

Principal's Report—December 13, 2018

1. Enrollment

205 students - 1 more international student coming in addition to the 2 int'l students coming in January we reported last month

2. Staff

- a. Staff have been getting their classes ready for the Christmas Musical, practicing their specific class songs along with the school song
- b. A really sweet gesture that has raised morale amongst staff is (a) staff member(s) calling themselves the "Advent Angel" and every day putting a gift in everyone's cubby in the staff room along with a scriptural/spiritual passage.
- b. I spoke candidly to all staff yesterday after school at an impromptu meeting after reading everyone's feedback for me on the CISVA Principal survey which recently closed, thanking them for their honest feedback and constructive criticism; shared a couple of my personal/professional goals with them and encouraged them to keep up their spirits

Pro-D

- a. Pro-D on November 23rd was well received by staff - Ms. Dostal & Mrs. Nejedly appreciated the opportunity to shadow another experienced classroom teacher of their respective grade level, and the rest of the staff enjoyed our mini-retreat and catch-up day.
- b. Next Pro-D will be the Catholic Educators Conference (CEC) at the Vancouver Convention Centre February 14-15

3. Students

- a. It is clear that most of the students are ready for Christmas Break! There are a lot of rambunctious little people in the school at this time, but we had a good Christmas Musical run-through today; there will be another couple practices before their 2 performances next Wednesday (Dec. 19)
- b. Grade 2 has been getting into the holiday spirit - decorated a tree at Coast Hotel in support of the Salvation Army and did their first Confession

4. School Community/Business

a. Uniform Survey results: responses have stopped rolling in now for a few weeks... after adding the write-in/email-in responses to the online Google Form tally, the results are summarized as follows:

Respondents: 84

Yes: 64

No: 20

The question is, did enough “Yes” votes come through to make us consider **adding** (while not removing) a new uniform piece? I sent out 3 separate emails reminding parents to respond, and was very clear that a non-response means you are happy with the status-quo... As Lesya Balsevich has stated in an email to both Rhonda and I, this decision rests with the PEC.

b. Thanks to Jenna, Fr. Wilfred, and Lorelei, we have begun interviewing additional EAs which will be covered by “Jordan’s Principle” funds. We have already begun receiving reimbursement/back-pay via direct deposit for our education assistants on staff who have been covering designated FN students for the first few months of the year; however, the denial of our elevator/lift funding application is being appealed

c. Finally, thank you for the time you took to fill out my principal’s survey; it is very heartening to read your words of affirmation and constructive feedback.

Respectfully Submitted,

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