

School Council | MINUTES

Meeting date | time 10/4/2016 6:30 PM | Meeting location Saint Mary - Huntsville

Meeting called by Sandra Bauer Heniz

Attendees

Cheri Webster, Catherine Vanclieaf, Greg Avdeeff, Jack Rowe, Trevor Saari, Grace Urbanski, Chantal Armstrong, Ron Rawlins, Anthony Asturi, Vicky Perentesis, Lynda Cranney

AGENDA TOPICS

- Cathy opened with a prayer of Thanksgiving.
- Sandra motioned to approve September minutes, Approved by Anthony Asturi and was seconded by Chantel Armstrong.

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
Cross Country Ski Equipment Application	Lynda Cranney	This month
Information gathering	Cheri Webster	This week
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• In order to make the request for equipment, we need to have student names, birthdates, sizes, gender and postal code.• Lynda to send Cheri the list of required sizes, Cheri to gather a list of information for the application.• Application will be forwarded by Lynda.		

Student Report: Jack Rowe

- Leadership group have not yet met this year.
- Sandra explained the role of the student representative
- Jack shared some wishes from his classmates for improvement of the school / outdoor area including: Tether ball pole for JI yard, more basketball, grass in the habitat to be mowed sot here is the outdoor classroom, more books in the library and classrooms, and more clubs (not sure what type of clubs), more smart boards for the classrooms, more gaga balls, cross country ski equipment, don't hear the bell so they want the bell angled more towards the yard.

Financial Report: Vicky Perentesis

- Not much activity from end of June until now. Closing balance @ October 3, 2016 - \$8,882.79. No hot dog sales have been added for June.
- Vicky asked about how to group events and allocate divisions of funds for the financial statement. Sandra said the fundraisers separate, group social events together.
- Vicky went through the last few minutes, For this year: communication sign - \$5000.00, Chocolate bar sales and prizes allocated \$200.00, Literacy night approved \$855.00., retaining wall?

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Social Committee: Greg Avdeeff

- Would like to do a movie night – Do we do a separate Junior and Intermediate movie? Suggest doing both at the same time. Suggest December – date to be determined later.
- Winter Fun Night – February – date to be determined later

Fundraising Committee: Katie Rowe (absent)

- Chocolate bar update: Cathy has deposited a few thousand dollars so far. Suggested an email blast reminder before Thanksgiving weekend to get your chocolate bars to sell at Thanksgiving.

Property Committee: Grace Urbanski

- Feedback from students – the new climbers are great, but they are a little small.
- Communication sign - in front of the little garden. Will not be piles of snow. Easy place to put and change the letters. School initial project has been entered to the board with volunteers to do the work to install. One sided sign. Will not block sightlines. Will be angled. New price will be investigated with installation. Mr. Scarlett will see about helping with jumping pit, retaining wall and sign.
- Anthony suggested that the benches near the ball diamond be repaired as the seats are in need of some repair – replace the wood.
- Discussion around the habitat and the need for trimming the grass. Sandra to send out an email asking for volunteers to help with the grass cutting. There was a suggestion to get wood chips from Tembec for the trail.

COUNCIL OBJECTIVES:

- **Brainstorming Tool** – will discuss at next meeting. All are invited to look at it and put in their ideas for items needed at the school. Sandra asked that staff be made aware of this. They have.
- **Purchase of Equipment** – A motion was put forth by Sandra to spend approximately \$300.00 towards the purchase of balls for outside. Cheri will provide a deck box to store the balls in outside. Cathy will purchase the balls.
- **Spot Light** – Anthony reported that a halogen spotlight runs approximately \$300 and an LED light around \$700. This decision will be deferred until a later month after council objectives can be solidified.
- **Literacy Night** – Catherine was absent, but Sandra reported that preparations are underway. Was able to reach out to literacy program. Amber is available for the 15th date. She has ordered a variety of books to take home. PHD student from North Bay was reached out to, will hear back. She reached out to the Georgian ECE program. She needs parent support – Sandra will do a make a bookmark craft. Lynda suggest reaching out to community services – Paramedic, Fire Station, OPP – read a related book. Need to promote event – perhaps a reading challenge, Students complete the reading challenge paper with them to enter. Staff to help encourage that program. Idea: Build the bookworm through the school – Each class will have a different colour of circle. When you read a book, you get a circle to write their name on.
- Sandra asked if council would be willing to sponsor a gift card for the door prize – Suggested dollar limit - \$100.00. All in attendance approved.

CHAIR REPORT: SANDRA BAUER-HEINZ

- CPIC – across the board, there was an enrolment spike. This is good for the board. They mentioned that there is a new focus of the history of the indigenous people. Intent is to build a better awareness of Canada's history. They are looking for new people to get involved. Cathy to send out the form to council. Deadline is soon. Sandra did ask about volunteerism and board policy. We want to encourage volunteers not be hampered by policies by the board.
- Commissioning – Board is on November 3rd. Bishop is coming to say Mass with a selection of breakout sections. It is at St. Joan of Arc in south of Barrie. Begins at 6:00. Exploring a webinar broadcast. Cathy to email Ab Falconi to express concerns about travel to the commissioning service.
- EQAO results were out. The one item of note is the math scores are still trending downward. We are showing some improvement in math, reading and writing. There was some discussion around what is happening at the school around improving math scores, etc; Suggested website is Stanford University: youcubed by Jo Boeler.
- Family Tree – update is needed. Need to encourage new pictures for the tree. May need to repair the trunk of it.
- Conflict with the next council meeting date. Date will be moved to Tuesday, November 8th.

PRINCIPAL REPORT: CATHERINE VANCLIEAF

- Reshuffle of classes went off without a hitch – very smooth transition of students, desk, chairs, textbooks, etc.
- First School Mass will be on October 18 at the school with Mrs. Baumgart's Gr. 6/7 class organizing the readings etc.
- Rosary Apostolate will be back at school beginning October 19
- Each month we will be focusing on one of the Catholic Graduate Expectations for a change from highlighting one of our Catholic virtues which we have done for the past three years now.
- Successful Terry Fox run - final total was just under \$1000 -students had beautiful weather and were excited to participate once again; new offering as incentive prizes was activity time (ie basketball time, card game time, etc.)
- SMH School Community BBQ was very well attended – Knights did an outstanding job again - we broke even which was fine – not a money maker
- Kindergarten playground back up and running and new equipment was installed last week in the main playground
- Canadian author Michael Wade will be visiting SMH tomorrow (Tuesday) and meet with students in Gr. 3-6 in the library
- Bus evacuation drills will be occurring at the end of next week – these will be conducted in the Bethel Pentecostal church parking lot while buses are doing the morning drop off
- Next week is Fire Prevention week so we expect a surprise visit from the fire department to see how fast and efficiently we vacate the building
- Science North will be at Saint Mary's on October 24 to have students participate in various workshops throughout the day
- This year for Halloween we will be having a parade through the school and meet in the gym for Students may dress up or elect to wear orange & black

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m. Next meeting date is Tuesday, November 8th.