# ST. PATRICK REGIONAL SECONDARY SCHOOL REGIONAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES Jan 16<sup>th</sup>, 2019

PRESENT: Dorothy Kwan, Jean DeHaan, Lee Nguyen, Lisa Hennebery, Luisa Graham, Melinda Tolentino, Michael Sanderson, Penny Harris, Raymund Lames, Stephanie Troughton, Fr. James Hughes, Ralph Gabriele, Izabela Zakrzewska,

REGRETS: Jean Lozano

ABSENT: Adrian Schwarz, Dimas Craveiro, Jason Nguyen,

Meeting called to order at 7:10 PM.

## 1. Faith Formation

Lee Nguyen led Faith Formation – Session 5 – God's Voice Within

# 2. Approval of Minutes:

Penny Harris presented the minutes from the Nov 2018 REC meetings. There was a correction for the date of the next meeting. Stephanie Troughton moved that the minutes be approved as amended. Raymund seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Penny Harris presented the minutes from the Dec 2018 REC meetings. Jean DeHaan moved that the minutes be approved. Melinda Tolentino seconded the motion. Motion carried.

# 3. Correspondence not covered in reports

## 4. Committee Reports:

# **Monthly Financial Statements**

Dorothy Kwan presented the unaudited financial statement ending Nov 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018. We have a very healthy surplus at present. There are no significant variances. Stephanie Troughton moved that the statements be approved as presented. Melinda seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Dorothy has not yet received the December statements. She hopes to have both December and January statements for February.

## **Fundraising**

Jean DeHaan reported that she received the license for the raffle during the Christmas vacation. The ticket order has been placed. We have a different style for the tickets – bigger format, perforated. Cost was approximately \$1200, including tax, and about \$168 more than last year for a better ticket format. Printing and delivery will be done by Monday. Jean's core group will be getting tickets in order for distribution. Drawing on Mother's Day tea @ 1:00. The core group plans to divide and conquer. We need to distribute tickets out to families more effectively, since sales were best with families. Distribution should begin by the end of next week. Jean's group will begin talking to parishes about the time. One core fundraising person will arrange things with the parish, choosing

one weekend to sell. Low on the list is organizing sales at malls or liquor stores. Funds will support student focused extracurricular activities – Ralph to put a list together for Jean.

The 3-person PSG gets their hours for being on the PSG. Jean would like to have the PSG aid more with the fundraiser. PSG gets funding from the provincial government and gets requests from the staff. The PSG meets to decide what gets funding. Now involved in distributing the raffle funds.

Jean DeHaan would like to set a fundraising goal per family. Fr. James and Ralph suggested that we need to be careful with how we present any additional requests to families for more money.

## 5. Principal's Report:

Ralph Gabriele presented his report to the REC. --- SEE ATTACHED: "Principal's Report"

Drama production Feb 21-23. Spirit Alive – May 16 @ 8:00 PM.

## 6. Staff Report:

Nothing more to report.

# 7. Chair's Report:

Penny Harris presented her report to the REC.

# 8. Archbishop's Representative's Report:

Fr. James was approached by a family, who has a daughter who has been accepted at many of the Catholic secondary schools, ask why she should go to St. Pat's. He answered that we are a family. She was at the Open House.

For the next few months, the building committee's target goals are to solidify approaches to getting the new school built.

#### 9. Other Business:

a) Dress pants proposal for girls. Two of the girls have presented a proposal to the REC to be allowed to wear pants. Ralph feels that we should give them the opportunity. He doesn't believe that there will be a large number that take it up.

Jean DeHaan moved to add pants as an optional part of the girl's uniform. Stephanie Troughton seconded the motion. Motion passed. Committee struck to go to Top Ten. Lisa Hennebery, Izabela and Maricel Ignacio to go to Top Ten to see samples and bring a recommendation back to the REC.

- b) Keishin Tamaki will be doing IT support on a contract basis. He has done work on the wireless network. He is liaising with Telus, Shaw and other companies. He is interested in being a CISVA employee. Julius has taken some of Shelley Greene's load, as have some others.
- c) Penny is working towards ensuring that parents are aware that they need hours and there are fundraising/raffle hours coming up.

# 10. Closing Prayer

Fr. James led the REC in a closing prayer.

# 11. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 PM.

Michael Sanderson, REC Secretary.

# **NEXT REC MEETING:**

WEDNESDAY, Feb 20<sup>th</sup>, 2019 7:00 p.m. in the MRC

# St Patrick Regional Secondary Chair's Report Regional Education Committee

January, 2019

Welcome back. I trust all of you had a joyful Christmas and were able to find some relaxing time to spend with loved ones.

Given the recent Christmas holidays, there is not too much to report on since our December meeting. Therefore, I would just like to take this opportunity to again thank you all for your continued support in your respective REC roles.

Happy New Year to all of you and your families. I wish you all many blessing and hope your year will be a happy one!

Respectfully submitted

**Penny Harris** 



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# Principal's Report to the Regional Education Committee

January 16, 2019

#### STUDENTS

- This year's Student Council organized another wonderful Christmas Talent Show. It is always inspiring to witness our students share their wonderful talents with the community.
- Gr. 12 students will attend the final Encounter (58) Retreat Jan 18-20.
- BC Catholic Basketball Tournament takes place on Jan 16-19 at Holy Cross. Good Luck to our Sr. Teams.
- Bantam Shamrock Jan 11-12, JV Shamrock Jan 18-19.
- The Peer counselors, under the leadership of Ms. Rezai, and various community groups will be a hosting **Healthy Living workshop** for our Gr. 9 students on January 31<sup>st</sup>.
- Social Justice and Gr. 11 Religion classes will be at 'Door is Open' on the DTES on various dates in January and February.
- Science Week January 29<sup>th</sup> to February 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Japanese Exchange from January 18<sup>th</sup> to February 2<sup>nd</sup>.

#### STAFF

 Welcome to Mr. Keishin Tamaki (IT) and three new EA's. All the best to Michelle Lappan and Sabrina Riccardi.

#### **CURRICULUM AND TEACHING**

- Staff Retreat was successful. Special thanks to Linda Graham, Fr. Nick and the Campus Ministry team who facilitated the retreat. Theme: A.W.A.K.E.
- January 22-25: Demonstration of Learning Week.
- January 28th: Staff Pro-D (no school for students)
- February 8<sup>th</sup>: Report Cards will be issued. PTI on February 26<sup>th</sup>.
- The school will be closed on February 14-18, for the Catholic Educators Conference and Family Day.
- Catholic Schools Week (February 10 February 17)

#### PARENTS AND COMMUNITY

 Our annual Open House was held on Monday, January 14<sup>th</sup> from 6-8 pm and it was a huge success, thank you to all who helped. Grade 8 Registration will take place on Feb. 13<sup>th</sup> and acceptance on the following week.

#### **FACILITY**

• Railings were painted, floors polished and Jack finished the winter break clean-up.

Kind Regards, Ralph Gabriele