

**École Mother Teresa
School Council Meeting
October 28, 2020**

Attendance:	Mr. Shane Chisholm	Principal
	Ms. Francine Hewson	Chairperson
	Ms. Brandi Bowman	
	Ms. Dorraine Lonsdale	Trustee
	Ms. Mary Rose	Recording Secretary

The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 7:02 p.m.

Opening Prayer by Mr. Chisholm

Acknowledgement of the Land – Mr. Chisholm

Motion: Moved by Francine Hewson. Seconded by Brandi Bowman
That the minutes of the September 23, 2020 AGM be approved as presented.
CARRIED

Principal's Report:

- School is settling into routine dealing with issues such as timing of movement, breaks for children, contact and talking, lunch in classrooms, lockers as required
- School supplies are shelved off
- Remembrance Day ceremony in planning stages
- Athletics has started with intermurals in volleyball and basketball scheduled for January
- Everyone has to be out of the school by 5:00 pm as deep cleaning has to take place
- Field trips can take place in near proximity to school
- Church attendance is virtual at present
- Bus/Transportation opening up
- Masks still needed in common areas but try to relax when appropriate
- Support from Division is good
- We Day will likely be virtual – presenters may be able to come in with protocols
- Co mingling not allowed
- Division has protocol in place for a school COVID case – if symptomatic, get tested, stay at home for three days and if test negative and no symptoms then can return to school
- We have .37 FTE surplus which is healthy for our school
- Administration reviews take place in November
- Hospitality and Justice focus of catholicity – we have sponsored children in Gautemala and Africa
- Mental Health is a focus as children adjust to changes in school – strong team in place at school to assist with this
- Nutritional Grant received (\$9000.00) to provide breakfast hampers for families in need

- Mustard Seed Program will provide daily fresh lunches that will be COVID screened according to food preparation principles. School is looking at ways to give back to Mustard Seed through prayer cards
- Parent Teacher interviews will be virtual and/or phone
- Staff have two PD days and some of time will be to analyze our COVID protocols and how they are working
- This school year marks the 20th Anniversary of Ecole Mother Teresa.

Fundraising Report – Treasurer unable to attend but sent the following:

- Account Balance is \$16,667.75 with an outstanding amount of \$68.00.

Trustee Report:

- A new superintendent has been appointed – Kathleen Finnigen. The appointment has to go to the Minister of Education for approval. Part of hiring process was a survey of staff and parents and a thank you to all who participated.
- November 7 is Catholic Education Sunday – a recorded message will be made and included in church bulletins and available on line.
- Process for school in north of Red Deer is moving along.
- An exhibit at the Red Deer Museum and Art Gallery on history of Pow Wows was very well done and worth visiting.

Ms. Bowman excused herself from the meeting.

Old Business

Fall Tomato Fundraiser – order has been placed

Ukulele Request:

This request was approved and Mrs. Klassen will be purchasing ukuleles.

Mr. Moffet Plaque

The plaque was shown to Council and will be placed in appropriate place in school with Mr. Moffet's family invited.

Election of Secretary

Motion: Moved by F. Hewson (email) Seconded by Brandi Bowman
 That Mary Rose be appointed secretary to the School Council.
 CARRIED

New Business

Request for Camera

A streaming camera to be used for technical purposes such as You Tube, streaming events has been requested.

Motion: Moved by Brandie Bowman (email proxy) Seconded by Mary Rose (email proxy)
 That the School Council approve a budget of \$3500.00 for streaming camera
 requested by Mr. Rheume and Mr. Locke.
 CARRIED

Request for Outdoor Equipment

This item will be placed on hold due to COVID.

Parent Teacher Interview Meal Request

A request was made by Mr. Chisholm for the School Council to host a meal for staff on one day of the scheduled Parent-Teacher interviews.

Motion: Moved by Brandie Bowman (email proxy) Seconded by Mary Rose (email proxy)
 That the School Council approve a budget of \$350.00 to purchase supper for school
 staff for one of the evenings of Parent/Teacher interviews.
 CARRIED

Next Meeting scheduled for January 13 at 7:00 p.m. – virtual and in house.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.