

MOTHER TERESA SCHOOL PARENT COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Date: Monday, November 1, 2021

Meeting Called: 6:05pm

Introduction of Attendees: Aura Street, Cody Young, Andrea Rota, Sarah Franchetto, Jay Pinnell, Sheri Gress, Gen Carolan, Airana Lecorps, Kelly Groves, Candy Roberts, Linette Poitresse, Vanesse Bonville & Christine Westland

Opening Prayers: Ms. Street

Additions & Approval of Agenda: Approved

Approval of Previous Minutes: Approved

Jay Pinnell looking for someone to take over treasurer role.

Old Business:

• **Kernels/Bacon Fundraiser:**

- Hiccup with Kernels but got sorted out quickly.
- Will look into alternative fundraisers in the future as the sorting and pickup problems happen too frequently.
- Kernels sales were about \$5,300 and we made about \$2,700 in profit.
- Bacon sales were about \$1,200 with \$373 in profit.
- If we sold the 203 cases for \$70 our profit margin would have been better. Something to think about next year.
- Some boxes of bacon came with a best before sticker of October 15 and October 29, 2021. When inquired with the company about it they said the bacon has been frozen since day 1 and will be okay 6 months past the best before date.
- Look into getting a fresher batch next year or discounted price for older stock.

• **Camp McCoy:**

- Grade 6 asking for \$50 per kid for Camp McCoy this year.
- Will need to supplement this cost with something else and revisit the price next year as it is not sustainable.

- Jay motioned to increase Camp McCoy budget from \$30 to \$50 for 40 kids this year. Sarah seconded, all agreed.
- Parent council is struggling with volunteers to make money for the school and with Covid it has been hard to do certain fundraisers.
- Jay was going to do 3 more meetings then put forward a motion to dissolve parent council however it is refreshing to see how many parents are here today.
- Will look into more in-school fundraisers such as pay \$5 to wear hat on Friday's, etc.
- Online and in person Auctions bring in a good profit with little cost to run. Gen will look into getting gift certificates.
- **Gym Equipment:**
 - Wishlist was gathered but got lost in staff room. Tabled to December meeting.
- **Christmas Concert:**
 - Last year was cancelled due to Covid but this year we have an option to have an in person one. It is a tricky decision to make due to the REP program.
 - Esplanade required proof of vaccination or negative Covid test and masks to be worn at all times.
 - Could be switched to virtual format which was done really well last year.
 - Half the parents suggested to get creative so all families feel welcome and aren't financially burdened to attend with \$40 per person tests and the other half wanted the Esplanade.
 - Conclusion was that it is a school decision and the school decided to run a survey through email and let popular vote decide.
- **Hoodie Fundraiser:**
 - Raylene sourced hoodies for us locally from Sport Connections and all forms were sent home last week.
 - We will make \$5 per hoodie sold.
 - Order form showing XL on front but back shows up to 2XL, they can order all sizes up to 2XL they just write in what they want on the front.
 - Sarah will contact Raylene and come up with a plan for pickup.

New Business:

- **Frozen Cookie Dough Fundraiser:**
 - We are supporting another local business. Baking with Candice will provide us with a fundraiser that includes 4 flavors of dough, sugar cookies with icing kit and assorted box of baking.
 - Sarah will contact Jen to go ahead and get the order forms out ASAP so we can have the products in before Christmas.
 - Parents suggested a chocolate almond fundraiser. We will consider doing this closer to Easter.
 - Gen needs to provide Jay with invoice for cupcakes.
- **Parent Council Childcare:**
 - In the past a kid would do childcare in the gym. Is this still allowed with Covid restrictions?
 - We can provide services however no one here needs it. We will definitely make it a service if we need it in the future.

Parent Association Report:

- No one attended October meeting.

Teacher Report:

- Nothing to report.

Principal's Report:

- **School Education Plan:**
 - Every year a plan is presented to us, next month it will be finalized.
- **Engagement:**
 - What ways can we get more parent and student interaction? We currently use social media and held the meet the teach night at the beginning of the year.
 - Covid has pushed our interactions more virtual.
 - Many parents really appreciate Class Dojo and Monday morning memo's.
 - Other parents still like paper such as agenda's however they are not updated with munch a lunch information and such.
 - Monthly school newsletters are sent out via email and found on the website.
 - An app like the website that shoots out reminders for parents was a suggestion as well as fun activities such as bouncy castles however liability insurance is too much.

- **Administrative Procedure:**

- December 13th anyone entering school building needs to have proof of full vaccination or negative covid test.
- Staff and parents can pursue questions about exemptions at the district office.
- DLT meeting tomorrow afternoon and will get more information regarding new Covid protocols within the school.
- Questions that will be asked: Can unvaccinated parents quickly enter the school to pick up sick kids or pick up and drop off kids to before and after school care?]
- If parents had Covid they could test positive for it up to 90 days after, how do you produce a test in this circumstance?
- Parents are allowed in for the December 6th council meeting. However the January one they will need to provide proof of vaccination (QR eventually) or negative test to be involved in person.
- Parents can still be active in council through virtual attendance and volunteering from their home.
- There is no end date provided or in site.
- Parent asked if we are hosting vaccine clinics. That is not on the table at this time but will let parents know if or when that happens.

- **Parent Teacher Interviews:**

- In person interview are for parents who need to sign Individual Support Plans, the rest of the interviews are being held virtually on November 23 - 25.

- **Scholastic Book Fair:**

- Kids will have the opportunity to look at what is available at the book fair on Monday and then purchase on select days per grade. Online purchasing doesn't do as well as kids like to buy the fun stuff.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:44pm

Next Meeting: Monday, December 6th at 6:00pm in the learning commons.