**Holy Spirit Parent Council Meeting Minutes
April 27, 2022**

**Attendance*:*** *Aoife Cahill, Carrie Belisle, Ted Paszek Kim Pennok, Jason Duniec, Jenelle Potyondi, Dave French,*

**Call meeting to Order and Opening Prayer**

*Dave* called the meeting to order at 6:35pm

1. Opening Prayer led by *Carrie Belisle*
2. **Approval**
	1. Approve today’s agenda: *Kim P. – First; Jenelle – Second; carried*
3. **Teacher Presentation** *Ms. Johnston {ESC Team}*

Classroom Updates:

Kindergarten

In the early weeks of April, Kindergarten continued to focus on drawing closer in our relationship to God with our focus on Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving. Our special Almsgiving Project was to collect 40 jars of baby food in 40 days. Both classes were so proud to surpass this goal! During Holy Week, we had our Palm Sunday Hosanna parade joyfully singing down the hallways, waving our palm branches and wearing our donkey puppet. We baked special Lent prayer pretzels and remembered the Last Supper by breaking bread together in our classroom. We journeyed through the Stations of the Cross to remember how Jesus suffered for us. When we returned after Easter, we baked special Resurrection Rolls to celebrate that Jesus had risen! We also have been learning about our 5 senses and how important they are to help us understand the world around us. We went on our very first off-campus field trip to Safety City. It may have been a little on the chilly side but we still had lots of fun!

Grade 3

Grade 3 classes have spent the month of April preparing for our Ukrainian Easter Celebration on April 22. We made pysanky (Ukrainian Easter eggs) with Mrs. Aloisio as our guest teacher. We baked Paska (decorated Easter bread) last week. All of our items were blessed by Father Randy and then we celebrated by tasting the traditional Easter foods.

Grade 4

School Activities:

* Weekly priest visits to classrooms by Father Jim, Father Mario and now Deacon Lynn as well.
* Grade 4 leadership team has been brainstorming ideas for mental health month which begins in May. We are super excited
* Faith team was a special part of our Holy Thursday mass celebration- washing of feet and doing readings.

Upcoming Events:

* In the month of May… Adoration, Prayer Labyrinth, Living Rosary. Thank-you to…
* Save On Foods for donating bread and grape juice for our Holy Thursday celebration
* Grade 3 parents who assisted us with decorating pysanky, baking Paska and serving food for our celebration

**Admin Report**: *Aiofe Cahill*

COVID Update - we continue to monitor cases and class absenteeism to determine next steps. At our April staff meeting we decided to have all students go outside together for recess. The students are enjoying seeing friends and siblings they haven’t seen. We will celebrate a school mass together as we begin Adoration and come together for the rosary in May.

REAL foundation - support the REAL foundation golf tournament. The poster will be in the newsletter this weekend.

School Fees - our school fees have recently been approved by the board and will be up on our website shortly. Very similar fees to previous years.

Curriculum - part of our focus and professional development opportunities for teachers is beginning next year.

Assurance - share our school Assurance Plan for 2022-2023 school year.

Gym Bookings - any School Council events that we want to book the gym for before we open gym bookings to the public

Kindergarten gifts - possibility of School Council purchasing a book for all students that enter our school. $9

Grade 4 farewell - we are booking a school year end mass where we will say farewell to our grade 4s. We are hoping School Council would support the farewell event with a lunch and wooden bookmarks for each student.

1. **New Business
n/a**
2. **Adjournment**
Jason adjourned the meeting at 7:10pm