

# ST. BONIFACE FUNDRAISING SOCIETY MINUTES –

April 29<sup>th</sup> 2019

Executive Council Members Present	Kelly Cyre, Carmen Dragan-Sima, Teri Kantor, Julia Peters, Kim Nerbas, Geoff Kliza, John Edwards, Leana Perri
Parent Council Members Present	Edson Matos, Christine Williamson, Bobbi Kawchuk
Teachers Present	no other teachers
Guests	no guests

## Opening

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- Opening Prayer: John Edwards, in honour of Mothers' Day coming soon: Hail Mary
- 6:04 pm Call-to-Order: Kelly Cyre

## Approvals

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**MOTION:** Kim moves that we approve the St. Boniface Fundraising Society minutes from the last meeting. Teri seconds. All in favour; passed.

**MOTION:** Carmen moves that we approve agenda. Kim seconds. All in favour; passed.

## Treasurer's Report

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- Casino account – latest Casino (Nov. 2018) funds have been deposited
  - current balance: \$103,030.26
  - motioned items not yet deducted: \$31,153.50, for a remaining balance of \$71,928.91.
  - \$25,000.00 of current balance has been committed to cover playground overruns
  - Leana added that the previously motioned items still to be paid will be less than reported due to the fact that the staff decided against implementing the Manageback system which would have cost around \$2,700.00 for the license
    - that means the balance after motioned items is about \$74,900.00
- General account
  - current balance of \$9,722.74.
  - motioned items not yet deducted: \$1,500.67, for a remaining balance of \$8,222.07.
- Park account
  - certain Playworks invoices have now been paid
  - has a current balance \$671.51.

## Fundraising Update – report from Kim Nerbas

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- The following fundraisers brought in around the following amounts:
  - Cobbs: \$82.00
  - Stawnichy's (Meat): \$305.50
  - Boston Pizza: \$65.00
- Raffle update
  - \$800 in sales so far
  - lots still to come in
  - will sell extra tickets at the Carnival
- Spring Carnival

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- information to go home soon
- looking for 10 families to host a carnival activity (e.g., Cyre face painting, etc.) mostly in gym
- looking to get some barbecues from families to cook hot dogs – will also have chips and pop
- bake sale
- families can pre-order their food for \$5.50/person

## Old Business

### Requests for Funds from St. Boniface Administration

- Leana outlined the items that were tabled for discussion at this meeting rather to the January meeting as our Casino funds had not arrived by the time of the last meeting

**MOTION:** Carmen moves that we use Casino funds to cover the following expenses:

- \$300 for Running Club
- \$680 for L4U Library Program
- \$4851 for bussing costs

and that we use General Account funds to cover \$1000.00 for classroom consummables (\$100/class for 10 classes). Geoff seconds. All in favour; passed.

- There is still the outstanding amount relating to furniture for the Learning Commons (\$6000). Our current agreement with AGLC regarding the Casino funds is that they can't be used for Furniture and Consummables. We should be able to apply for changes to our current stipulations so that we can use Casino funds to cover the Learning Commons furniture acquisition.
  - AGLC host a course on the "Use of Proceeds" which it may be valuable for some Executive members to attend.

**ACTION ITEM:** Teri and Edson will work on making an application to change stipulations around what we are allowed to use our Casino funds for, so as to include a category on Furniture/Consummables.

## Playground Update

- Leana reported that there will be an investigation into the loose supports on the small play structure soon, possibly this week
- sod in certain sections has been installed but fencing around it has come down already – not sure of exact approach...
  - Facilities has requested that we don't submit final payment until the small play structure has been secured and approved for use
  - we may have to wait for the spring thaw for the footings/pilings to be stabilized properly

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## Gr. 6 Farewell

- So far, Gr. 6 students have raised \$1669.00 from the following fundraising events
  - Bottle Drive: \$560.00
  - Glow Stick Sale: \$132.05
  - Pancake Lunch: \$860.00
  - Coffee & Donuts: \$117.00
- Still some fundraisers in the works (e.g., pretzel sale in May)

**MOTION:** Carmen moves that we commit \$1600 from the General account to cover the costs of the Gr. 6 Farewell celebrations in June. Bobbi seconds. All in favour; passed.

