

**Good Shepherd Parent Council Meeting
October 6, 2021, via Zoom**

Present:

Jennifer Vieira	Lucy Ramdass	Antonella Oliveri-Mifsud
Tiz Carabott	Ana Valente	Ani Rapallo
Marisol Avila	Melissa Delgado	Maura Santanilla
Amanda Rogers	Jennifer Vu	

Regrets:

None

Meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m.

Introductions and courtesies took place.

Virtual meeting protocols were reviewed.

School Council By-Laws, Code of Ethics and Role of Council was reviewed.

Acclamation of School Council Members took place. Positions (appointed and acclaimed) were reviewed.

The following members were appointed and/or acclaimed:

Teacher Co-Reps:	T. Carabott and A. Oliveri-Mifsud
OAPCE Rep:	A. Rapallo
Parish Rep:	M. Santanilla
Non-Teaching Rep:	A. Valente
Chair:	M. Avila
Treasurer:	M. Delgado
Secretary:	L. Ramdass

Agenda was reviewed and approved (motion made by A. Rogers; seconded by M. Delgado).

Minutes of June 2, 2021 meeting were reviewed and approved (motion made by A. Rapallo; seconded by A. Valente).

Chair's Report

- Goals and priorities for School Council this year- Parent engagement and student engagement are the goals of School Council this year.
- Discussion held about booking meetings for the year. School Council needs to meet a minimum of four (4) meetings in a year.
- Twitter is board's preferred choice of social media.
- Future meeting dates:

- November 10, 2021
- February 3, 2022

Teacher's Report

- It's been an exciting start to the school year. Everyone is happy to be back. The students seem happy and very enthusiastic.
- Theme for September was Shine On in September. Our Shine Bingo was a great success and students loved it so much it's back October 8 for a second run.
- Annual Terry Fox Walk was organized and held by A. Oliveri-Mifsud and Mrs. Feres. We raised approximately \$650 so far but awaiting final figures.
- Our first Week of Truth and Reconciliation was marked with a school wide assembly, activities in the classrooms and Orange Shirt day. Each student was given a button to wear as a reminder of what we are learning.
- School Virtues Program is up and running virtually. Virtue buddy classes will prepare virtual assembly monthly.
- Opening school Mass was held virtually and all classes participated.
- Thanksgiving food drive is ongoing up until Thanksgiving. This year we are also offering the option to make a monetary donation to helping hands via school cash online.
- Monthly Rosary Apostolate happening again this year with classes leading the decade for the rest of the school. The first one takes place next Thursday, October 14, 2021.

Principal's Report

- Smooth start to the school year. Reorganized twice in September. Current enrollment:
 - 285 students in person
 - 31 students remote only
 - Total of 316 students
 - Approximately 25 Good Shepherd students are online elsewhere and are not taken into account with our numbers.
- We have several new staff members: Ms. Albanese, Mr. Stern, Ms. Masella, Ms. Del Col, Ms. Felipe and Ms. Orobor.
- COVID Protocols:
 - Similar to last year: isolation room, no cohort mixing, wearing of masks
 - Zero cases of COVID so far.
 - School focus is safety first and well-being. Teachers are really focusing on the wellbeing of students.
 - Outdoor equipment purchased last year. Teachers sign them out.
 - Outdoor food is not allowed.
- Chocolate fundraiser:
 - 56 boxes were given out. Suggestion made to send a reminder to these families to remind them to pay for these boxes.

- 12 families purchased online
- Prizes for competition between classes for most amount of chocolate sold: Kernels Popcorn; vote held for \$100 spending max (motion made by M. Avila; motion carried)
- Picture day is November 4, 2021. There will be no traditional class photo. Only individual photos will be taken.

Treasurer's Report

- Opening balance is \$2,285.54.

Parish Representative's Update

- Registration for First Communion and Confirmation is taking place. Information night are October 18, 2021 and October 20, 2021. Parish is trying to capture students that were missed last year.
- First Communion currently scheduled for April 30, 2022 at 3 p.m. Confirmation currently scheduled for June 2, 2022 at 7 p.m.
- In-person masses have begun at parish. Not restricted to numbers as long as social distancing is being practiced.
- Outdoor mass will be held at St. Marguerite D'Youville Parish on October 16, 2021 for the feast of St. Marguerite d'Youville.

OAPCE Report

- Meeting being held in November.

Other Business

- Discussion was held about possibility of obtaining graduation hoodies for the Grade 8 graduates.
- Spirit Wear – To be revisited in the Spring. If there is an interest, we will relaunch.
- Agendas:
 - For the agendas purchased for the 2021/2022 school year, Parent Council will pay \$700 towards the cost (motion made by A. Rapallo; motion carried)
 - In 2022, these will be purchased only for those classes that will use them. Parent Council will cover half the cost. J. Vieira to canvass teachers and determine who would get agendas next year and how Parent Council could contribute (e.g. agendas purchased for primary division).

With no other business, further questions or topics for discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Next meeting – November 10, 2021.