

St Martin's Catholic School Foundation
January 21, 2019
Agenda

1. Call to Order – 6:03 – C. Heisler
2. Amendment/Adoption of the minutes from Dec 10, 2019 – Adopted C. Heisler;
seconded – W. Cannan
3. Amendment/Adoption of the Agenda – 2 additions - motion to accept – J. Dixon;
seconded W. Cannan.
 - i. 6b. wish-list letter
 - ii. 7b. Jump rope/terry fox/popcorn
4. Special Guest
 - a. Transportation discussion – Introduction of Mr. Jim Salsbury, Principal of St Mary's. Mr. Salsbury looks after the current busses. Suggestions to consider:
 - i. Potentially getting a different bus
 - ii. The bus is not unsafe, however may want to look at upgrading, but old bus is still safe for kids. It is a 1997 with 175,000 KM. Not a bad idea to start looking to get into more safety mechanisms etc. Probably the right time frame
 - iii. Fuel - Jim recommends to consider gas rather than diesel – maintenance will be less and cost of fuel has shifted, diesel is now more expensive. In town runs are better with a gas engine rather than diesel. Also diesels don't heat up very fast. For our purposes (mainly short, trips to the pool) will kill a diesel engine.
 - iv. Length – make sure to measure to make sure it will fit in the bus garage. St Mary's is willing to house the bus. No money to purchase but we will house. Current bus is 66 passenger, not sure 72 passenger will fit. Jim to provide dimensions of bus garage
 - v. Brakes - Make sure hydraulic brakes not air brakes, then drivers don't need air endorsement
 - vi. Storage – The school used to have to rent space for \$1500/month which was paid by the school. The current bus garage at St Mary's cost \$125,000.00 to build.
 - vii. St Mary's has always paid ½ of the bus maintenance. Busses require twice a year inspections. Approx. \$2000 per time, because they always find something wrong.
 - viii. Over the past few years we have spent about \$10,000 per year on bus maintenance, this is all paid by the school
 - ix. St Mary's will put no money into the purchase of the bus, however they hope St Martin's will continue with the current sharing arrangements. St

Mary's will continue to pay operating costs, with the knowledge that a bus will benefit all kids.

- b. Mr. Kucy – 60-70 passenger gas bus will not be easy to find. Might be better to get 2x24. Driver issue?? Smaller busses only need a class 4. Pros and cons to both.

Criteria discussion on what to look for:

- 1 large bus or 2 smaller busses
- House inside or outside? We should consider both options.
- We should complete a survey monkey – parents that have a class 2?
- Cons of 2 busses: double maintenance expense
- Vote for size: look for a 55 to 66 to 72 passenger limit. Jim to measure to make sure it will fit. Stick between 66 to 72. Find the best deal. Not under 55 passenger. Consensus 54-72. Providing measurements will fit in St Mary's garage. Gas preference but will entertain diesels. Mr. Kucy to provide criteria to Alberta Bus Sales. Max \$75,000.00.

5. Treasurers Report

a. Budget –

- i. Ashley – filed annual return and did AGLC reporting. (Thank you Ashley!) We need permission for new AGLC reporting. Need approval for bussing. Funds need to be used soon..
- ii. Are there wish list items: Joe wants a gym audio for \$32,000. It is top of the line. A Guy came from Sherwood Park to look at the gym. He found that only 2 speakers are working.
- iii. Video wall quote - \$36,000 on top of the \$32,000. The video could be the 2nd stage. The video wall can be added on later.
- iv. AGLC is approved for educational equipment. Audio would fall into AGLC. Table until we know how much the bus is. Potentially we could use the funds from the next harvest ball for sound system.
- v. Read a thon or math a thon – do we have anyone to run it? Are we allowed to run a fundraiser for cash? This one is quite lucrative. We need to look for a volunteer. We can coach someone on how to run it. Timing: spring. J. Hirsh will consider taking on this project.
- vi. Spice retreat – every 2 years staff attends spice? Is it on the radar? School pays for 1 staff member, we support a second staff. Then they present to parent council upon return. Vote if we are going to commit. Motion: To approve fees up to \$1000 for one (1) staff member to attend spice conference (A. Bodnarchuk; seconded by C. Heisler). All in favor
- vii. Author visit- multiple years. Can't find anyone who wants to come.
- viii. Wishlist items – 2 scenarios depending on bus price.
- ix. Caryn's art – comes out of popcorn proceeds. Marg Varga. Kim Smith will do fused glass art. 2 proposals. Option 1: Classroom quilts with 3x3 squares 1 session. Div 2: collect collaborative art design. 12x24 2 sessions.

Each kid gets a zipper pull \$4962.84 Includes installation. Does not include GST or travel.

- b. Option 2: Each class creates their own fused glass. Scaled down version. \$3477.50 not including GST or travel.
- c. May 15 date booked. Installed by June.
- Motion to allot the popcorn fundraiser to pay for Art Installation option 1. (J. Dixon; seconded M. Mast)

6. Old Business

- a. Committee Reports
 - i. Fundraising (Tabled to next meeting)

7. New Business

- a. Art Installment (In Budget discussion).

8. Adjournment 7:30