Holy Spirit Parent Council Meeting Minutes, October 16, 2019

Attendance: Kim Metro, Jodi Ostrosky, Kim Pennock, Michele Yusdepski, Angela MacDougall, Lisa Leavitt, Adam Henderson, Kathy Yacyshyn, Gail Greene, Vanessa Petersen. Ed Kucy joined meeting later.

Call meeting to Order and Opening Prayer

* 1. Jodi called the meeting to order at 6:33pm
  2. Opening Prayer led by Michele Yuzdepski

1. Approval
   1. Kim P. made a motion to approve October 16th, 2019 meeting minutes, seconded by Jodi, carried.
   2. Jodi. made a motion to approve today’s agenda, seconded by Kim P. carried.
      * + Amended agenda to move up discussing regarding Advent Mass to be included after teacher presentation.
2. Teacher Presentation:

P.A.C Grade Level Updates

Pre K- The kids enjoyed both the Sportball presentation and Yoga! We have started planning and practicing for our busy month of December. We have our Christmas concert, Grinch day, gingerbread making and Teddy Bear Workshop. We have enjoyed some of the new additions to our classroom furniture, with our light and train table.

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Grade 1

* Today, Nov. 20, is the 50th day of school and the students in the three Grade One classes spent the day focusing on the number 50.  Along with the connection to the number, the students made a connection to the past, and tried root beer floats, blowing bubblegum bubbles, doing the hula hoop and bowling along with dancing at a sock hop….all things that were popular in the 1950’s!  You should have seen how adorable they looked in their poodle skirts, pony tails, rolled up jeans, slicked back hair and white t-shirts!

Grade 2

* We had Teacher’s Pet come in before the break to do an Acadia workshop that kids really enjoyed.
* Gearing up for Christmas by decorating and preparing for clay projects.
* Coming soon is our Boats and Buoyancy workshop.

Grade 3

* Grade 3’s have all settled into their new classrooms upstairs. Each class has an EA for high needs students. Our numbers are either 21 or 22. Currently we have three classes with student teachers from either U of A or Concordia. All student teachers will be finished in the weeks before Christmas. We are all doing testing materials and now building in science. This will culminate with a Building Bridges session through Teachers Pet On December 12th or 13th.

In Social we are working on getting to know children in four countries and comparing the quality of life to ours. Just before Christmas we have a swim booked for Thursday the 19th to swim at MP. Because we have a kiln in our school we have a special Christmas project that the children will make for their families. The classes will also have the annual grade three make and take of Christmas crafts.  We have other field trips planned in the new year to go skating, gymnastics and swimming again. A big event for grade threes is to host a Ukrainian Easter blessing with Fr. Rendy. We will be making paska and pysanky in April for this event.

Toward the end of the year, we look forward to watching our caterpillar friends grow and change into butterflies.  There will also be a field trip to Save-On foods and the annual trip to the local art gallery and library.

Grade 4

* Trashion show was a great success and a lot of fun.
* Leadership groups are going well.
* Intermurals are in the gym lunch hours. Tuesday and Thursday
* Field trip to the Waste Management center is coming up.
* We swim next week at Harbour Pool .
* Our next unit of study in Social is Alberta’s history . We will start by learning about the First Nations groups that make Alberta home .

**“NOTES” from the Music Room:**

* Halloween Howl was a HUGE success! The Holy Spirit Choir represented our school with great spirit and positive energy! Everyone in attendance had a wonderful evening. Mrs. Blanchard sends out a grateful THANK YOU to parents who helped support this event. The students really loved every minute of it!!

(and so did Mrs. Blanchard!!) A big THANK YOU as well, to the many teachers in attendance who came to help support and supervise. This is what makes Holy Spirit a special place…!!

* The choir also led music ministry at Catholic Education Sunday Mass, Nov 3. We are so thankful for this group of students. Their dedication and contribution to our faith community is amazing! We are very proud of these young servant leaders!
* Unfortunately our Oil Kings singing opportunity did not materialize this year; just not enough choir members available.
* We are looking forward to sharing Advent Mass with the school community on Monday,Dec 9th at OLPH parish. Mass begins at 6 pm, however, each year we have Grade level performance highlights beginning at 5:30. Students will be seated with their classes in designated areas of the church. After Mass ALL are invited downstairs for hospitality (cookies and refreshments and maybe an added little surprise…). We can’t wait to get dressed up and Sing and Rejoice in preparation for the birth of our Lord! See you there!

1. Advent Mass: Grade 3 Teachers are organizing the Advent Mass this year and are looking for how it was coordinated last year. They will be sending out an email to parents asking for help setting up and baked goods to enjoy after the mass.
2. Business Arising from Previous Meeting: We would like to Contact Danielle Bussiere the Family Wellness Worker in the school to have her join us at the next parent council meeting so parents can hear about all the amazing things she does for the school. Kim M. to email her to invite her to Januarys meeting.
3. ADMIN REPORT FROM Mrs. Yuzdepski
   1. Indegenous Mural has been installed on Wall near front entrance.
   2. Banners are going up in the gym.
   3. All the excess classrooms are getting up and running and looking great. The Nest finally finished. Makers space is coming along, the kitchen in the room is set up and ready to use. Science Lab is coming along. We discussed maybe sending out picture to parents so they can see what these new rooms look like.
   4. CTM Meeting weekly, teachers meeting weekly to discuss all children to and make individual plans for each child.
   5. Math Night to go ahead tomorrow, 100 are signed up so far, hoping to be a great success.
4. Jodi adjourned the meeting at 7:05pm.