

<p>d) Volunteer Coordinator <i>No volunteers have been coordinated at present as no activities are being organized.</i></p> <p>e) Communications: <i>First PSG newsletter was produced. The first newsletter simply outlines what is happening, what is coming and when things are happening. A review of the upcoming months. Combination of newsletter and website to keep everyone communicating.</i></p> <p>f) Hot Lunch <i>Scaled back to accommodate a Covid safe model for hot lunch. Subway, pizza, booster juice, milk and popcorn. Ordering starts next week, rolling out the first hot lunch Thursday November 5th. Newsletter has instructions on how to register on website and the credits will link automatically to each parents account. Hopefully we can start gaining back some of the credit in the accounts.</i></p> <p>g) LSC <i>Three vacancies coming up, so elections and AGM will be held at the next meeting, Not a regular meeting this month.</i></p>		
<p>6. New Business</p> <p>a) PSG Fundraiser ideas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Wreaths: <i>Not possible this year because it conflicts with library poinsettia fundraiser.</i> - Silent auction: <i>Online silent auction, need a coordinator and volunteers to take on this project. Call for donations.</i> - Thrifty smile cards: <i>this is a big and easy fundraiser, so get the word out. Instructions on newsletter, 90 smile cards available in office.</i> - Christmas cracker project: <i>Need to spread word that we need candy donations this year even though Halloween will be limited.</i> - Purdy's Chocolate: <i>the program is set up and ready to go. Link to order will be in newsletter, and final push in November to get orders up.</i> - Bottle Drive: <i>Possibility includes running it post Halloween/Thanksgiving, and/or post Christmas and combining it with a Christmas tree drop off. Gr. 7's will help with this initiative. Advertise in St. Pat's and Holy Cross parish bulletins. Start saving empties.</i> <p>Continuing Business</p> <p>a) Used Uniform sales: <i>Parents will post uniforms that they have and/or need on their own through a web page. Parent to parent transferred (similar to Used Victoria), contactless pick up, e-transfer to PSG bank account. It is a bit of an honour system in payment. Volunteers needed asap. Alternate options to sell uniforms discussed (such as parking lot sale, or sale at private residence).</i></p> <p>b) Class Reps: <i>Teachers will choose a rep themselves.</i></p> <p>c) Gaming Grant: <i>Haven't heard anything yet. They have until Oct 31st to get back to us.</i></p> <p>New Business from Members</p> <p>A) <i>Other fundraising options briefly discussed. Big O-Tires, bedsheet fundraiser. <u>To be discussed further.</u></i></p>	Stephanie	7:25-8:20
<p>7. In-Camera (if needed): <i>Not needed</i></p>		
<p>8. Adjourn</p>	Stephanie	8:30

Next meeting Tuesday November 3rd, 2020

Parent Support Group Meeting

Tuesday, October 6, 2020

Administration Report

Many independent schools have faced huge drops in enrollment from last year. We are truly blessed to have an extremely committed parent body and I am pleased to share that we are only down 4 students from last September. Due to immune-compromised situations, we have 3 students, another one pending documentation, on homebound programs which may continue for the entire year. Some of the families who elected to delay return have had their children return to class, but we still have 13 students on transition programs. The government has not set a deadline for returns, but the option was not designed to extend beyond a few months. In an effort to reassure these parents, Angela and I are offering them a tour after school next week. It is our aim to convince them that it is a safe environment for their children; some of them have not been in school since March. Any parent who chooses to not return, must withdraw and register with a school offering distance learning. We are not authorized to offer this option, so my hope is that all the families will choose to stay in our community.

There have been some changes in staffing for this year. Joining us are two experienced education assistants, Lanilyn Lindstrom and Jennifer Savarella. Lanilyn was an EA at St. Joseph's and Jennifer in Prince George. Jennifer has a daughter in 4A. Returning to us after a year away are Francesca Durkan, classroom teacher for 3A, and Cathie Achtem, member of the grade 6 teaching team. We were able to offer some of our valued faculty on temporary contracts, continued work: Angela McIndoe part of the grade 6 teaching team, Megan Blackey, member of the grade 7 teaching team and Roxanne Peters, who is the classroom teacher for KA. In addition to Megan and Roxanne shifting grades, Diana Poppe has moved to 5B, Becky Wall to 4B and Victoria Reid has moved from an education assistant position to a teaching position in Learning Support.

At this time, Mrs. Poppe is on a medical leave and 5B is in the very capable hands of Miss Erin McLeod. Erin is an experienced teacher who used to be on our staff.

Since we were not able to hold one of my favourite events, the Meet the Staff BBQ, we devised a different way to connect with parents, some of whom have never met any of the staff in person, other than office staff. Most of the staff elected to create short video clip introductions that are posted on the class web pages on our website. The grade 7's hosted a

zoom meeting with all parents. Angela, Christine and I made an introductory video that can be viewed on the home page.

It has been challenging, and expensive, keeping up with the health and safety directives, but we gained a lot of confidence in the spring in our ability, and the students', to adapt and change on short notice. Whenever we felt the need and were able to do so, we went above the minimum expectations. One of the areas that parents were very concerned about was the music building and the classes held there.

Although the potential for good air flow is very high with 2 exterior doors and a wall of windows, parents were not comfortable with the facility. We installed a free-standing HEPA filtration system, purchased individual music stands and reduced the class size by half for instrument-playing sessions. Although some schools have allowed students to make their own instrument covers for wind instruments, we chose to not have them played in class. Students with wind instruments are still getting guidance with fingering and instrument care. To have a viable band without wind instruments, we have invested in a well-rounded rhythm band. Two Netherland-made beautiful copper timpani drums just arrived and students are going to love trying them out.

A big thank you to the children of Mrs. McLeish and Mrs. Briscoe for organizing the uniform shop. It looks amazing! Good luck to the PSG with your online uniform swap!

Respectfully submitted,

Deanne Paulson

2020/2021 PSG Proposed BUDGET

Income	Proposed	Expenses	Proposed
Hot Lunch	\$3,000.00	Green Ice Cream	\$150.00
Purdy's Chocolates	\$1,500.00	Christmas Crackers/Shopping	\$150.00
Silent Auction	\$2,000.00	Parents Education Night	\$150.00
Misc (parking, bottle depot, interest, cobs)	\$500.00	Admin Gifts (xmas, year end, luncheon)	\$850.00
Used Uniform Sales	\$1,500.00	Classroom Expenses	\$3,000.00
Thrifty's Smile Card	\$1,500.00	Field Trips	\$2,000.00
Mabel's/Oliver's Labels	\$125.00	FAST/Science Exploratory Initiatives	\$3,000.00
Finn and Izzy	\$500.00	Grade 12 Scholarship	\$500.00
		WITS (walk away, ignore, talk it out, seek help)	\$120.00
		Sacramental	\$300.00
Total Income	\$10,625.00	Total Expenses	\$10,220.00
		Surplus:	\$405.00
		Bank Balance June 30, 2020	\$
		Hot lunch credit from (2019-2020)	\$
		Gaming grant	\$