

ST. BONIFACE FUNDRAISING SOCIETY AGM MINUTES - OCTOBER 4TH 2017

Executive Council Members Present	Geoff Kliza, Kelly Cyre, Carmen Dragan-Sima, John Edwards, Julia Peters (new Secretary), Kim Nerbas (new Class 4/5 Representative)
Parent Council Members Present	Teri Kantor, Bobbi Kawchuk, Christina Vignal, Jody Nicholson, Karen Reid, Emma Crossley, Michelle Sergior
Teachers Present	no other teachers

Opening: 6:40pm Call-to-Order: Geoff Kliza

Approvals

- Motion: Christina moves to approve agenda. Teri seconds. All in favour; passed.
- Motion: Teri moves to approve agenda. Christina seconds. All in favour; passed.

Chair's Report

- It was a good year last year
- Thank you to the wonderful St. Boniface parent community and to Kim, in particular, for all her efforts in fundraising
- Geoff is happy to stay on as President for another year

Treasurer's Report

- Accounts are looking good
 - Casino Account had year-end balance of \$95,249.41
 - About \$17,000 of that needs to be spent by the end of this year
 - General Account had year-end balance of \$10,164.24
 - Much of that is already accounted for in new year expenses
- Motion: Teri moves to accept the financial statements as presented. Christina seconds. All in favour; passed.

Elections

- Call for nominations was made
- Geoff Kliza agrees to stay on as Chair
- Kelly Cyr agrees to stay on as Vice-Chair
- Carmen Dragan-Sima agrees to stay on as Treasurer
- Julia Peters nominated in the role of Secretary, she accepted the nomination
- Kim Nerbas is nominated as the Gr. 4/5 Representative, she accepted the nomination
- Second call for nominations made. No further nominations
- Directors are elected by acclamation
- **Motion:** Kelly moves that Rob Madunicky (out-going Principal) and Jesse Szymanski (out-going Secretary) be removed from signing authority on the bank account. Directors with signing authority are Geoff Kliza, Carmen Dragan-Sima, Kim Nerbas and Kelly Cyr. Teri **seconds**. All in favour; **passed**.

Adjournment

- Motion: Teri moves to adjourn. Christina seconds. All in favour; passed.

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Opening

- 7:0pm Call-to-Order: Geoff Kliza
- Addition to Agenda – Kim asked that we add discussion on forming a sister school that we could help out with some of our fundraising money – add to New Business

Approvals

- Motion: Christina moves that we approve amended agenda. Teri seconds. All in favour; passed.

Treasurer's Report

- We've had two fundraisers completed so far (Davidson Orchards and Farm to School), which have added about \$1500.00 to the General account
- Current balance is over \$11,000.00 but much of that is committed to previously motioned items such as the water fountains (which may come in under budget) and the Grade 6 welcome field trip (which they have committed to do fundraising for to pay back costs)

Fundraising Update

- past and current fundraisers are going well
- \$2000+ income since the beginning of September, counting the Davidson Orchards, Farm to School, and Coupon Book fundraisers
- an Apple Pie fundraiser is in progress with funds going towards the park redevelopment (and pies homemade by Teri Kantor)
- we'll do a perogy fundraiser in mid November looking at a Dec. 13th delivery date
- other prospective fundraisers
 - student-made Christmas cards
 - Kernels popcorn
 - Purdy's chocolate
 - Cineplex gift cards
- ongoing fundraisers:
 - Boston Pizza, Cobs, Papa Johns
- Hot Lunch is up and running with good enrollment starting to come in

Playground Update

- Potential grant (although not guaranteed) -- Teri will send a letter to parents regarding the strategy to take on that
- will perhaps sell 'blocks' or 'bricks' to families as fundraiser
- hoping to do 'thermometer' style poster at the front to track progress

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- Leana Perri reported on playground status from perspective of school/city
 - if a school's playground is built off school property (and therefore on city property), the maintenance is the responsibility of the city (such as draining 'lake Boniface')
 - ours is 'accidentally' on school ground so it is not the responsibility of the city but neither will the district (ECSD) take it on (so it seems to be responsibility of school community → "school-based solution")
- Further points/discussion on playground status
 - Geoff suggests appealing to broader community/industry via media (e.g., ATB or Service for assistance on loan application, etc.)
 - Kelly asked about possibility of P3 (Public/Private Partnership)
 - Teri will craft a letter to parents looking for support in the form of money and/or skills
 - Points that need to be clarified:
 - can we rebuild on city property? would the city be OK with that? are they allowed to accept our money to build a playground?
 - no point in rebuilding on same spot without some maintenance plan in place
 - Leana
 - if it is decided that a park redevelopment is out of the question, at some point perhaps those funds could be put towards fixing the existing park
 - will look into district guidelines on playground building and getting a definitive map on the border between ECSD and City of Edmonton property
- Question from Bobbi Kawchuk in terms of simple maintenance like trimming bushes – parent work bee?

Old Business

Meet the Staff Night - provided over 800 hotdogs

Camp Warwa (Gr. 6 welcome event)

- beginning instead of end of year
- money was already approved so we gave go-ahead
- \$796 – (under budget)
- Gr. 6 fundraising committee will replenish for next year's class (pay it forward)

Electronic Bulletin Board at the front

- quotes in the range of \$3000 - \$12000
- infrastructure costs come from General Acct.
- IT costs can come from Casino Acct.

