

Saint Mary's Catholic School Community Council Meeting Minutes~February 2016

February 1, 2016 @ 6:30 pm	School Library	Attendees: Anthony Asturi, Sandra Bauer-Heinz, Susan Brown, Vicky Perentesis, Ron Rawlins, Cathy Vanclieaf, Cheri Webster, Catherine Zacal
Meeting Called by:	Sandra Bauer Heinz	Guest: Kim Newberry SMDHU
Minutes Taken by:	Anthony Asturi (typed by Cathy Vanclieaf)	Regrets Received: Greg Avdeeff, Sarah Caswell, Katie Rowe, Grace Urbanski

AGENDA TOPICS

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Cathy opened with "Prayer for Collaborative Contributors"

Approval of January Minutes

Motion to approve made by Sandra, seconded by Ron

Outstanding Action Items from Last Meeting

- Nordic Skis – *(Cheri)*
 - need for smaller size skis as there are students who want to participate who are being turned away
 - \$100 purchase of size 1 skis, boots and poles by V. Baumgart from parent - approved by council vote
 - \$72.26 purchase of wax for skis by A. Foxcroft - approved by council vote
- Funding for Skis from JumpStart –*(Lynda absent)*
- Uniform Order
 - Monica has ordered shorts & jerseys totaling \$951 + HST & shipping

Student's Report – *(Caleigh Wagland absent)*

Financial Report – *(Vicky)*

- Chocolate
 - Money owing from unsold chocolate that was returned World's Finest Chocolate not yet received
 - Sandra will contact
- Bank Reconciliation as of January 29 (showing May 29, 2015 – January 28, 2016)
 - Closing balance \$20 499,24

Committee Reports

- Social – *(Greg via email)*
 - Movie Night
 - Estimated 55-60 students attended with numerous parents
 - Sold \$165.50 of popcorn and juice at concession stand
 - Popcorn & juice boxes were \$201.34

- Cheri sold the rest of the popcorn during the week and the juice boxes will be saved and given to students during the Winter Family Fun Night
 - Winter Family Fun Night
 - Thursday February 18, 2016 ,6:00 pm – 7:30 pm
 - Will serve hot chocolate, mixed fruit and packaged cookies
 - Activities: Tobogganing, X-Country Skiing, Snowshoeing, Hockey
 - Helmets required for tobogganing and ball hockey
 - Will need nets for ball hockey
 - Use Cheri's wipe off board for ski/snowshoe sign-out
 - Will have two 45 minute shifts (6:00 pm – 6:45 and 6:45-7:30)
 - 1-2 at snack station
 - 1 at top of toboggan hill
 - 1 at ball hockey
 - 1 in field with snowshoeing/X-country skiing
 - 1 at equipment sign-out
 - 1 outside to help get equipment on and off
- Fundraising – (Katie – absent) update provided by Sandra)
 - Showcase May 3, 2016
 - Paired with BBQ and Book Fair during Catholic Education Week
 - Cathy to put "Save the Date" item in March newsletter
 - Cathy indicated Showcase discussed briefly with staff during February staff meeting
- Property – (Lynda absent)
 - No word on communication sign for front of school
- School-Family-Parish Partnership - (Cheri / Father John(absent))
(Cathy added "Family" to this category while typing up the minutes)
 - Family mass scheduled for February 7 to be coordinated by Victoria, Cheri and music by Richard Howard
 - Reminder note sent home with students this week
 - Concern re lack of parent support for this mass (i.e. assisting with organizing, bringing children to participate, etc.)

