

## Madonna Catholic School Parent/Teacher Council

Meeting called to order at 7:04pm, September 30, 2020, taking place online via google meet

In attendance:

Jennifer B	Erin C	Lori K	Angela P
Jenness S	Kerstin A	Joel C	Shauna L
Isabel R	Natalie S	Karen A	Le-Ann E

7:08 pm Karen A opened with prayer

7:10 pm Jennifer B introduced new Trustee, Le-Ann E

7:14pm Admin report presented by Karen A:

- This year's theme is Faith - Choose Joy the reason for our hope
- Things are going well at school
- Be cognizant of fatigue
  - Washing hands
  - Masks in hallway
  - Lining up outside
- Relationship between school & families is important for success
  - Families are doing well following new protocol. Kids are being kept home when ill
- Common misconception: Madonna needs to see negative covid test results. This is not true. When AHS rules are followed, healthy child may return to school
- 186 kids registered in school with 10 kids registered in SILK
- Without Puf Funding, hot spot is in the Tuesday/Thursday kindergarten class
  - Currently there is a full time casual EA
  - Job posting going up soon for an EAll in the kindergarten Tues/Thurs class to start in November (2020)
- Terry Fox run: \$400 was donated through the online platform
- October 28/29 opening school mass
- Kids are excited to be at school
- Grade 4 Bible presentation will be a private event on October 2
- November 8 is Catholic Education Sunday
- "Beacon" chromebook app with EICS community. Will alert Karen, Shauna & FWW Danielle to flagged words/phrases in search engines that may indicate self harm or harm otherwise. Allows staff to intervene and provide support. Since implementation, there have been 3 situations within the EICS community (not at Madonna) where there has been intervention with student(s).
- Daily communication board via google classroom with teachers. It has been decided that there will be no sending things back & forth from home this year (ei: agenda)
- Madonna school fees for the 2020/2021 year will be \$25 per student (technology fee)

- Karen would like to request parental help in regards to Halloween this year. Students are still free to wear costumes but with no costume parade. Idea is to have each classroom have their own party. Supply each child with a treat bag instead of sending sharable treats to school

7:28 pm Teachers report by Angela P

- Mrs Fortier's class
  - Thanks parents for support & appreciates following covid policy
  - Students are settling in
- Kindergarten
  - Busy & sometimes overwhelming with learning new routines
  - We can sort by colours, shapes & size
  - Thank you to parents for getting kids to bed on time & sending healthy lunches
- Grade 3
  - Thank you to parents for sending masks & water bottles each day
  - Working on place value in math
  - Reading Charlotte's Web
  - Ukranian study in social studies
- Grade ¾
  - Thanks to parents for masks
  - Proficient in chromebook use and responsibility
  - Grade 3 is learning sounds and hearing
  - Grade 4 is learning plant life cycles and growing their own plant
  - Father Jim is joining Grade 4 classes to present their Bibles
- Grade 4
  - Thank you parents for following checklist and sending masks
  - Kids are doing amazing at following protocol. Kids are reminding each other to wash desks
  - All students are being very responsible with their chromebook
  - Placing Alberta photos on the map of holidays they have been
  - Grade 4 classes will celebrate (receiving their Bible) outside with a picnic lunch

7:32pm Shauna L

Introducing the idea of "cardio drumming"

Karen - Loose parts is still closed. Waiting to receive the OK to start sharing the equipment.

Thought of ways to bring something exciting to the students, which is where cardio drumming comes in

Cardio drumming is exercise & drumming combined. 600-900 calories can be burned while having fun

Parents agreed cardio drumming is a great idea

Items needed that parent council will be asked to cover the costs for are:

- Drum sticks
- Stability balls
- Buckets for a base

7:42 pm Chair report by Jennifer B:

- Jennifer B attended CPAC meeting Wednesday, September 23, 2020 and shared from EICS federal funding from meeting minutes:
  - As of Sept 17 currently 8.5% students registered with online classes. Eics received \$3.2 million for covid relief. 14 teachers hired for St Isidore.
  - One reported case of covid within EICS and was supported by AHC protocols in place. The affected student's classroom and teacher were isolated for 14days. Students supported with online learning during that time
  - Jennifer B stated that she feels like a lot of people are still confused by AHS covid protocol.
    - Karen stated that if a student checks all of the top 5 symptoms (Fever, cough, shortness of breath, runny/stuffy nose & sore throat) they must isolate for at least 10 days or longer if symptoms persist. Please check & follow AHS site for up to date, proper protocols

Staggered entry will be considered for upcoming school year calendars

- Madonna staff loved staggered entry
  - Parents agreed that staggered entry is good idea

Hot lunch program will be suspended for this year

In the next couple of months this may be reconsidered

Special things like halloween treat bags instead, suggested by Karen

- Bilaws having been touched at Madonna in 20 years. Council will work on updating bylaws
  - A question arose from a previous parent council member: are we allowed to change bylaws to allow a parent in online learning to be on council?
    - Karen said that is not possible. Only for parents with kids in EICS or SILK
    - Le-Ann will look into this

7:56pm Open Discussion

- Natalie S asked if there will be a grade 4 retreat
  - Angela P replied that they are not allowed to do any camps but they're looking at locations within walking distance. There will be a special day for grade 4. There has been discussion but nothing has been planned as of yet
- Le-Ann E would like parents to know that admin & teachers have worked really hard to ensure students are safe. They have been working all summer for reentry and that kids are in really good hands
- Jennifer B will share parent council's email. Parents that are unable to attend council meetings will be encouraged to submit any questions/concerns to this email to have brought up at the meeting. Karen will add this to the S'More

Meeting was adjourned at 8:02pm by Jennifer B

Fundraising Meeting was called to order at 8:03pm

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8:03pm Treasurer report by Erin C

- Purdy's fundraiser was closed early due to schools closing early
- \$296.63 was made
- As of September 28, account balance is \$14,730.93

Jennifer B announced that Stephanie, the Photographer, is donating back to the school, 10% from photos ordered

Save on Foods - 5% gift back on groceries purchased. Waiting for this to be approved. If approved, parents/families must save receipts to be submitted to Save On Foods for reimbursement. Will confirm how receipts will be collected

Jennifer B opened the floor to new fundraising ideas. Nothing new brought forward

Meeting adjourned at 8:11pm by Jennifer B

Meeting minutes were recorded by Jenness S and submitted to [madonnaces@gmail.com](mailto:madonnaces@gmail.com)  
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