

Immaculate Conception School
Parent Support Group Zoom Video Conference April 21, 2020
Minutes

Present:

Stephanie Carpenter, Julia Good, Sherry Gilbert, Kathleen Barth, Freddy Padilla-Baca, Sangeeta Low, Nicole Hamel, Nadejda Dragos, Azza Makary

Adoption of Minutes:

Freddy, Julia

Adoption of Agenda:

No official agenda this time.

Principal's Report: provided by Kathleen Barth

- See handout.
- Additional notes:
 - She expressed her gratitude to all ICS staff for their hard work in these times of Covid-19-related school closure and home learning.
 - The two new smart boards have been successfully installed in Grade 3 and Kindergarten.

Treasurer's Report: No treasurer's report available at the meeting.

- There are currently no budget changes to be expected.
- This month's report will be posted on the ICS website as soon as it is available.

Old Business

- The scheduled March 31, 2020 PSG meeting was cancelled due to Covid-19 and the developments regarding the school closure immediately following spring break.
- The golf tournament is uncertain at this point.
 - We are keeping our spot for now. It is to be expected that the tournament cannot go ahead in June as planned due to Covid-19. One possibility might be to reschedule for September. Stephanie is currently waiting for an email reply from PGGCC and will make information available as soon as she learns more about our options.
- Various events in our budget.
 - Everything is currently on hold or cancelled, including the Terry Wilson Tournament and the Musical Theatre.

- Information about rescheduled events and how this affects our budget will be passed on as soon as scheduling decisions are possible and information is available.
- Roots of Empathy will continue in a modified form for the duration of the school closure.
 - Mrs. Caesar and her baby girl will join the next Grade 3 Zoom meeting.

New Business

- Some of the parents present at the meeting had questions about home learning. Mrs. Barth took the opportunity to explain the various online learning platforms and communication tools available to ICS.
 - Google classroom.
 - Purpose: This is a platform to post homework, share completed work, and communicate via messages with the rest of the class and the teacher. Each teacher will use this at their own discretion, for example to post work sheets or collect completed work. Teachers will inform their classes about how they intend to use Google classroom.
 - Login information: Student identity will be protected by not using student names or personal information. Instead each student will be given a numerical 'first name' (ex. Stu_000), the 'last name' ICS, and an email (ex. Stu_000@icschool.ca). Teachers will send out login information to each student.
 - Zoom online meetings.
 - Purpose: Zoom is a video conferencing tool and continues to serve for one-on-one and class meetings. Teachers are required to check in with every one of their students at least once a week. This is why it is important for kids to participate in scheduled Zoom meetings with their teacher.
 - Information about scheduled meetings and how to join them is sent out via email by teachers for every meeting they are holding.
 - Fresh Grade.
 - Purpose: Fresh Grade is an app that serves as a portfolio for students. It is used by teachers to share work the students have completed at school with the parents. While it provides the option to contact the teacher, or for teachers to send images to parents, Fresh Grade does not play a great role during these times of school closure and home learning.

Next Meeting: May 19, 2020