

**Immaculate Conception School
Parent Support Group Meeting Minutes
January 8, 2025**

Present: Kathleen Barth, Tonya Kruger, Donncha O'Callaghan, Chelsea Handford, Julia Good, Anita Allen, Jerry Joseph, Linda Irohemen, Cherie Burkholder, Andrea Born

Prayers and Welcome: Tonya Kruger

Adoption of Minutes:

- Adopted by Julia
- 2nd by Andrea

Adoption of Agenda:

- Adopted by Anita
- 2nd by Julia

Principal's Report: Kathleen

- Please see the handout
- AGM used to be held in January, it's now held in September
- Our Virtue and Grandfather teaching is Courage this month
- The Grade 5's will be hosting School Mass on January 10th
- The Grade 6's will be hosting the Virtue Assembly on January 13th
- Catholic Schools Week begins on January 27th
- Kodiak Shirt Day will be on January 28th
- Skiing field trip for grades 4's and grade 5's will be scheduled on January 29th, the skiing field trip for and grade 6's and 7's will be scheduled on January 28th
- Mass at the Cathedral with our two sister schools will be scheduled on January 31st
- The Grade 2's, 3's, and 4's will be travelling to UNBC to watch a Timberwolves Basketball game
- Spaces for the 2025/2026 Kindergarten class will be allocated this month, more information to come
- We are fully staffed; we welcome Miss. Vickers, who is the new Grade 5 teacher
- A big thank you to Mr. O'Callaghan, Ms. Ames, and Mrs. Barth for helping in the Grade 5 class for the months of November and December
- This year's Valentine's dance is scheduled on February 7th. A big thank you to Cherie for organizing this event
- We asked the grade 6 and 7 students to help with the Valentine's dance décor, signs and to create a music play list
- The Basketball season will kick off on January 13th, thank you to the volunteers for coaching the boys' and girls' basketball teams
- Big thank you to PGS for the coffee just before the break, the staff were so appreciative!

Treasurer's Report: Julia

- YTD Financials
- The total sales for the 50/50 draw were \$10,020. \$8,770 has been deposited
- The winner of the 50/50 draw received \$5,010 – Congratulations!
- Expenses for ticket printing came just over \$330

Old Business

Shopping Card Program Update

- Thank you to Lili Yang who helped with the sales
- We experienced Canada post challenges, but we made it work
- Most popular Shopping Card orders – Tims, Starbucks, Superstore, Wal-Mart, followed by Earls and Save-On Foods
- Thank you to all who contributed this year!
- Corporate orders include
 - CIF Construction
 - Dr Veselinovic Inc
 - Pharmasave Prince George
 - Quantum Industrial Solutions QIS
 - Art Knapps
 - Earls
- Unfortunately, there were no orders from IDL this year
- Sales for the following years:
 - 2022 - \$37,815
 - 2023 - \$65,155
 - 2024 - \$47,055
 - A profit of 4.2% or \$1,976
- Successful year for Shopping Program the total profit is \$1,797

Inclusive and Accessible Learning Space

- This is an outdoor learning space
- The goal for this initiative includes a space that is accessible for all generations, to create an inclusive learning space, to create a spiritual and sensory area, to create an indigenous component in the learning area
- Thank you for your support and commitment which supported us with the grant
- We are looking for your continued support, this is a community initiative, a cooperative effort involving parents, students, grandparents etc.
- We will be looking for support to access equipment to offset the budget, receive financial support, and volunteers who have some expertise in the area
- A brochure will be coming out with more details to come
- Timeline – January/February – communication, March/April – finalizing and coordinating materials and labour, May/June – implementation
- A public information meeting will be held on January 20th from 2:24pm to 3:30pm in Library. We will be creating a Gardening Committee for parents to join

New Business

Valentine's Day Family Dance – February 7, 2024

- This year's theme is "Hearts Full of Love"!
- All students will create a heart and share what they are grateful for on the heart – pick up your child's heart after the dance
- Thank you to Cherie who is coordinating
- Fun activities will be available during the dance
- The concession will be open from 6:00pm to 7:00pm
- The dance will be held from 6:00pm to 7:30pm
- Signup sheets for volunteers will go out
- We are looking for volunteers – set up, take down, bring in baked goods or candy bags
- \$20 for family, IC Families due to the capacity
- \$25 at the door
- We will have a DJ

Weird Dough Cookie Fundraiser

- Look at this initiative another time for a fundraiser, perhaps in the fall

Golf Tournament Fundraiser

- Golf Committee is under way, more information to come

Money Counter

- The PSG sends a huge thank you to Opal, who does so much for the PSG. With the amount of money that comes to the school, the PSG is requesting to purchase a money counter machine for Opal to use
- Chelsea will look into a machine

Music Festival Opportunity

- Thank you to Ms. Harris for leading the Choir
- The Choir typically concludes at the winter break, but out of lots of interest it continues through the new year
- Students in grades 3 to 7 signed up to participate in the Choir
- This will support the arts at the school and take our school Choir to the event
- PSG will cover the cost of the bus

Next Meeting: February 12, 2025