

Parents In Partnership (PIP) Meeting Minutes for January 15, 2020

Attendees: Heather Westmacott, Heather English, Anne Scott-Herridge, Marianne Lozinski, Bryn Saunders, Michelle Chrisp, Jenn McCrea, Nikos Kiossis, Jackie Culley, Leanne Jones, Viney San, Lianed Marcoleta

6:30-7:30

Location: BSLs Chapel Area

1. **Welcome & Introductions** – 6:35 pm
2. **Devotional** – Jenn McCrea
3. **Approval of the November 7th, 2019 Meeting Minutes** – to amend section 6, Childcare Report. It should read, “Childcare has sent a link for online registration of inservice care and early dismissal.” Motion was made to approve the amended minutes, carried.
4. **Executive Reports**

4A. Financial Report – The PIP account currently has a balance of \$13, 375.25. The fall fundraiser earned a profit of approximately \$4200.

4B. Fundraising Chair

4B1. Fall Festival final result – This year’s fundraiser attracted approximately 60 more people over last year’s event. Profit was approximately \$4200. Negatives of this event was the extra work surrounding the food service, the placement of the auction prizes (not immediately surrounding most people, making it harder to notice,) and the sound quality/noise level. A note was also made that regardless of the venue, more volunteers were required for gift basket assembly. A subcommittee of Marianne, Jenn and Pete was formed to compare other venues (a hotel venue connection was made available by another parent,) and food/catering. PIP is looking to survey the parents on whether they preferred the Caboto event or the Norwood event. Also of note is the 25th anniversary of the school. This may or may not be incorporated into the event. The tentative date is of the Fall Fundraiser is November 7, 2020.

5. Other Business

5A. Vote on next year’s major fundraiser -- We were unable to vote on the upcoming event due to a lack of general members required for the vote. Vote will take place at the March meeting.

5B. Discuss other fundraising possibilities, such as Bud, Spud & Steak, Supper Central, Cheese, etc. – A Bud, Spud and Steak night appealed to everyone. A Quiz Night, Supper Central and Mom’s Pantry (Mom’s Pantry may already in use by the grade 7/8’s for camp,) are all possibilities that would need to be finalized by May.

5C. Discuss possibility of new entertainment ideas for the year-end BBQ – The type of bouncers may be tweaked, but will keep everything the same as usual. The facepainter has been booked and a deposit for the bouncer will be placed.

5D. Finalize plans for the upcoming movie night and sock hop – Instead of the sock hop occurring just before the movie, we will pause for an intermission $\frac{3}{4}$ of the way through and have a 10 minute sock hop, with parents encouraged to participate. This will include on screen dancing (Go Noodle?) and parents will be asked to help settle their children for the remainder of the movie.

6. **Childcare Report** – There are openings in both nursery school programs. St. Mary's campus has an exemption for 5 children ages 6-12 for the summer months. A reminder to parents to dress their children for the weather, as they will be outside if temperatures allow.
7. **School Board Report** – The school board will be giving a presentation of their work at the March meeting.
8. **Principal's Report** – A Love & Logic session will take place in February and attending parents will be asked to RSVP if they are coming. The school has a Shutterfly storefront, earning a profit for the school if parents use Shutterfly through the school. Grades 5/6 are going to Camp Arnes in the spring; the 7/8's will be at Camp Manitou in mid June. The camps are for 3 days and 2 nights. Spring Break, early dismissal and inservice care is available. Mad Science is on Tuesdays at 3:30, and will continue as usual on early dismissal days. Parents can register for care for the intervening time. Coding club and chess club are upcoming. Intramurals have begun, and there is R&R Club and Pick It Club (which teaches etiquette and social skills while playing.) We Care Club will be on Mondays for grades 5 -8, and Drama Club will start again. The Talent Show is in June and participants will be encouraged to talk over their ideas with teachers and practice. For the Easter holiday, the school will be closed for both the Good Friday and Easter Monday. The last day of school is June 26th, and VBS will begin on June 29th until July 3rd. A reminder to parents to dress their children warmly for the weather, as the school goes outside for 15 mins when the temperature, including the windchill values, is between -27 and -29 degrees; and remain indoors at -30 degrees or lower. The forecaster the school adheres to is Environment Canada at The Forks. On Jan. 21, the school welcomes the Prairie Theatre Exchange for a production of The Paper Bag Princess. BSLS Open House is on Jan. 23 and Feb.12 at the Birchdale Campus for childcare and the school. The St. Mary's campus Open House is May 7. If these dates aren't workable for prospective parents, they can contact Heather at Admissions for a school tour at their convenience. February is I Love To Read month. Parents or other interested community members may volunteer to read to a classroom. Country Week will focus on Greece and take place in March. Any parents with items or information on Greece are encouraged to share. Students will not be attending Festival du Voyageur this year due to the rising cost. However, the school will be putting on a variety of Festival-style activities during that week.
9. **Adjournment** –7:40