

## CSCC Meeting

September 20, 2023

### Attending

Luanne Wiens

Tanya Clarke

Shelan Fournier

Patty Fenske

Melanie Pain

Stephanie Penner

Randy Strawson

Andrea Willenborg

Dallas Pelley

Fereshteh Hoseini

Cristin Dorgan Lee

Brent Card and Jasmine Card came to present potential partnership supports between St. Volodymyr School and The Hub City Optimist Club.

- a. Oratorical Contest – this could tie in with our Persuasive speech contest. The winners of the St. V. speech contest could be mentored by someone from the club and then compete at a regional level oratorical contest. Winners from a regional contest can move on to a District competition in May (in Calgary for 2024). **We would need the contest at St. V. to run early in the calendar year so the individuals could be picked by mid February. Talk to teachers to see if this timeline could work.**
- b. Scholarship program for essays. Students at St. V. would be on the younger end for this contest but it would be good practise to be able to enter when they are older.
- c. Junior Optimist Program (JOY) – a program that encourages students to do service activities in their own communities. This would need a parent to run this program but it is a program that instills the values of serving others at a young age. If there is interest from within the St. V. community we could be mentored through a “Teams” meeting with a gal in Alberta that is passionate about this program.
- d. Am I Understand (miunderstanding.ca) – this is a mental health resource program. Comes with a stuffed bunny along with video links to a wide variety of mental health topics at an age appropriate level. The Hub City Optimist Club has 10 bundles to give out and would be happy to purchase more if there is the interest/need. This resource could be used in the classroom setting or in the family/home setting of students struggling with mental health.

We are so grateful for the Hub City Optimist Club and their generosity with our tech campaign in spring 2023 and for our welcome back bbq in September 2023. The support they provided at our bbq was \$1500 in food & supplies AND volunteers to cook and serve – what a gift!

1. **Opening Prayer** – Cristin Dorgan Lee
2. **Minutes from Last Meeting – June 6, 2023**  
Motion to Accept: Steph Penner  
Seconded: Andrea Willenborg

3. New Business – Overview of CSCC and roles

**At this point we are in need of individuals to step up for the roles of Vice Chair and Secretary.**

Tanya Clarke is willing to continue as treasurer.

Luanne Wiens is willing to continue as Chair but would like to step down from that role and be able to support a new Chair and Vice Chair as soon as possible before ending at St. V. in 2025.

4. **Principal's Report**

A. Introduction of the new staff

Grade 6/7 teacher is Ted Elash and Cristin Dorgan Lee is the new principal at St. V.

St. V. will be receiving 3.5 new EAs through Jordan's Principle. Cristin shared the background to Jordan's Principle – in brief it is a federally funded program that ensures First Nations children accessibility to the services and supports they need, when they need them.

B. Welcome Back BBQ

Over 500 family members attended.

It ran smoothly and was appreciated that the clean up happened quickly with parent and staff volunteers. So thankful that the Hub City Optimist Club provided the meal and the cooking with allowed staff to greet and welcome families.

C. Learning Improvement Plans

Staff have created faith, reading, and First Nations & Metis goals for the coming school year. Faith goals include a rosary club, parent prayer group and a focus on the teachings of St. Volodymyr. Reading goals include daily reading and the goal of students being at reading level by Grade 3. First Nations goals include Orange Shirt Day (Sept. 28). A walk will happen on this day and parents are welcome to participate.

D. Schools Win Twice – happening again this fall (dates to tbd)

E. Parent Engagement

Parents and guardians are invited and welcome to volunteer in the school and classrooms as needed. Those who volunteer are required to have a criminal record check. **Contact Jilene to receive the paperwork that is required for the criminal record check.**

Other ways for parents to be involved is through hot lunches run by classrooms, Wednesday prayer group every month. Parents are encouraged to be aware of what gets posted to Edsby for further ways to be involved at the school level.

F. Enrollment

We are very close (2 students) away from receiving another classroom teacher. When and if it happens there would be good communication with students and home to best make adjustments.

Current enrollment Gr. 1-8 is 289.

Current classrooms: 1,2,3,3/4,4/5,5,5/6,6/7,7/8,8

We are also 2 kindergarten registrations away from splitting the Kindergarten class. Current K enrollment is 24.

G. Staff retreat is Thursday, October 5 with a focus on the teachings of St. Volodymyr. There will be no school for students on this day.

H. Student retreat will be Wednesday, December 20 and will be led by Face 2 Face ministries.

## Friends of St. Volodymyr

### 1. Financial Report by Tanya Clarke

Current financial position is \$5289.72

Tanya shared profits from last school year and talked through past budget categories. The 2023/2024 Budget will look similar to last years with a few adjustments. The Grade 8 Farewell budget line will be removed; these expenses are now being covered by a Grade 8 fee. The Patrollers budget line will be removed as the program has been halted. These two budget lines will merge to have a Nutrition Program line with a budget of \$550.

### 2. Old Business

Debrief Welcome Back BBQ:

The event was well attended (around 515 in attendance).

Staff were able to connect well with families.

**Keep:** Students get a “ticket” each time they introduce their parent to a teacher or staff member. Tickets were placed in draw for one of four gift cards each valued at \$25.

**Ideas for next year:**

Move one of the food tables from the “library hallway” to the “staff washroom hallway”

Ideally have the event outside.

Have a power point running with information on each staff member or have the “get to know the staff” posters duplicated and have up for families to walk around to see.

### 3. New Business

#### a) Classroom Accounts

Motion: “For 14 classrooms to receive \$100/classroom as a way for The Friends of St. V. to support each teacher and classroom. This includes K, PreK, LAT, and the potential of a 14<sup>th</sup> classroom being added in the coming months.”

Motion: Stephanie Penner

Second: Dallas Pelley

#### b) Fundraising in 2023/2024

a. Schools Win Twice (SWT) – a great fundraiser by the GSCS Foundation that provides financial support for each GSCS school. This fundraiser is run on-line. Details have not been posted.

b. Gift card fundraiser through Avgen – we will have this be our fall fundraiser. Information will go home on October 2 and orders will be due back October 18. The specific goals for this fundraiser will be Classroom funds (\$1400) and support for the Nutrition Program.

c) Shelan Fournier shared about a group of friends that hold a fundraiser to raise money to support 8-10 families at Christmas time. This financial support could compliment the food hampers that St. V. gives at Christmas. These funds could allow for some gifts to be purchased in addition to the food. More planning/discussion to be had at a future meeting.

d) Shelan Fournier also shared about the potential idea of a massive Easter egg hunt in spring. Sounds like a wonderful community event – more discussion to be had in late winter to plan for this event.

e) Student Leadership Retreat – six grade 8 students will be attending a leadership retreat and require financial support.

Motion: “For the Friends of St. V. to provide \$210 to support six students to be able to attend a student leadership retreat.”

Motion: Stephanie Penner

Second: Shelan Fournier

4. Motion to Adjourn meeting

Made: Shelan Fournier

Next Meeting: Wednesday, October 18 @ 6:30pm in the library