



ST. URSULA CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL

UNAPPROVED MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday December 02, 2020 @ 6:30 pm
Zoom

Call to Order-Welcome-Acknowledgment of First Nations Sacred Territory-Opening Prayer (6:45 PM)

Attendees: Dawn C., Douglas F., Elisa W., Miria B., Patti R., Rita D., Sandra V., Simonne V., Tanya B., Anna V., Yolanda D.

Regrets: Wayne C., Nadia R., Jennifer W.

Guests: Horace W., Angel B., Ayokunle O., Francis R., Funke A., Jeff X, Jennifer T., Karen L., Karen L., Stephanie P.

Treasurer Report (refer to word document for details)

- End of year report- bank balance as of Sept 30 2019 \$13, 600.14
- Funds available after commitments as of 30 Sept 2: \$13,085.95
- Summary of contributions of the school and financial fundraising details provided. Total profit margin 29%.
- Q: clear and succinct report- Mr. Sub provides a lower profit margin (16%). Recommendation to increase charge to families is reasonable. How much of an increase is needed to increase the profit margin?
A: Horace will provide estimates of increase per item price along with the final Treasurer report for council's consideration.
- RazKids total will be updated for the final report.

Approval of Minutes of November 4th, 2020 Meeting

Edits to minutes:

- Add Mr. Ramdin to Principal Report section
- Remove Nadine E and Victor R.
- Corrections: "Register for first communion May 2021"- date correction. Under Old business: "Just for kids catering"- name correction.
- Changes made in Mrs. V's version of the minutes.
- Minutes approved with revisions by Dawn. Motion second by Tanya.

Principal/Vice-Principal's Report (5 minutes)

- Received a letter from Cardinal Collins thanking St. Ursula for contributions to ShareLife. Over \$1,700 were raised.
- New Hybrid & remote learning classes started Nov 16th. We have 15 hybrid classes with 85 students learning remotely (only). Not all students are in a virtual class at St. Ursula.

- On Nov 11 a virtual Remembrance Day assembly was led by Mr. Merino's class.
- Anti bullying awareness and prevention week took place at the end of November.
- Community Advent Mass held virtually today. Attendees welcomed by Father Joel and Father Anish.
- ShareLife Committee organized a cookie fundraiser- raised \$700. Where possible, orders will be sent home with children. For large orders contactless pick up is planned for Dec 16th.
- Spirit week is being organized by YFA for the week of December 14th.
- BRAVE- Programs are currently running to build awareness, provide students tools to develop self-esteem, resilience and to speak out. Staff suggest council consider reallocating BRAVE funds to another school initiative.
- A Staff Wish list has been provided to council based on school needs.

Old business updates (20 minutes)

X Movement Program (Board approval)

- They are able to schedule St. Ursula for June 8-10. The previously provided deposit can be used to hold these dates.
- The deposit can also be refunded, however process will take time.
- Decision: Keep the June dates.

Robotics & Raz Kids

- This will be an excellent resource for virtual learning for FDK-Gr 3/4.
- Quote is \$939 for Raz kids.

New business

Bottles for students

- *Background*:- due to COVID-19 water fountains are closed, however, the bottle refilling stations are open. During the November meeting it was suggested that council purchase refillable water bottles for children to use when they forget a bottle.
- *Quotes* from Canadian companies, BPA free & dishwasher safe bottles:
 - 16oz bottles for \$1.06 each. Look like Tim Horton juice bottles with screw top.
 - 24oz, for \$2.70 each with a printed label. Has a straw.
- Estimate \$1,080 for the bigger bottles (400 children registered.)
- Excluding remote only learners, there are 313 children on the hybrid model.

Virtual programs – fundraiser

- Will delay discussion until current funds have been allocated/spent.

Christmas Boxes for St. Ursula families

- There are potentially 5 families council could help.
- Suggestion: purchase Walmart gift card as they can get a variety of essentials.
- Last year council spent \$1,600 total, each card had a value of \$100.
- Lessons learned from previous year: depending on the Walmart/manager, the max allowable purchase for gift cards is \$500-700 at a time. Suggest splitting this up among many people.

Reports

Co-chairs

- Adriana (Just for Kids Catering) has provided information for services during pandemic. She will look for money owed.
- Nothing further to report.
- Q: will we have virtue assemblies?
A: we have not had one yet, hope to have a virtual one in the New Year. Students were recognized for Oct & Nov and received virtue awards.
- Q: will we have a Picture day?
A: Edge Imaging new vendor. Have a contract and a possible date for the spring if they are allowed to come into the schools

Fundraising Committee

- No update

OAPCE

- If you were not able to join the November Webinars series “Parenting Positively in a Pandemic”, recordings are available at www.oapce.org/webinars you can watch at your convenience (for a short time).
- **Dec 1st 6:45pm-7:45pm-Hour of code workshop**- register at the link below by Nov 30th: [Family event: Hour of Code Workshop \(constantcontact.com\)](http://Familyevent:HourofCodeWorkshop(constantcontact.com))
- **Parent resources**- example parent tool kit-teen edition, building healthy relationships, stories, etc: <https://www.oapce.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/Parent-Engagement-Resource-List-to-accompany-OAPCE-webinar-November-2020.pdf>
- Follow DRAPCE/OAPCE on social media:
 - Facebook (closed group): www.facebook.com/groups/DRAPCEClosed/
 - Twitter: @drapceparents, @opaceontatio, @dp_cccsc

Parish

- Beading Buds- bracelets made by children (customized), blessed and given before their sacrament.
- Exploring options during COVID: Bracelets could be made at owner’s home in a disinfected area. No price change.
- Confirmation for last year’s Gr. 7 at St. Anne’s was canceled.
- Communions are all done.
- Confirmation Registration for this year’s Gr. 7 is open on St. Anne’s website.

Teacher Wishlist (refer to excel sheet)

- Reviewed and discussed.
- Total of Wish list: \$8,780.04

Votes

\$14,586.28 Bank Balance as of today (excludes outstanding commitments)

Families in Need at Christmas- \$1500 (\$300 x 5 for each family) - Approved

Sacramental gifts (First Communion and Confirmation) - \$800- Approved

Mass cards- \$200- Approved

Graduation-Gr. 8 -\$2,000- Approved

Graduations-SK -\$500-Approved

Raz Kids- \$939- Approved

Classroom- \$4,800 (16 classrooms x \$300 each) - Approved

French Immersion Resources -\$400- Approved

Total: \$11,139, Funds Left \$3,447

Agenda items for next meeting

- *Votes on Tricycles, Water Bottles, Agendas, painting (playground and indoor), bully prevention assembly*

Adjournment and closing prayer- 8:29 pm

Next Meeting: January 27th, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom