

## St. Alphonsus Parent Council Meeting Minutes

April 10, 2018

### Attendees:

Mike LeVangie, Principal  
Michaela Hashiguchi, Incoming Principal  
Christina Pfitscher, Vice-Principal  
Michelle Harris, Chair  
Pam Halla, Secretary  
Lola Lokanc, Parent  
Andrea Yuen, Parent  
Lisa Giovanetto, Parent  
Angela Cameron, Parent  
Carola Preusser, Parent  
Janelle King, Parent  
Paula Johns, Parent  
Enza Priolo, Parent  
Michelle Lombardo, Hot Lunch  
Mary Pat Senger, Walk-a-thon  
Lisa Buonincontri, Parent  
Janet Pasquini, Parent/POPB

**Item #1 – Prayer.** Led by Christina Pfitscher

### **Item #2 - Approval of Agenda**

- Pam Halla brought motion, Michelle Harris, seconded

### **Item #3 - Approval of Minutes**

- Michelle Harris brought motion, Pam Halla, seconded

**Item #4 - Administrator's Report** – Led by Mike LeVangie

### **General:**

- Mr. LeVangie is leaving to go to St. John Paul II School at the end of the month. Michaela Hashiguchi will be coming from St. John Paul II School to be the principal at St. Alphonsus.
- Mrs. Hashiguchi introduced herself. She is from Calgary and has 2 children aged 9 and 3 and is looking forward to the move to St. Alphonsus.
- CSSD Schools are selling tickets for the Calgary Catholic Education Fund raffle. The ticket sales start on April 11, 2018. Tickets are 1 for \$10 and 3 for \$25. St. Alphonsus has received funding from the Education Fund in the past so support will be appreciated.
- Thursday will be honour the Humbolt Broncos day. Kids will be wearing Jerseys and are asked to bring \$1.00 for a donation.

### **Elementary:**

- St. Alphonsus will be receiving a new ES3 classroom because the ES1 class was such a success. The developmental delays increase with the number (ES3 children have higher developmental delays than the ES1 children).

- There will be construction throughout the summer in order to accommodate the ES3 children. The bathrooms will finally have a modernization done.

### **Jr. High**

- The kids survived the no phones for a week. The kids were fairly good about it. Mike received one email from a student indicating why that student did not agree with no phones for a week. Overall, the students did very well.
- Interviews are ongoing for new students to attend St. Alphonsus. Administration wants to make sure the kids will be a good fit for the school and the school will be a good fit for the kids. There have been 6 or 7 interviews so far.

### **Item #5 - Chairperson's Report – Michelle Harris**

- Michelle thanked Mike for all his support with Parent Council over the past 4 years and welcomed Michaela Hashiguchi to our school.

### **Item #6 Treasurer's Report**

- Angie was not able to make the meeting. There is no report.
- We do not have an update on amount of money from downtown. Mike will get that for us before he leaves.

### **Item #7 – Fundraising**

- Popcorn will be sold to students.

### **Item #8 – Hot Lunch Coordinator**

- Lunches are going well. The next round of lunches are coming up and people will be able to order shortly. We have nothing booked for June.

### **Item #9 – POPB**

- Janet Pasquini will be meeting with Michaela to open the bank account. They need to set up a date for signing.
- The Mother's Day art night is coming up. They are sold out for the elementary portion and are continuing to get people registered for the Jr. High. If Jr. High does not sell out they may allow elementary kids/parents to attend the Jr. High paint night.
- There is going to be a Father's Day paint night as well. No dates have been picked, but they are working on it.
- There will be a bottle drive after Father's Day.
- They are still looking to do the grocery card fundraiser. People buy groceries, but if they buy the grocery cards for their groceries then the POPB benefits as well.
- POPB looking to start another fundraising plan in September. The Westjet tickets fell through but they will be looking into different fundraisers.

## **Item #10 – Current Business**

- Early Literacy Program
  - Lisa brought forward an idea to bring an early literacy program to St. Alphonsus. She was concerned that St. Alphonsus did not have a literacy program in school. She suggested bringing in a School Level Program called Reading A to Z. This is an online reading program with downloadable books, lesson plans and worksheets. There is 1 licence per 36 students. The quote she received is \$692.00 for 7 classrooms.
  - St. Alphonsus is currently increasing their reading library that teachers use. Some levels have lots of books and some levels have less.
  - A discussion was had regarding possibly looking at people donating books or having a book drive.
  - The issue with the literacy program is that some teachers do not have a home reading program for their class. It is not a requirement and some do not do it.
  - This will be tabled to September so the teachers can figure out their needs.
- **Spring Dance**
  - The Spring Dance will be held May 3. The Jr. High students will have their dance in the afternoon and the elementary (family dance) will be held in the evening from 6:00 – 8:00.
- **Elections**
  - The elections for Parent Council will be held in June after the regular meeting. A listing of available positions will be sent out prior to that date.

**Item #10 – Adjournment** (*Adjourned by Michelle Harris and seconded by Pam Halla*)

**Next Meeting – May 7, 2018**

### **Motions passed:**

- NONE

### **Tabled until May:**

1. Teachers' needs in classroom (from Feb meeting)
2. Vinyl raised beds request for Garden Club by Ms. McClure (from March meeting)

### **Tabled until October (or September) meeting (new school year):**

1. Shrove Tuesday pancake meal at school (will parent counsel do it?)
2. Band fees to attend 2018 Calgary Performing Arts Festival
3. Reading A to Z Program