

## **Strathmillan Parent Council AGM**

**September 23, 2021**

### **Present:**

C. Fitzpatrick  
L. Lachance  
K. De Vera  
K. Petz  
R. Swanson  
T. Healy  
B. Betts  
I. Beaulieu  
L. Bilyk  
K. Nawolski  
T. Marche  
R. Varghese  
N. Stephansson  
(J. Baker)  
(B. Stephenson)

### **Welcome: Mr. Baker, 7:02**

### **Parent Council Constitution:**

#### *Mandate:*

non-profit

general liaison between parents and school admin and staff on behalf of all students

fundraising

assist staff

resource to school and parents

regular forum for parents

all parents / guardians are voting members of Parent Council

#### *Task for tonight is to nominate and vote on Executive:*

Executive acts on behalf of parents

Holds regular meetings

Voice of parents

Runs meetings, keeps books

*Voting follows Robert's rules of meetings.*

**President:**

Chairs meetings

Strikes committees

To be part of all committees

**Vice President:**

Takes place of President when unavailable

We have two parents willing to step up as co-chairs, eliminates position of vice president

Nominees: Liz Bilyk and Carina Fitzpatrick

Elected: Liz Bilyk and Carina Fitzpatrick

**Secretary:**

Takes minutes at meetings, to be submitted within 2 weeks

Maintains copies of meetings and correspondence, keep for 7 years

Distribute minutes to Principal and Executive

Nominee: Brittany Betts

Elected: Brittany Betts

**Treasurer:**

Financial accounting, report financial statement at meetings

Keep records, for 7 years

Banking, cheque writing

Position to be filled at October meeting

**Principal's Report:**

1.) The current enrollment stands at 296 students.

2.) We welcome back Bev Stephenson to our staff. She is here every afternoon. As well, welcome to Ms. Laura Durnin and Ms. Javiera Saif, who are new educational assistants at our school.

3.) Strathmillan School's priorities this year are:

a.) Numeracy – Best practices in the teaching of problem-solving skills, specifically the communication of students' thinking and their use of critical thinking

b.) Literacy – Looking at ways to ensure students get a year's worth of growth in their writing practices.

c.) Mental Health and Well-Being – building community and finding fun and joy at being back in school.

4.) September 30<sup>th</sup> has been declared as Truth and Reconciliation Day and there is no school for students that day. Strathmillan School will recognize Orange Shirt Day on Wednesday, September 29<sup>th</sup>. Students and staff are encouraged to wear something orange that day. During that week, individual classrooms will examine the role of residential schools in our country's history and the impact they continue to have today. Schoolwide announcements/messages will also be made during the week.

5.) Parent Councils can organize fundraising again this year; though they must ensure that fundraising policies and COVID protocols are followed and there are no door-to-door sales.

**Next meeting:**

Tuesday, October 26 at 7:00 pm.

**Fundraising ideas:**

Glenlea – spring

Shelmerdines – Christmas

Mom's Pantry – huge success even though cut short by Covid in Spring 2020

San Vito

Protocols to be put in place for delivery/pick-up due to Covid

Will discuss at next meeting.

Cheque Signing Authority currently held by Irene Beaulieu and Sandy Marsh Hamm. To be transferred to all Executive members.

**Meeting Adjourned by Co-Chair Liz at 7:37.**