**Holy Spirit Parent Council Meeting Minutes
January 26, 2022**

**Attendance*:*** *Dave French, Aoife Cahill, Michele Yuzdepski, Kim Hawco, Kim Pennok, Cathy Konski, Emile Awda, Katie Workun, Jason Duniec, Jenelle Potyondi*

**Call meeting to Order and Opening Prayer**

1. *Dave* called the meeting to order at 6:35pm
	1. Opening Prayer led by *Michele Yuzdepski*
2. **Approval**
	1. *Dave* made a motion to approve November, 2021 minutes: *Jason. – First; Kim P. – Second; carried.*
	2. Approve today’s agenda: *Kim P. – First; Jenelle – Second; carried.*
3. **Teacher Presentation** *Mr. Workun {Grade 1}*Assemblies are going well

**Kindergarten**: Kindergarten has had so much fun learning about penguins. Our visits from Millie and Skadu were certainly a highlight! It was pretty exciting to have a penguin waddle right under our tables! Using information gathered from our at-school field trip, reading books and searching the internet, the children completed research projects, wrote fiction stories as well as created some artistic masterpieces. We will be celebrating the end of a fun month of learning with Black and White day.

**Grade 1**: Grade one enjoyed learning about their senses in a variety of centres this week. We are excited to be leading the assembly this coming Friday.

**Grade 2**: We are missing our friends in 2B while they are learning online this week, but it is business as usual for 2P and 2Q. We are beginning to tackle double-digit addition and subtraction which is a major grade 2math accomplishment. Each day we focus plenty of time on reading and spelling strategies in L.A. Our classes are excited to study magnets in science and happy to be wrapping up Meteghan in social.

**Grade 3**: Grade three have started handwriting! This is always exciting for the students. We have started a new science unit about hearing and sound which the classes are enjoying.

**Grade 4**: Grade 4 are starting a new Science unit on Waste and our World and learning about recycling. They have been enjoying the outside snow and making snow forts during recess.

**School Activities**:

Jump Rope for heart is underway. Our final assembly will be Feb.4th.

Report Cards will be available on Feb. 4th.

*Thank-you; Hot Lunch volunteers*

1. **Admin Report**: *Michele Yuzdepski* + *Aiofe Cahill*January
● COVID Update - we continue to navigate COVID. Staff are feeling the extra pressure to keep students safe and in the building as this variant is so contagious. We had a significant number of students absent when we returned and the number of absences is reducing. This has caused additional workload for staff who are requested to provide students with homework while they are absent. With the number of student absences
● Staffing Changes- Mrs. Susan Desaulniers is our new secretary.
● Beautifying - Miss Bussiere worked with students to choose stickers and quotes to create as stencils for the students washrooms.
● Registration - begins February 1 for Pre-K, Kindergarten, and all other grades. We’d like help and ideas on promoting our great school community. Crimson Dr. Neighbours
● Report Cards - accessible on PowerSchool on February 4 and will also be emailed out as well. ● APPLE Ally - Holy Spirit has been invited to be part of APPLE Schools which is a health promotion project with the vision of healthy kids in healthy schools.
● Alberta School Council Engagement Grant - $500 for our school council to use for parent involvement and engagement activities. Danielle is willing to lead a virtual session for families as part of our School Council meeting.
● Shrove Tuesday - On Tuesday, March 1 would School Council support pancake lunch again like last year. We had Headquarters restaurant make pancakes and individually packaged them.
2. **Open Issues**
a. Business arising from previous meeting- addressed in teachers report
-Dave mentioned-updates on covid realties in smore helped him understand what online learning does/could look like for classes
3. **New Business
n/a**
4. **Adjournment**
Dave adjourned the meeting at 7:11pm