**OLPH School Council Meeting**

**Wednesday September 25, 2019 @ 7:00 pm – OLPH School**

In Attendance:

Natalie Wallace - Chair, Charles Ward – Vice Chair, Andrea Medvescek - Secrertary, Julie Correia - Treasurer, Heidi Jones – Fundraising Director, Barb Crowley – Volunteer Director, Krista Taylor – Grade 8 Fundraising Chair, Sandra Sharp, Warren Bitzer, Renee Melanson, Leanne DiMarcello, Heather Pouliot, Tammy Start, Lisa Hall, Dora Berry

Staff: Alyre Morin, Amie Gartner

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

* Meeting called to order by Natalie Wallace at 7:01 pm.

**a) OPENING PRAYER**

* Led by Amie Gartner
* Executive Council and attendee introductions done

**b) APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM JUNE 2019**

* Motion to approve the June 2019 minutes
* Moved by Heather Pouliot, seconded by Julie Correia

**c) APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

* Motion to approve the agenda
* Moved by Sandra Sharp, seconded by Tammy Start
* Overview of School Council and what will now be referred as the School Association meetings done. Highlighting that the purpose of the School Council is to enhance the learning and opportunities for all students and the purpose of the School Association is as the fundraising association to support the efforts of the School Council. Voyage Quebec Fundraising operates under the School Association. School Association meetings will occur every other month.

1. **OLD BUSINESS**

**a) AV EQUIPMENT DONATION**

* The School still does not have the exact final cost of the new AV system. Decision on donation has been tabled for discussion in the School Association meeting next month.

1. **REPORTS FROM COUNCIL**

**a) ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT – ALYRE MORIN**

* All staff attended a Camp Van Es retreat prior to the year starting; it was a fantastic experience and opened up communications and collaboration between old and new staff.
* The start of the year was difficult for teachers due to scheduling conflicts and having the added movement of the children in Sports for Life and Performing Arts, everything has been worked out now and is flowing well.
* 366 students are currently enrolled at OLPH. The low enrollment in the English grade 6 program is what caused the 5/6 class to occur. 1 new enrollment has registered for the grade 5 English program; one class will now have 32 students. Solutions to address this are being discussed but at this time there are no options due to the availability of classroom space and the staff budget.
* Sports for Life and Performing Arts programs are all moving along well.
* The focuses the school has this year are digital citizenship, effective behavior support, social justice projects, and Indigenous activities,
* The school has 35 tickets for students to attend WE Day this year. WE Day is a youth leadership conference. Mme Gagnon and Mr. Holden will be attending with the students. Good work and charity help determine how many tickets to the event each school is awarded. Students enrolled in the leadership option will be attending.
* Masses booked at the church for us this year are: French Immersion Mass on Oct 24 at 9:30 am, Nov 2 for Catholic Education Sunday with EPK at 5:30, Dec 18, Ash Wednesday on Feb 26, Adoration Mass on March 16, and June 3. There is one other mass that will be added yet.
* Prayers are asked for Mme. Julie Streadwick who is ill.
* The bus accident on Sept. 20 involved the children in the Sports for Life program, the bus was returning to the school when the car ahead of it was cut off on highway 21, this vehicle slammed on their brakes and the bus was unable to stop in time and hit the rear end of the car. All students were cleared on the scene by EMS and RCMP. The EICS transportation department was amazing to deal with for the school and they were on top of everything from the beginning. It was suggested that School Council should consider sending a thank you to the director, Lynne Lambert.
* The school received a 100% on the fire inspection this year! Some electrical was upgraded this summer with the building of the new construction and foods labs.
* The Linking Generations program will be going ahead this year. We are the only school in EICS division that will have a grandparent volunteer for every class. 16 grandparents will be participating. They attend classes 1-2x a month with the students to help out and learn. The grade 7 and 8 students will also be going to Cloverbar and Summerwood.

**b) EXECUTIVE REPORT – NATALIE WALLACE**

* CEPAC meeting was attended; this committee is for the superintendent and all school council chairs in EICS, they meet 4 times a year. There was a presentation from ASCA (Alberta School Council Association) which is a resource body to be used by school councils.
* Natalie has joined the Engagement Task Force with ASCA, they have been asked to connect with parents on the question “What does choice in Education mean to you?” Any thoughts can be sent to Natalie and the question will be discussed at the next meeting.
* School Council meetings will be: Oct 24(Thurs), Nov 27, No Dec meeting, Jan 22, Feb 25(Tues), March 18(3rd Wed), Apr 22, May 27(AGM), June 10(tentatively).
* UPCOMING FUNDRAISER IDEAS –HEIDI JONES
  + - Break the Rules Day Nov 8 – 50% of proceeds to School Council and 50% to Valeda House. Volunteers will be needed, canteen will be available, and M. Morin and M. St.Jean will be in a dunk tank.
    - School Apparel for sale. Hoodies, shorts, t-shirts, leggings and jogging pants with a tiger and OLPH on them, navy blue in color. Sourcing Options are being looked at but they hope to have this available ASAP.
    - Movie Night Dec 6. Offer to Madonna and EPK for K-4 students as babysitting for parents for a night out/Christmas shopping night. $10 child, $15 for 2, and $20 for 3 or more per family. Offer Christmas movie, popcorn and drink. Games will be available as well. It was decided that including our grade 5 and 6 kids would just make it too chaotic. Parent and grade 7/8 volunteers will be needed.
    - Discussed a 5/6 only dance in the winter with a beach theme, music and games, and a 7/8 dance in the spring. It was suggested we should consider doing the 7/8 dance in the winter.
    - Poinsettias are not going to be sold this year.
    - Considering doing Mothers Day and Fathers Day Raffle Baskets, donations for the baskets would be needed.
  + GRADE 8 COMMITTEE UPDATE – KRISTA TAYLOR
    - First meeting has taking place and all positions have been filled. Fundraising this year will include hot lunch, a pub night, selling coupon books, doing a Christmas raffle, a bottle drive and a silent auction.

**c) UPCOMING EVENTS – CHARLES WARD**

* Sept 25 – Hot Lunch begins, Sept 30 – Orange shirt day, Oct 3 – Junior High St. Theresa volleyball tournament, Oct 11 – PD Day, Oct 14 – Thanksgiving, Oct 18 &19 – Junior High Ardrossan & Haythorne volleyball tournament, Oct 22 – WE Day, Oct 24 – School Council meeting

1. **NEW BUSINESS**

**a) MICROWAVES IN THE SCHOOL**

* M. Morin brought forth a request by a parent for microwaves to be put in the school. Pros and cons of this were discussed.
* A motion that as a School Council we are not supporting adding microwaves in the school due to additional costs, supervision needed, safety, hygiene, storage, and possible electrical issues was made by Sandra Sharp. Seconded by Krista Taylor. All were in favor, carried.

1. **ADJOURNMENT**

* Natalie Wallace adjourned the meeting at 8:31 pm.