

Grade 5’s bowling: 100 students for bussing,

Grade 6 bowling and laser tag.

Gr 7 and 8-galaxyland. $4636 .80 this includes tickets and transport, for all Grade 7 and 8’s.

1. Can we update the office area?
2. Living Wall discussion. There would be maintenance of Living Wall-every two weeks. Upkeep would take some work.
3. Adding more alternative seating; looking at 16 chairs total, 4 per classroom.
4. Gr.8 farewell. We would like to do something special to recognize our Grade 8 students. Our grade 8 farewell has always been an assembly, cupcakes, ending by 4pm. On the following Friday we usually have had an all-school farewell, including staff etc. Looking at options for this year. We do have the Church booked this year on June 14th, with the plan to have Mass and then come back to the school for a fun day, closing the day with a year-end assembly. Discussion: perhaps the grade 8’s stay at the Church, while the rest of the school go back to the school after Mass. Option to have a catered lunch for the Grade 8 students in the Church basement. Payment to cover students only. Parents could have the option to order for an extra cost.
5. School-wide farewell BBQ at the school would be estimated to cost approx. $6279.00. Burger lunch. Cost would include students only.

Voting on Funds:

a) Kim P. motioned to approve spending up to $10,570.55 on year-end field trips for grades 4-8. Dave French seconded. 7 votes in favor, motion carried.

b) Kim P. motioned to approve spending up to $1,460.00 on decal designs for walls and staircases. Dave French seconded. 6 votes in favor, motion carried.

c) Kim P. motioned to approve spending up to $1,800.00 on Crucifix for our Chapel. Bern seconded. 7 votes in favor, motion carried.

d) Kim P. motioned to approve spending up to $10,000.00 on furniture, with first priority being for Chapel seating, with next priority being for furniture as determined by Administration. Jodi O seconded. 7 votes in favor, motion carried.

e) Kim P. motioned to approve spending up to $1,000.00 on Grade 8 student lunch, Michelle seconded. 7 votes in favor, motion carried.

f) Kim P. motioned to approve spending up to $2,000.00 on year-end food for students on June 14, 2019. Jodi O seconded. 7 votes in favor, motion carried.

In total, we approved spending of $26,830.55 at this meeting.

That will leave us close to this same amount left in our account.

1. WEM Fundraiser Update

We sold 1313 tickets. We had 1190 in attendance. We reached out to some other schools and more tickets were sold through them. Feedback was that it would be nice for Elk Island Catholic to continue to do this as a district event. For example, we could split ticket sales between schools. Feedback was great, the stay all day option was great, holding the event in the morning was good.

1. Staff Appreciation Lunch, May 28, 2019

Our committee has been working hard to prepare. More details will come available in the next few weeks. We are looking forward to this fun event!

1. School Yard Investments

Basketball courts. All equipment outside is shared between Lakeland and Holy Spirit Schools.

1. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:06pm. Thank you all for attending our last meeting of the year. Have a wonderful summer.