



Cloverdale
Catholic School

Parish Education Committee Meeting

12 May 2020

Start: 7:00pm via Zoom

Present:

Fr. Paul Chu
Deborah Harms
Francine Poelstra
Chris Brant
Megan Poulin
Jennifer Friesen
Jacqueline Johnson
Mike Fortino
Jason Borkowski
Clive Heah

Agenda

1. Opening Prayer (Francine Poelstra)

2. Pastor's Report (Fr. Paul)

- Fr. Paul updated on the Parish writing contest. Deadline has been extended one week. Only participants right now have been for adults.
- Jason advised that due date for the kids has been today and there will be entries

3. Chairperson's Report (Deborah Harms)

- Nothing to report

4. Principal's Report (Jason Borkowski)

A. Potential Return Date

- School will return this school year with all students being invited to come back
- Date has not been set yet, estimate is Monday June 1, 2020
- It is likely that when school resumes with in class instruction, not all children in a particular class will be hosted at the same time – various options are being discussed about what socially distant in class instruction will look like

- Return to school will be voluntary for students
- Teachers will be expected to teach at school and support online learning at home
- It is likely that schooling will continue primarily on the online learning platform and those who come to school will do it with the support of a teacher/teacher's aid in the classroom
- Keeping everyone safe at school will be another challenge and is an important priority. Jason has met with Atul to look at classrooms to see how they can comply with social distancing and cleaning requirements
- Parents will be advised precisely of what the in class schooling will look like so that they can make a choice on whether to send their child to school or continue with learning at home

B. Continuity of Learning Online

- There has been great feedback received and student participation is high
- Attendance online is very good
- PEC commented to Jason about how the teachers are doing an excellent job

C. School Parade

- Parade on May 14, 2020
- Detailed map and procedures have been set out; information about the parade has been communicated to parents

D. Professional Days

- May 15th is a Professional Day so there are no classes.
- June 5th is a Staff Planning Day so there are no classes.

E. Ski Trip

- Discussion about ski trip and whether to proceed with it again this year or choose a different activity
- Clive to follow up and get more information on school liability for these activities

F. School AGM

- Details to be worked out still
- Date to be set still

5. Treasurer's Report (Chris Brant)

- Chris and our bookkeeper Christina are working on getting financials updated
- Financials are on track for the remainder of this year, despite COVID
- There may be some budget restrictions in place for September as a result of COVID.
- There may not be international students enrolled next year because of COVID.

6. PFG Report (Jennifer Friesen)

- PFG is starting to brainstorm socially distant fundraising activities for next year
- Tickets for this year's gala have been refunded
- Jen requested Clive and Jason to provide ballpark fundraising goal of what is needed for next year by August
- Jason noted that there are some accessibility upgrades that need to continue – some playground equipment, auto opening doors, etc. Jason and Clive will sit down and complete a list

7. Maintenance Report (Jacqueline Johnson)

- Grounds walk around happened; there is a lot of work that needs to be done and can likely be done safely in accordance with social distancing
- Discussion about how to get maintenance tasks done while maintaining social distancing including disinfecting
- Sprinklers on the field should be turned off for now to avoid it becoming swampy due to drainage issues. Jason to reach out to try and find someone to address the drainage
- Jacqueline will post jobs that need to be complete and ask people to bring their own equipment or those that need equipment will have arrangements made to get access to the school equipment

8. Parent Participation Report (Megan Poulin)

- 17 families have opted out of the Parent Participation program at the beginning of the year
- Discussion about refund of the \$600 opt out fee now that the hours have been reduced
- Decision to reach out to these families to see if they want to have the \$300 difference refunded now that hours reduced, or to leave the remainder as a donation to the school. If refunded, amount will taken off the June tuition

9. Secretary Report (Mike Fortino)

- Nothing to report

10. Other Business

- Discussion about potential for future teacher plans to include alternative delivery component being built in to accommodate a need for teaching from home

11. Closing Prayer

Meeting Adjourned: 8:40pm – Next Meeting June 9, 2020 at 7:00pm