

Cloverdale Catholic School PEC Meeting October 8, 2019

- A. Call to Order: 7:11 PM
Present: Fr. Paul Chu, Deborah Harms, Jason Borkowski, Chris Brant, Jennifer Friesen, Jacqueline Johnson, and Francine Poelstra
Absent: Mike Fortino and Megan Poulin
- B. Opening Prayer: Hail Mary
- C. Pastors report: Guardian Angel Fund is low and ideas were put forward to increase funding.
- D. Chairpersons Report: The Education Committee Leadership Conference was attended by Deborah Harms, Jennifer Friesen and Francine Poelstra. A review of the day was presented by Deborah.
- E. Principal's Report:
1. School Growth Plans: staff is working on five specific areas of growth: 1) Teaching the Writing Process 2) Improving the Student Experience of the Mass 3) Developing our Applied Design and Technology Curriculum 4) Mental Health Awareness and Support 5) Improving Learning Support Services The staff is divided into 5 teams based upon their interests and expertise. Each team develops specific goals, does research, and develops strategies and structures to achieve the goals. We are still at the beginning stages, but meaningful steps have been made.
 2. Walk-a-thon (Wonk-a-thon)The walk-a-thon fundraiser kicked off with an assembly and a letter home to parents regarding our fundraising goals for the year, which emphasize "inclusion".
 3. Inclusion Audit: I had a guest in on Tuesday, Oct 1 to tour the school and give practical suggestions on how we can make our school more inclusive. His report is coming in about 10 days, but he mentioned things like 1) making the staff washroom our "accessible" washroom for guests and students with accessibility issues 2) putting handles on doors in place of door knobs 3) Automatic doors for the school entrance and staff washroom 4) a ramp for the portable 5) and many more... He understands the limitations of our budget and of our building, and suggests we "do what we can", but we are required to make any changes.
 4. Staffing and Student Needs: Due to a greater than anticipated need for E.A.s Jack Balsevich was hired to work in Kindergarten with the consent of Fr. Paul, Chris Brant, and Deborah Harms.
 5. Funding Questions in the years to come: As contract negotiations between the school board and the BCTF are likely to result in wage increases for their members it will follow that our teachers will also see a wage increase.
Maybe relatedly, there is a plan by the government to change the funding model. Right now we get 50% of the student amount and 100% of the Special education amount. The new

model would roll the Special Ed money into the regular student amount. Schools would then be expected to service special needs students using the regular amount. This model works for schools with the average number of special needs students, benefits those with fewer than average special needs students, and hurts those (like us) with more than average special needs students. This is currently being disputed by the CISVA and FISA and hopefully, it will get worked out. I can explain more in person if there are questions. Just something to know about and keep an eye on.

6. New sign. We are reviewing quotes for a new sign on the front of the building as the existing one is broken and worn.

- F. Treasurer's Report: -Budget is on track.
-Motion for tuition increase of 2.5% made by Chris, seconded by Francine and passed.

- G. PFG Report:
 - 1. First Day of School Coffee for parents was well received. Special thanks to the Graham family for providing us with free coffee
 - 2. Movie Night. was a success! We had almost 200 people attend and we heard several positive remarks on the event afterwards. We learned a lot and we are planning on running more of these events in the future.
 - 3. Upcoming Events: - Christmas Fundraisers (poinsettias, Epicure, possibly another type of "pre-order" fundraiser...)
 - Christmas Concert Concession
 - Christmas Tree Chipping
 - Gala (tentatively scheduled for April 25th)

- H. Maintenance Report:
 - 1. The space between the pavement and the wood barrier of the playground was filled with wood chips but a longer- term plan may be to use gravel instead.
 - 2. Juice bins and organic bins have been cleaned and posted on OnVolunteers to be done once a week. Bins need to be emptied and put in the halls by 1pm every Friday. To deal with fruit flies bins should be emptied every day.
 - 3. Boys bathroom floor may need to be replaced.
 - 4. Upcoming project—Gaga ball pit mats need to be lifted, heavy landscape paper put down and then the mats replaced. The weeds are out of control.
 - 5. Jacqueline motioned that a carpet sweeper be purchased for the Music and Library Portable-- As the students sit on the carpet regularly. Seconded by Francine and passed.

- I. Parent Participation report: Megan will remove families from on volunteers as they leave the school.

- J. In Camera

- K. Closing Prayer by Father Paul
Meeting adjourned at 9:27 PM
Next meeting Tuesday November 12 at 7:00 PM

