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Saint Mary's School Council Meeting #1

October 3, 2022 6:00 pm

Participants: Barb Heeneman, Ally Matson, Nicole McGrath, Cheri Webster, Angela Feltis, Sonya Martins, Gary Martins, Jen Balceiro

Regrets: Gloria Lovo

Please read: [School Liability Insurance](#)

Please bring: n/a

	Agenda Items	Action
1	Welcome & Opening Prayer	B. Heeneman
2	Approval of Minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> June 2021 CSCC chair Soccer Quote Approval 	Motion to approve the minutes - Cheri Second - Ange Minutes approved
3	Review Agenda: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> approve agenda 	Motion to approve the agenda - Sonya Second - Jen Agenda approved
4	Parent Council Elections/Appointments <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chair Vice-Chair Secretary Treasurer Committees <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Social Fundraising Parish Property 	Results: Co-Chairs: Sonya Martins & Jen Balceiro Motion to approve - Ange Second - Ally Secretary: Nicole McGrath Motion to approve - Ally Second - Jen Treasurer: Open Re-Cap on committees -No Council for 2 years -Fall School Fundraiser Spirit Wear with goal to purchase benches in the peace garden (1-2 or materials to build) -Repairs to be made asap to baseball diamond fencing -Quotes to be obtained for fencing B.H. before ground freezes or schedule for spring. Available CSCC funds will be used for repair.
5	Principal Report	See Below
6	Financial Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opening Balance Fundraising Plan 	Opening Balance (see page 4) Swing Repair Nov 5/21 Playground JK/SK Climber repair Aug 29/22 Fundraising plan: World's Finest Chocolates (call for pricing) B.H Timing to launch Nov 16. Families to pre-order the number of boxes via School-Day Pick up chocolate bar boxes on parent teacher night Nov. 17 & 18 Incentives for the students (Baskets to be showcased in display case)
7	Chair Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Future Expenditures School Liability Insurance 	Motion to purchase School Liability Insurance was defeated. Members unanimous to not purchase.

9	Adjournment	7:00 pm Emails and Contacts approved to share
10	Closing Prayer	B. Heeneman

Next Meeting: # 2 - Monday November 28 @ 6:00 pm

Meeting # 3 - Monday February 6, 2023 @ 6:00pm

Meeting #4 - Monday April 3, 2023 @ 6:00 pm

Meeting # 5 - Monday May 29, 2023 @ 6:00 pm

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Principal's Report:

Enrollment:

- Our current enrollment is 205.
- We have a total of 9 classrooms.

Board Theme "*Stronger. Better. Together*":

- Every year, our Board chooses a spiritual theme. This year, we are continuing to reflect on the theme of "**Stronger. Better. Together**"—and we will look at it from some new angles that highlight important aspects of our Board's work.
- It was developed in conversation with our board's Pastoral Team members.
- At the heart of this logo, there are three key elements:
A stylized heart: symbolizing love (our love for God, God's love for us, and the love we are called to have for others, and for all God's creatures);
- A **hand**, reaching out to embrace and support that heart ... symbolizing how our love is anchored in relationships, where we help each other to love and serve;
- The heart is surmounted by a **cross**, symbolizing that the love we try to live out each day in the life of our school board is grounded in, inspired and guided by, our Christian faith in Jesus. We try to act in ways that honor Jesus and his teachings, so as to be leaven in our communities, and in our larger society.
- The colours remind us of creation (green and orange, symbolizing the land, and blue, symbolizing the water). Green is a colour of growth and hope; blue is a colour associated with the sky (and thus with heaven); orange is a colour that has become closely linked to the bitter experiences of residential school survivors, and to efforts toward truth, healing and reconciliation (September 30, which has been observed for many years across Canada as "Orange Shirt Day," is now formally commemorated as the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation).

School Events:

- Truth and Reconciliation Week was honored September 26 - 30. The culmination of the week was Orange Shirt day. We thank Mrs. Baumgart our librarian for creating a beautiful display in our library accompanied by selected books to support our learning.
- Open House and Book Fair was a success. It was wonderful to welcome families into the school. New this year, the Book Fair is also running in a virtual format for those who could not attend. This helps to support our literacy goals. Staff we also fed a pizza dinner. Spirit Wear Fundraiser. Our goal is to purchase benches for the Peace garden.
- The school is participating in the Annual Terry Fox fundraiser. We are having a Terry Fox event at our school on Friday October 14. We will have a school spirit day on that Friday - everyone is encouraged to wear red, white or their Terry Fox t-shirts if they have one. We thank Ms. Payne for organizing this event.
- School Photos are scheduled for this Thursday, October 6, 2022.

- Our liturgy was celebrated last Tuesday September 27 with Father Paul. It was wonderful to gather for mass. We thank Mrs. Caradonna and her 7/8 class for organizing our opening celebration. Our next celebration will be prepared by Mrs. Shisko's 1/2 class on October 11.

Staffing Update:

- We have hired our permanent 6/7 teacher. Welcome to Mrs. Kristen Lewin who will be in place as of Thursday, October 6. She brings a wealth of knowledge and experience and is coming from our sister school Monsignor Michael O'Leary. We thank Ms Julia McKnight, our interim teacher who has worked very hard these past few weeks to create a dynamic learning environment. We wish her well on her future teaching assignments.

Playground:

- Thank you to the CSCC for our soccer posts. They were installed on September 10 of 2021 and we continue to enjoy them daily.
- We are thankful to Perry and Sons Transportation, Hutcheson Sand & Gravel and Perry and Sons Garage for the donation of 3 loads of sand. Special thanks to Josh Perry for delivering and spreading the sand for our school to enjoy. A huge thank you to Jill Perry for organizing this generous donation!
- Our baseball backstop is in need of repair. Funds raised by our CSCC have been used for playground repairs and improvements. Current funds will be used to repair the baseball backstop.
- Mrs. Shisko has set up a book walk in our outdoor classroom. The book entitled "If You Give A Mouse A Cookie" and resources are on loan to us from the Huntsville Public Library.

School Day:

- Milk and pizza will be in place after Thanksgiving.
- Parents are asked to please complete the permission forms that have been opened in SchoolDay by October 6.

Student Verification Forms:

- Each child was sent home with their personalized verification form. Families are asked to verify and update any information required by Friday, October 7, 2022.

Upcoming P.A. Days:

- There is a Ministry of Education mandated P.A. Day scheduled for Monday October 24, 2022.
- There is also a board P.A. Friday November 18, 2022 scheduled for Parent/Teacher Conferences.
- There are no classes for students on P.A. Days, please help to share this information.

Sacramental Preparation Sessions at St. Mary the Assumption

- Parent Information was sent out in Messenger. Father has pre-recorded the information session that families are encouraged to watch. The catechists running the program are Cheri Webster and Tracy Shisko. Reconciliation will take place Sunday October 23 at 2:00 pm and First Holy Communion will take place on Sunday, April 30, 2023 at 2:00 pm.

Athletics/Co-curricular/Clubs:

- Mr. Foxcroft and Mrs. Baumgart are coaching both girls and boys basketball.
- Mrs. Baumgart and Mrs. Webster are organizing and coaching our Cross Country team. October 13 is the area meet.
- YWCA is offering Girlz Unplugged. This is a 12 week session that is facilitated by the YWCA for girls in grades 7 and 8 this year. We have 9 participants enrolled.