

**Good Shepherd Parent Council Meeting
April 7, 2022 via Zoom**

Present:

Jennifer Vieira

Lucy Ramdass

Melissa Delgado

Ana Valente

Tiz Carabott

Amanda Rogers

Marisol Avila

Maura Santanilla

Debbie Cienfuegos

Guest: Lucia Timber

Regrets:

Antonella Oliveri-Mifsud

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

Land acknowledgement, opening prayer and welcome was conducted.

Lucia Tumber of BRAVE Education hosted a presentation to inform council about conflict resolution program implanted at Good Shepherd. Presentation focused on "Setting Healthy Boundaries". Parent workshops are also an option.

Virtual meeting protocols were reviewed.

Agenda was reviewed and approved (motion made by M. Delgado; seconded by T. Carabott).

Minutes of February 3, 2022 meeting were reviewed and approved (motion made by L. Ramdass; seconded by A. Valente).

Chair's Report

- Return to in-person council meetings
 - Next meeting to be held in person – May 19, 2022, 6:00 p.m.
- Use of remaining council funds in 2021/2022 school year
 - BRAVE Education parent workshop to be held. Proposed dates are April 26, 2022, April 27, 2022, May 4, 2022 or May 5, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. J. Vieira to confirm. Cost is \$450 (vote held; in favour: M. Santanilla, M. Delgado, L. Ramdass, T. Carabott, M. Avila).

Teacher's Report

- Intermediate basketball started.
- Dance club is ongoing.
- Mr. Stern is starting up the chess club.
- Games club is ongoing.
- Upcoming events: Wellness Day is April 11, International Day of Pink next Wednesday.
- Pizza days are starting April 20 and will run to June 29.
- Spiritual room is open and being used.

- Lenten mass was held last week. Rosary apostolate continues virtually.
- Grade 4s made Easter decorations to put up around the school.
- Grade 1s are making posters.
- Scripture quotes have been selected by each class. They are being printed, laminated and posted over each classroom door. They will all be connected by vines.

Principal's Report

- Crosswalk Concern
 - Inspection visit has been approved to be made at Red River and Barleyfield. No safety concerns found. No approval received to add a crossing guard.
- Grad Wear
 - To add names to the back of the t-shirts, cost would be \$47.34 (vote held: in favour A. Valente, L. Ramdass, M. Santanilla, M. Avila, M. Delgado).
 - Option will be given to parents to purchase additional grad wear at their expense.
- Kiss 'n' Ride – Letters and reminders have been sent to parents in the past. We have tried to promote through announcements. No improvements have been noticed; no improvement in safety behaviour noted so far.
- Graffiti has been found at the school over the last couple of weeks. Police reports have been filed. Increased security surveillance has been requested.
- Covid Update
 - Restrictions lifted after March break. Children are now mixing cohorts. Masks are optional. Regular recess time has started.
 - Extracurricular activities started back up again. Sports are back. Parent spectators are not allowed yet.
 - In-person presentations started up again.
 - Presumed cases are being communicated to the school community.
 - Daily absentee rate is being monitored. If the school reaches a rate of 30%, then it needs to be reported to Peel Public Health. Our rate is on average 11% daily.
 - Dealing with staff shortages.
 - Voices program taking place in Grades 6 to 8. Connected to equity goals.
 - Purchasing new supplies, such as multi-coloured pencils, crayons and clear bandaids.
 - April 30 – First Communication
 - May 2 – School mass
 - EQAO is running this year. Preparation is starting.
 - Graduation plans – Information coming soon. Will be held in-person on June 29 at St. Marguerite D'Youville. Planning a luncheon for the students. Information to be communicated once available.

Treasurer's Report

- Budget Update – Balance is \$2,613.12. Includes removal of money voted on for communion, confirmation and grad gifts.

Parish Representative's Update

- Back to 100% capacity. Masks are not mandated but are encouraged.
- Palm Sunday this weekend.
- EDGE started-up two weeks ago. Charge is \$50 for the season. Running every two weeks on a Friday from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.
- Plans for confirmation and reconciliation is coming up at the end of May.

OAPCE Report

- Other schools are starting their fundraisers. Krispy Kreme would be \$5 cost for a dozen and we could sell at \$10 to \$12. We would have to arrange for pick-up in Mississauga. Further discussions will be had.
- TVO Kids has extended their math program to Grade 11. Live tutors are available.

Other Business

- Nothing to report.

With no other business, further questions or topics for discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 7:14 p.m. (motion made by L. Ramdass; seconded by M. Avila).

Next meeting – May 19, 2022 (to be held in person: 6:00 p.m. at Good Shepherd)