- Moving forward, Leana would like to treat Camp Warawa as a regular field trip (since it is now (and the last two years) typically going to be at the beginning of the year as a ice-breaker/class-bonding day rather than as a farewell activity) which means that families would be asked to cover the cost at the time of the field trip

## New Business

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### New Treasurer

- Edson Matos has agreed to take over as interim Treasurer until the next AGM when he will be voted in as true School Council Treasurer; in the meantime, we need to amend banking authority

**MOTION:** Teri moves that Edson Matos take over as interim Treasurer. Kim seconds. All in favour; passed.

**MOTION:** Carmen moves that Carmen Dragan-Sima and Geoff Kliza be removed from having signing authority at the bank and that we add Teri Kantor and Edson Mato to have signing authority over accounts of the St. Boniface Fundraising Committee. Geoff seconds. All in favour; passed.

## Adjournment, 6:54 pm

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**MOTION:** Teri moves that we adjourn the St. Boniface Fundraising Committee meeting. Kim seconds. All in favour; passed.

# ST. BONIFACE SCHOOL COUNCIL MINUTES –

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## Opening

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- 6:54 pm Call-to-Order: Kelly Cyre

## Approvals

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**MOTION:** Teri moves that we approve agenda. Carmen seconds. All in favour; passed.

**Minutes of last meeting** were not provided, so approval will be sought at next meeting.

## Principal's Report – Leana Perri

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### IB Exhibition

- held during the evening of April 25, 2019
- different platform this year, more performance style, in keeping with theme of “How We Express Ourselves” and how arts can tell a story (and utilizing the extra hands of the two student teachers) – overall presentations were very artistic in nature
- feedback from students, staff, and parents has been very positive
- the format was decided on by the two Gr. 6 teachers (Mr. Charrois and Ms. Sdao) – staff would like to continue that format but it is a bit labour-intensive so the school will have to decide at the time of planning for next year's event
- part of the IB process is the reflection on their learning so as part of that the teachers have asked the kids for specific feedback on their experience
- parents of Gr. 6s at this meeting echoed the sentiment that they felt it was a positive, valuable, impactful process and evening

### Enrollment/Staffing

- current enrollment is good with some families who left are now returning to St. Boniface
- overall numbers will probably be down because we are losing two Gr. 6 classes but will only have one incoming Kindergarten class
- at the moment we will probably have the same basic make up as the classes are this year, just moving up a grade. So there will be the following classrooms:
  - am Kindergarten, 1, 2, 3, 3/4 split, 4, 5, 5, 6
- with new government, if the budget is drastically cut for this upcoming school year, administration may need to combine another class, but that will be a total last resort
- in May, job postings are announced for District so Leana may have staffing assignments sorted by our next School Council Meeting.

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### **School Fees**

- the government fee schedule from each school is due by the end of May
  - this is a description of all the money that will be asked of parents for field trips over the course of the upcoming school year
- would School Council be open to continuing the same level of support as has been established the last few years of funding field trips to the tune of \$20/student for programming and \$20/student for bussing?
- general consensus around the table is that, yes, we are happy to continue that level of support, which would amount to about \$4,800 out of both the General (for programming) and Casino (for bussing) accounts

### **Mental Health Initiative**

- we're signed up to participate in a Mental Health Day Symposium in March of 2020
- 25 students max. from Gr. 4-6 can participate

### **School Pictures – Pause Photography**

- Leana met with Rona (owner of Pause Photography and parent of current St. Boniface student) to talk to her about how the photographs went last year and options for the upcoming year
- Rona was very open to feedback and was flexible in offering adjustments such as:
  - the cheapest package will include the class photo
  - individual sheets will now be available for order
  - the number of poses will be more consistent between all students
  - the process for sibling photos and retakes will be streamlined
  - a 3 x 5 size will be offered
- Rona offered the school a 10% return to the school based on sales income, which meant around \$600.00 back to the school on last year's orders
- general sense around the council table is that we should continue supporting Rona in her small business and as a mom within our St. Boniface community.

### **Daily School-day Schedule**

- Leana was looking for initial feedback from the School Council about the idea of adjusting the daily scheduling and possibly removing one of the recesses – Administration is not suggesting that this should happen, but is rather deliberating whether that option should be explored to weigh the pros and cons
  - for example, staff seem not to like the afternoon recess because it tends to result in more injuries and discipline issues, as well as a loss of instructional time, especially in the winter when some of the teachers in the younger classes break a bit early to allow their students time to get all of their winter gear on
  - the majority of schools in the District have gone this route
  - if afternoon recess was eliminated, a 5 minute mandated rest break would occur and then the other 10 minutes (of the eliminated recess) would occur at the end of the day resulting in a dismissal time of 2:55pm (rather than 3:05pm)