Water Fountain

- billed \$3300 so far
- may still have other costs
- well under original quote of \$7000
- awaiting final charges to come in

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- Leana reported that the kids love them
- tax receipts for families who donated will be mailed out

New Business

Sister School

- Kim put on the table the possibility of having a sister school, with less affluent parent community, that we could support with some of our fundraising money, as way to show kids that we can model IB principles all through life, if we have no pressing fundraising priorities
- some points of discussion:
 - do other schools do this? Leana said she didn't think so
 - possible beneficiary: the hot lunch program at St. Alphonsus school is suspended in the summer months despite the school having full-year schooling
 - we'd have to be fully transparent about it and let parents know that a certain portion of the funds would actually go towards another school
 - could a class take this on as a class project?
 - we could educate our students about the other school and their population of students
 - we could allocate a certain percentage that would go to another school, such as 10% like the tithe to the church
 - how does that affect Sign of Hope (as we already give 10%) – would this be over and above that?
 - if we start this, we should implement it in a way that is sustainable
 - is there a way to give option on Healthy Hunger website for donation to St. Alphonsus (or whatever 'sister school'?)
- Mr. Edwards explained about another school that formed a relationship with a diner and kids would go over and prepare a hot lunch for another school
 - prep can't be at our school for regulatory reasons (Leana)
 - perhaps the Stone Wheel?
 - Geoff asked Mr. Edwards to come up with a plan as a class project

School Budget Requests

- Leana outlined two big potential projects
 - 1) 30 Chrome books with a cart for division 2 (so iPads can move to division 1), possibly \$12,000.00
 - discussion: would we need to boost wireless signal? replacement fee in the future might cause issues
 - 2) production equipment: mixing boards, speakers, microphones, stands, lights, etc., possibly \$10,000.00
 - Geoff: need breakdown of specifics before we can approve

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- Field trips (for 243 students)
 - \$40/student
 - busing/transportation from Casino
 - programming fees from General
 - no busing costs this year for Christmas Concert as that will be at the school
 - e.g., Rocks and Rings (in-school field trip), \$220 + tax for day
- Fine arts supplies, \$5000.00
- Classroom supplies (consumables)
- Sportball for year, \$3900.00, feedback from school is that kids love it and it is definitely worth the cost
- Christina V moved that the Casino funds will cover the following, seconded by Teri K., all in favour, passed
 - Fine Arts supplies, \$5000.00
 - Sportball, \$3900.00
 - Busing for Fieldtrips, \$30/student
- Christina V moved that the General account will cover the following, seconded by Teri K., all in favour, passed
 - consumables, \$100/classroom
 - field trip programming, \$20/student

Adjournment

- Motion: Emma Crossley moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Michelle. All in favour; passed.

ST. BONIFACE PAC MEETING MINUTES - OCTOBER 4TH 2017

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Opening:

- 8:01pm, Call-to-Order: Geoff Kliza

Approvals

- Motion: Christina moves that we approve agenda. Emma seconds. All in favour; passed.
- Motion: Christina moves that we approve the minutes of the last meeting, Kim seconds. All in favour; passed.

Principal's Report

- Meet the staff was a huge success – lots of positive feedback from school community and staff
- Enrollment is down to 245 (staffed for 265 students) so money is very tight. In addition, schools were given \$400 less per student by the government (\$6000/student down from \$6400/student)
- teachers are excited about infusing the IB into their classes
- Oct. 12th we start the flex sessions which will allow us to give each Fine Art discipline its due attention
- as part of the Physical Literacy component, we will be working with Heather Rootsart who is the district Physical Literacy consultant to improve practices
- boys/girls volleyball teams will be starting soon – unveiling of school team name/mascot: St. Boniface Thunder – looking into getting jerseys, school banner, participating in volleyball tournaments, etc., -- will surely enhance school spirit and elevate school name/reputation in district/community
- amping up the IB signage for both inside and outside the school
- Put in the work request for the TV monitor in the foyer – roughly \$6000 estimate given, which includes the BrightSign programming that will replace SBTV
 - satellite monitors can be added at different spots in the school at a later date for less cost
- Kim has stepped into the vacant role of hot lunch/Booster Juice coordinator so huge thank you to her
- Book fair (Nov. 27- Dec1) will need help in the library
- date change for the Gr. 6 camp (from year end to the beginning of the year) was well-received – in the future, might go with Physical Literacy consultant at Rundle Park which would allow for a full day of well-rounded programming for free
- School physical upgrades:
 - asked for feedback from staff which resulted in the following improvements

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- water quality issues → new piping, no more smells
- air quality issues (so the district foots the bill) → tested, resulted in carpets being removed in the main office and new flooring installed
- carpeting in the library and staff room also needs removal so school repainting has been moved up from next year so they can do both jobs together – possibly the end of October
- Lunch Monitor update – seems to be going well – improvement over reports from last year
 - Mr. Charrois (with help from Jody Nicholson) has worked with his Gr. 6s on this
 - established essential agreements/list of expectations
 - different ‘tone’ exists this year
 - will continue to work with home-room teachers for feedback
- School Concert will take place on the two evenings of Wed., Dec. 13th and Thurs. 14th, as long as the district supply of chairs is available on those nights – on two nights so half the St. Boniface families can come on one night or the other.

Old Business

- No old business to discuss

New Business

Student drop off times

- Carmen D-S questioned why the school can't be opened to the students earlier than 8:10am as it has in previous years, as the consequence for some parents is that their kids are left unsupervised outside the school which is more dangerous than being left unsupervised inside the school foyer while they wait for supervision to start
- Leana responded that the school just cannot take on that responsibility/liability of students being inside the school with no supervision and it is the parents' responsibility to ensure the safety of their children until school supervision starts at 8:10am.
- Discussion:
 - It is unfortunate that a precedent was established in which the rules were not followed at St. Boniface in the past or in which other schools do not seem to follow these rules currently, but this is the reality at St. Boniface in 2017-18.
 - There are other child-care options in the community for parents who have to drop their kids earlier

Adjournment

- Next meeting: Wed. November 15, 6:30pm
- Motion: Christina moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Kim. All in favour; passed.