

## Parent Council

Dec 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021

**Attendance:** Andrea DiNicola, Laura McLean, Ms Konyt, Mrs. Graham, Mrs. Layne, Cristina Dixon, Heather Kennedy, Cynthia Varrasso, Frances Napoli, Jennifer Garside, Jennifer Cummings, Katherine Luna, Linda D'Agostino, Colleen Walsh, Mrs. Jessica Sferrazza, Flavia, Patti Spadafora, Christina Cagnin, Andrea Ferraro, Amy Brody, , A.B.

**Regrets:** Rosemarie Sciullo

### **Parent Council**

Chair: Andrea DiNicola

Co-Chair: Heather Kennedy

Secretary: Laura McLean

Treasurer: Frances Napoli

### **Meeting Minutes**

1. Opening Prayer –Jenn – Parent Council Prayer and lighting of the candle

2. Clarification of the meetings – Andrea D – Meeting is timed (1 hour). Q and A at the end of the meeting. Any concerns with your own children, please contact your child's teacher. If anyone has parent council concerns, please bring them to Andrea DiNicola

3. Principal's Update – Ms. Konyt

- Ms. Konyt welcomed the new parents at the meeting
- Discussions at the meeting remain confidential, honour agenda, respectful conversations only
- Mrs. DiNicola organized the garden project and Ms. Konyt thanked everyone. The total cost was \$319.00 covered by the school funds. Turnout was larger then expected, due to Covid protocols to make sure that we record names for contact tracing. We need to ensure we follow the protocols for health and safety.
- Mrs. Konyt - Question posed to the students" If you can describe OLOP in one word, what would it be??", Some example were: welcome, home, home away from home, safe, loved and so much more! Words have been laminated and posted on school walls for all to see
- Lots of gift cards have been donated to the Hamper.
- Virtual Christmas Concert is being done. The link will be shared with the parents
- Finances: Incoming money for spirit wear \$2669.44 as a credit to the account. Invoice is still outstanding – profit to be announced at the next meeting. Incoming \$\$ from Spiritwear was \$2619.34 online and \$50.10 cash bringing it to a grand total of 2669.44 as a credit to the account.
- Grant – The Board will be hosting Paul Davis virtually. Possibly in February. If parents selected Paul Davis, they could resubmit the form to re apply for Sarah Westbrook. Typically, the presentations are presented in May/June
- Communication – parents are asked to ensure that they add the dates from the newsletter for special events to their fridge calendar/phone calendar
- Board Website – School Website for OLOP has a current up to date calendar
- Christmas Music being played during morning announcements – students really enjoying this
- Reminder: First pizza day Thursday Dec 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021 – Students excited for their first pizza day

#### 4. **Communication Protocol**

- a. Step one would be to contact teacher first.
- b. If no resolution is reached, parent can contact Main Office.
- c. At this point, parent may communicate concerns to Principal.
- d. If no resolution is reached, parent can contact Superintendent.  
Andrea – Thank you Mrs. Konyt.

#### 5. **Grant Update** – Rewrite by Dec 9<sup>th</sup> for Sarah Westbrook

Angela Pasquini wrote the first grant application. Thank you for doing the work. Due to the board already having Paul Davis, the grant needed to be rewritten, Andrea completed this for Sara Westbrook – 2 sessions for the students will be completed

- Includes all ages/students

To discuss dates if approved (possible May/June)

6. **Bishop Letter**- We need to answer 3 questions. A micro meeting will need to be held in January. Would like to have honest answers

#### 7. **Sports** – Laura

- Volleyball and basketball to start January 2022 (both jr and senior)
- Mrs Sferrazza will be assisting Mr Fleming with Basketball
- Laura McLean able to assist coaching

8. **Church Update** – Mrs. Konyt forwarded an email from Wes Moga – Thank you!

9. **Spirit Shirt Updates** – Andrea – Spirit Shirts are in and will be handed out before the end of the week. Spirit shirt day will be the last day of the month

10. **Sub/Pita Info - Pita Pit** – Heather – will start in January - first pita day is Jan 21<sup>st</sup> – Heather to send out forms (they have gluten free pita's)

Sub Day/Pita Day (also have gluten free)– February 4<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022

Will be the first and third Friday of the month.

11. **Confirmation**/Communion Gifts Rosaries for the Grade 8's (for those who had their confirmation last year). Parent Council to present them the rosaries with a video –

Date set for Tuesday Dec 7<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 – Mrs Sferrazza to send a team's link

12. **Fundraiser**: Krispy Kreme – Spring/Easter

Timeline: Will need to create a subcommittee

- Sent out newsletters
- Set dates
- Hand out donuts

*Goal for this fundraiser:* to complete the garden in the front or sports equipment etc.

13. Christmas Activity from Parent Council

- Micro meeting to create an inexpensive activity to thank the parents

14. Questions and Answers from the floor

**Basketball Tryouts**- last minute notice. Will just looking to get numbers. CYO rules changed quickly. Will make sure to communicate practices with a flyer/schedule

Asked if school messenger could be used to communicate last minute items (LMS to be used for small groups ie. Sr Basketball etc)

**Parking lot** – any thoughts on safety ideas to drop off kids safely. Mrs Konyt to review the parking over a few mornings and will monitor.

*Next Meeting February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022 at 6:30 PM*