

**ST. BASIL CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL MINUTES – 2020/2021 SCHOOL YEAR**

DATE: Wednesday, May 5th, 2021

LOCATION: Zoom

**Attendees:** M. Pascucci, E. Filippozzi, M. Zigante, S. Hillier, V. West, P. Carnevale, C. Kopec, A. Campanelli, J. Brady, M. Izydor-Fik, A. Ramalho, M. Diamond, J. Munro

**Regrets:** J. DiGiacinto

**Meeting Start Time:** 7:00pm

1. Update from Mario Pascucci:

- Mario will look into staffing issue – classes running without teachers, status of teachers in teacher's college to assist
- Catholic population declining
- What will September startup look like?

2. **Review and approval of February meeting's minutes:** Approved by A. Campanelli, seconded by M. Diamond

3. **Review and approval of April meeting's minutes:** Approved by M. Zigante, seconded by A. Campanelli

4. **Principal's Report**

- Grad pins have been ordered – school paid, council will need to write a cheque – We'll wait for them to arrive
- Estimate on pins is \$1158.00
- Awards ordered, picking up tomorrow, \$696.14
- School grad Wed. June 23<sup>rd</sup> 7pm, virtual
- June 24<sup>th</sup> at 3pm – Celebration for remote grade 8 kids
- Josie will be retiring end of June

**J. Brady:** We'll be having another book fair June 1<sup>st</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>

**M. Diamond:**

- Lots of kindness initiatives on-going: Spread kindness to retirement homes, Chalk drawings on sidewalk
- Growth mindset Initiative – seeing positive effects

5. **Treasurer's Report:** Presented by: C. Kopec

Opening balance of \$4,503.05

- Open PO for grad pins – deferred until freight fees are confirmed
- \$696.14 for awards – transfer of funds from council to school

**M. Zigante:** Sacramental gifts are at her house. Melanie to send invoices to Nancy to issue cheque for \$543.80.

### **Ed – Finances**

- Purchased a program called Empower – intensive reading program. Cost is \$6,000 - we're paying half, super is paying other half
- Work order submitted for basketball net and backboard for fall
- Ordered 10 Chrome Books, \$3,600
- Meeting next week with artist for murals
- Air conditioning has been approved! Getting in future, assessment has begun
- Retaining wall at the back of school is deteriorating and will be replaced - board is sending contractor out next week. Cost will be to the school board.
- \$4,500 spent (from outdoor educational grant) on outdoor equipment – it's starting to arrive
  - Class set of volleyball nets (accommodates 16 students)
  - Soccer balls
  - Frisbee golf
  - Outdoor play for primary classes
  - \$4,500 spent (from outdoor educational grant) on outdoor equipment – it's starting to arrive
- We have money because of no supplies coming in. Max. rollover is \$7,500
- The board has held back 20% of our budget due to Covid
- Trying to keep approx. \$7,500 for next year
- Question was asked about upkeep of weeds/garden - Ed can put in a request but it won't be a priority
  
- We're hiring a planning time teacher and another teacher to replace Josie
- Configuration of school right now (will change) – Currently projected at 268
  - 2 FDK
  - Sr. Kindergarten/Grade 1
  - 1/2
  - (2) 2/3
  - 3/4
  - 4/5
  - 5/6
  - 7/8
  
- Next meeting – June
- Finalized designs for sacrament cards – Susanne to send to Melanie

**Meeting Adjourned: 9:25PM**