

Ecole Our Lady of The Rosary

School Council Minutes

November 24, 2020

In Attendance: Quorum achieved

Parents: Christie, Megan, Stephanie, Wanda, Francine, Elizabeth, James, Matilda

Staff: Rob Coumont, Tamera Neilly

Trustee: Sharla

Call to Order: 9:01 Am

Acknowledgement of the land: Rob Coumont

Opening Prayer: Rob Coumont

Review of agenda: Agenda was reviewed

Approval of the minutes: October 16, 2020

Motion: Move to approve the minutes. Wanda, Meghan *Carried*

Reports:

Principals Report: Rob Coumont

- Council was provided with a copy of the Principals report.
- The purchase order for the Chromebooks has been submitted. The chromebooks are scheduled to arrive in January or February.
- Council has asked Loretta to purchase stairs for the advent concert stage. Loretta is anticipating stairs to go on sale. Last year at this time they went on for 20% off.
- Dance PI3y TBA: Dance PI3y is offering live virtual sessions for \$500 each day or pre-recorded sessions for \$250 each day. The school will need to do the sessions over 2 days.
- New Covid 19 enhanced safety measures: The school has new zones designated for the playgrounds during recess.

This scheduling helps keep the students in their respective cohorts. Kindergarten always has access to the smaller playground equipment. For lunch recess, Stream A and Stream B each have a week one and week 2 rotation of playgrounds and each grade has a set part of the field to play in.

- If someone has contracted COVID 19, school receives direction from Division ACT team and EOC Director in coordination with AHS. Those considered close contact would be contacted directly and advised on their next steps. The School/Division will draft a letter to be sent out to families notifying them of the situation. That letter is sent to AHS first and upon their approval, it is sent out to families.
- Nov 30: Advent Concert has been cancelled. It will be replaced by an Advent Prayer Celebration. Each class will create a prayer to share virtually with the school and families. A prayer will be shared each day throughout Advent. Students are invited to dress up on their presentation day.
- Grade 1 Soft Start: Council had budgeted \$250 for the purchase of soft start materials for the Grade 1 classrooms. The school has asked for this money to be used to purchase a specialized phonics program that utilizes both digital and paper components.

Motion: Move to reallocate \$250 intended for grade 1 soft start items to be used for the purchase of a Phonics program. *Stephanie, Matilda Carried*

Trustee Report: Sharla

- We welcome Kathleen Finnegan as our new superintendent.
- New government Covid protocols are expected to be released later today. The division will address any new measures after they are unveiled.

Treasurer Report: James

- **Treasurer:** Nomination 1 call- *Meghan/Wanda* For **James**

James Elected Treasurer by Acclamation

- Council would like to extend a warm welcome to James as he was elected to be our new Treasurer.

Fundraising Report: Christie/Stephanie

D.F.S. : Budget \$1000 expected

- D.F.S sales of approx. \$12 000 with a profit of approx. \$3900 coming to council.

Boston Pizza:

- Stephanie still waiting to hear back from BPs

Nexsource Pass: \$25.00 each

- Nexsource passes are digitally drawn up and ready to go on councils approval. Council suggested starting this fundraiser in the new year due to the uncertainty of Covid restrictions at this time.
- The passes are \$25.00 each with no expiration date.

Old Business:

Crosswalk lights:

- Rob received confirmation from the town that EOLR will be included in the next traffic assessment study in pursuit of having crosswalk lights installed. *See attachment*

Playground: Stephanie

- Stephanie is waiting to hear back from the town about the logistics of getting a grant for new playground equipment.

New Business:

White Elephant Sale: *Cancelled*

- Due to Covid 19 restrictions the school cannot hold the fundraiser as it has previously done in the past. Staff have opted to do a casual day fundraiser.
- 3 families have been identified as in need. The budget in the past has been approx \$250 to \$300 a family depending on the size of the family. The money is used to purchase toys and food.
- Council discussed supplementing the staff fundraiser up to the amount of \$500 for the purchase of christmas gifts for our White Elephant Families.

Motion: Move to approve up to \$500 from the school council account for the purchase of christmas gifts for the White Elephant Family candidates. *Wanda/Meghan Carried*

Food Bank Train:

- Council will move forward with the food bank train.
- Rob will work out the logistics associated with students bringing donation items.
- Meghan will draft a letter to be sent out to families.

Closing Prayer: Rob Coumont

Meeting Adjourned: 10:01 am

Next Meeting: January 18 @ 6:30 Pm via Google meets



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November 2, 2020

Mr. Rob Coumont, Principal
Our Lady of the Rosary School
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Dear Mr. Coumont:

Thank you for your letter concerning the installation of an RRFB (pedestrian crossing signals) at the intersection of 45th Avenue and Reynolds Road in Sylvan Lake.

Council shares your concern for pedestrian safety, especially with children within a playground or school zone. This is why that intersection has been identified as a future location for an RRFB installation and why Council has expressed a desire to install one set of RRFB signals at all Sylvan Lake schools.

However, the timing of the installation has yet to be determined as we finalize an ongoing engineering analysis. The analysis is based on a number of factors including sidewalk locations, traffic and pedestrian volume, sight lines, distance to schools, distance to other crosswalks, and other factors.

We expect this determination to be completed over this winter so that we may install two sets of RRFB in the spring (pending budget approval). It is our intent to install two sets per year for the foreseeable future.

Sincerely,


Wally Ferris

cc: Council Members, Town of Sylvan Lake
Mr. Amjad Khan, Director of Public Works, Town of Sylvan Lake
Mr. John Watson, Operations Manager, Town of Sylvan Lake