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- Kelly stated that this idea was hotly contested when the previous principle brought it up and that parents were very much against the idea
- Geoff suggested that it is not something we should avoid a discussion on but that if admin present it as an option, they should definitely have their rationale laid out clearly for parents to understand the potential benefits
- Julia suggested that, if one recess has to go, perhaps morning recess should be eliminated as during the winter months, it is often too cold in the morning for students to go outside but by the afternoon it might have warmed up enough – lunch would have to be moved earlier however

### New Business

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#### Sportball for Div. 2 – Kim Nerbas

- Kim's daughter in Gr. 5 and some of her friends had brought up that they weren't getting as much out of the Sportball days lately – the activities seem too basic for the level of the class
  - some factors discussed:
    - many St. Boniface students have the opportunity to be involved in sport outside of school, or even in the sport clubs at school so they may be more advanced than typically Gr. 4-6 kids
    - we've had monthly Sportball sessions for several years so the novelty for the kids may have worn off
    - it probably depends on the Sportball instructor – a very good instructor is no longer coming out to our school (which doesn't mean the current ones aren't good – they just may not be quite as energetic and engaging as the previous instructor)
  - Leana said that she will ask the Div. 2 teachers to survey their students to get a sense of the value of continuing with Sportball at the same frequency

#### Reverse Lunch and TV Viewing during Lunch – Christine Williamson and other members around the table

- there may be some value in getting kids to play outside BEFORE they eat lunch
  - eating before playing results in kids rushing their lunch or not finishing it because they don't want to miss the recess period
  - playing first may help kids settle for lunch and take their time to eat more consistently
  - Edson mentioned that in Brazil they always build in time at the lunch break for the kids to brush their teeth after they eat
  - this ordering may also be beneficial if morning recess is removed at some point
- seems to be the norm in certain classes that they always watch a movie as they eat
  - face-to-face conversation is therefore not practiced/learned, when there are not a lot of other opportunities in the day for students to have that unstructured conversation time
  - thoughtful eating is not practiced

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- since it is Gr. 5 and 6s doing the monitoring, is movie watching a behaviour management technique perhaps?
  - could, instead, the Gr. 5 and 6s who are doing the monitoring get some training on how to engage the kids in discussion/conversation amongst their groupings?
- Leana responded that she does leave it up to the discretion of individual teachers and some use movies more than others or use it as a reward, etc. She also felt that it was not being used as much as it once was
  - she will have a conversation with the teachers to see if they can come up with alternative lunch-time activities

### **Coping Strategies/Study Skills – Christine Williamson and others at the table**

- is mental health and wellness incorporated into the curriculum at all?
- are there guidelines to introducing formal testing to the kids so they understand the implications of testing and how to prepare for tests?
- Leana offered certain insights such as
  - Matthew Charrios is designated as the “Mental Health Champion” at the school, for both students and staff
  - ECSD has a team that can come into a school to talk about anxiety and coping strategies
- Kelly pointed out that perhaps some of the money put towards Sportball could instead be invested in yoga/meditation/mindfulness activities for the students

### **Frequency of national anthem – Christine Williamson and others at the table**

- would like to see national anthem played more frequently
  - Leana/John reported
    - currently the national anthem is played/sung each Monday morning
    - at one point it was also played on Friday morning, in French, but now the anthem that is played is in both English and French so the Friday one was eliminated
    - Thundervision (morning broadcast of announcements, etc.) tends to take a bit of time so in an attempt to keep it relatively short, the anthem is only played once a week
    - they will talk to the staff to get their input

### **Grade 6 Farewell Date – Carmen**

- currently, the Gr. 6 Farewell celebration day is Monday, June 24 and the year-end mass is on Tuesday, June 25
- would it be possible to have the Gr. 6 Farewell on the same day at the Mass to facilitate the following:
  - parents can decorate the gym while the students are at the Mass
  - parents who work full-time will only need to take one day off instead of two

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- Leana felt it was too late to change for this year as the Gr. 6 teachers have already planned to have time in both the morning and the afternoon for the year-end gathering; as well, other parents have been notified of the Monday date over the last couple of months to arrange for that day off work
  - the Mass is for the whole school, with Gr. 6 students profiled, so it is technically a distinct event, outside of Gr. 6 Farewell

## Old Business

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- No Old Business to revisit

**Next Meeting:** Wednesday, June 5, 6:00 p.m. – Learning Commons

## Adjournment, 8:23 pm

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**MOTION:** Carmen moves that we adjourn the St. Boniface School Council meeting. Geoff seconds. All in favour; passed.