

## **Parents In Partnership (PIP)**

### **Meeting Minutes**

**Date: October 2nd, 2024**

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#### **Opening:**

The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm by Marianne Lozinski at BSLS.

#### **Present:**

Marianne Lozinski, Ms. Brandi Meilleur, Mrs. Victoria Duguay, Kaylee Forsyth Kuleza, Jenny Borowski, Stephan Borowski, Jackie Culley, Michelle Chrisp, Mrs. Heather English, Ashley Verhelst, Crystal Apire, Kyle Rempel, Stephanie Rempel, Natascha Jamison, David Kuik, Mariam Adeogun

#### **Approval of Agenda:**

The agenda was reviewed and approved.

#### **Approval of Minutes:**

The minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed and approved.

#### **New Business:**

The meeting covered various topics, including introductions, a devotional reading, principal's report, updates on school expansion plans, fundraising initiatives, election of new PIP executive members, and scheduling future meetings. Key decisions made included electing a new vice president, secretary, treasurer, and St. Mary's representative for the PIP. Fundraising plans discussed included Mom's Pantry and Fundschrift gift card sales. The school expansion project and a community engagement meeting was also discussed. Action items were identified related to fundraising, volunteering for canteen duties, and attending the community engagement meeting.

#### **Introductions and Devotional**

The meeting begins with attendees introducing themselves and their association with the school. A devotional reading from John 14:27-29 is shared, focusing on the theme of peace and Jesus' promise of an eternal home.

#### **Principal's Report** - Delivered by Ms. Brandi Meilleur

Ms. Meilleur provided updates on new staff members, fundraising achievements, reading assessments, upcoming school fundraisers (stained glass ornaments, supper in March, Read-a-thon and book fair), extracurricular activities, student-led conferences, Christmas concert, school merchandise, enrollment growth, and the school expansion project. Details about the community engagement meeting for the expansion were shared.

#### **School Expansion Updates**

The chair of the school board, David Kuik, provided updates on the school expansion project. He emphasises the importance of community support and attendance at the upcoming community engagement meeting, where the architects and consultants will gather feedback. The expansion aims to accommodate the growing student population, with plans to break ground in the spring and complete the project by September 2026.

### **Fundraising Initiatives**

The group discusses fundraising initiatives, including Mom's Pantry and Fundschrift gift card sales. Dates and logistics for these fundraisers were discussed, with a plan to coordinate the timing to avoid conflicts. Previous fundraising performance and potential revenue were also mentioned.

### **Election of New PIP Executive Members**

Nominations and voting took place for various PIP executive positions. Motion made to elect Natascha Jamison as Vice President. Motion second, motion carried. Motion made to elect Stephanie Rempel for Secretary. Motion second, motion carried. Motion made to elect Jackie Culley for Treasurer. Motion second, motion carried. Motion made to elect Crystal Apire for Fundraiser Chair. Motion second, motion carried. Motion made to elect Ashley Verhelst for St. Mary's Representative. Motion second, motion carried.

### **Future Meeting Dates**

The group discusses and finalizes dates for future PIP meetings, considering schedules and avoiding conflicts with other school events. Meetings are scheduled for November 13th, January 16th, February 12th, and May 14th.

### **Action Items**

Attend the community engagement meeting for the school expansion project to show support and provide feedback.  
Volunteer to assist with purchasing food for the school canteen and sorting hot lunch orders.  
Coordinate the timing of the Mom's Pantry and Fundschrift fundraisers to avoid conflicts.  
Begin preparations for the March supper fundraiser, including collecting donations and organizing auction prizes.

### **Adjournment:**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30pm by Marianne Lozinski. The next meeting will be held on November 13th, 2024 at Beautiful Saviour Lutheran School (Birchdale Campus).

### **Minutes submitted by:**

Stephanie Rempel