Council Objectives

- Board Action - Green Your School – (Cathy)
 - Stone has been delivered, large recycling bins, plants have all been delivered
 - items to be used in classroom (such as clipboard, pencils etc.) have all been delivered and are in a tote box to be
- Parent Communication Tool (Sandra)
 - Facebook
 - Set up by Sandra and Michelle Gardiner
 - Cathy to create profile and become an administrator so page can go public
 - Will put link on website and newsletter / email blast
- Playground – (Sandra)
 - Thank you note sent to Rolston Lumber by Cathy
 - Cathy will send notes to Katie and TD Bank (c/o Michelle Gardiner) for financial donations dating from September 2015
- Arts Enrichment – (Cheri)
 - Lizzie Robertson (dance student) will come to Saint Mary's on February 17&18 to run 40 minute dance lesson with all classes for fee of \$300 (Cheri)

- Family Health and Wellness Night – *Sandra*
 - Kim Newberry from SMDHU
 - will contact other SMDHU nurses re attendance at this event to run stations
 - interactive food station for healthy snacks with yogurt, muesli
 - substance abuse spin the wheel
 - will train students to run “Glitterbug” station
 - Alex the Alligator for younger students dental care
 - Possible head lice information?
 - Items for grab bag still under discussion
 - Catherine Zacal will provide dental quiz for families
 - Kim Newberry will try to source out some small toothbrushes, toothpaste

Chair Report – (*Sandra*)

- 2016-2017 Draft Calendar (added after agenda sent out)
 - discussion re placement of October PA day
 - Sandra will provide feedback to board
- Health & Safety Concerns from Parents
 - Head Lice
 - Discussion re TDSB relaxing stance re removal or suspension child from school when head lice detected
 - SMCDSB has not changed their policy which requires that student be removed from class, picked up and treated at home by parents
 - Cathy indicated that students are removed from class until they can be picked up and that funds have been given to parents in need in the past to assist with the purchase of the medicated shampoo
 - Wired Glass
 - Discussion around article brought to council by Susan Brown re concerns about wired glass in windows
 - Sandra will refer item to trustee, Carol Corriveau-Truchon to bring to attention of the school board

Principal Report – (*Cathy*)

- February’s Virtue is Love Mrs. Webster’s class will decorated the front bulletin board, provide virtue quotes for morning announcements for the month of February and will be organizing the school mass
- On Tuesday February 9, we will join together as a school community for our annual pancake lunch to celebrate Pancake Tuesday. This is traditionally cooked by our parents - volunteers needed to make pancakes, cook and serve them.
- During Lent, we will not be serving hot dogs on Fridays. This is to encourage all students and staff to observe the traditional “meatless” Fridays during this liturgical season and the pizza on Ash Wednesday (February 10, will be cheese only as this is also supposed to be a meatless day)
- There will be a school spirit day on February 19 called “Letter Day”
- Kindergarten registrations have begun so please spread the word!
- Winter electives are almost over again for another year – so far, we haven’t had to re-schedule and no one has broken or sprained anything
- Volleyball season is underway and students from all grades have been practicing daily for the X-Country ski races at Arrowhead this month
- The Knights of Columbus held their annual basketball Free Throw with three of our students moving on to the district level
- The drama club has been rehearsing faithfully towards performing “There’s a Monster In My Closet”. They will be holding two salad bar fundraising days on February 16 and February 18
- Gr. 7&8s will be going to Muskoka Woods on February 23-24 for a community of schools leadership camp with St. Peter the Apostle and Monsignor O’Leary – will participate in a number of teambuilding activities and renew friendships from the last camping event

- Public speaking at Saint Mary's will be on February 26 – still waiting to hear about when the Lion's Club school date is – Legion will have theirs on February 28
- Report cards will be sent home on February 22
- Received "Inspiring Your Child To Learn And Love Math" from the Council of Ontario Directors of Education – continuing parent engagement material – following up on "Building Healthy Relationships" that has been out for a few years now
- Also received scope and sequence charts for the new Health curriculum – have copies
- Victoria purchased one set of skis, boots, poles (size 1) second hand for \$100 and is hoping parent council will cover, and Andrew had to buy wax for our existing skis and is hoping parent council will cover
- Additional PA Day on April 8 – have put this info in newsletter for February and will do so for March and April as well

Meeting Adjourned at 8:15 pm

Next Meeting is Monday March 7, 2016 @ 6:30 pm in the library