

School council minutes
Date: October 1, 2018 6:34 pm
Saint Mary School- Huntsville
Note taker: Ellen Cowden
Facilitator: Sandra Bauer- Heinz

Attendees: Barbara Heeneman, Sandra Bauer-Heinz, Greg Avdeef, Vicky Perentesis, Katie Rowe, Ellen Cowden, Cheri Webster, Ron Rawlins

Welcome and Prayer: Barbara Heeneman

Approval of previous minutes: 1st Sandra, 2nd Vicky – amend September minutes to include Barbara contacting the church to look for volunteers for food program

Outstanding Action Items from previous meetings: still need to send info to church looking for volunteers for the food programs at school.

Students report: Barbara to look into leadership team and will be determined next month if this will continue

Financial report from Vicky Perentesis: \$4530 committed funds, \$5686.98
Playground wall cheque was cashed, robotics on credit card
Outstanding items – note will go to Chris for receipts from last year for property repairs

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Will leave to address next meeting and talk about if the committees are required given the numbers on parent council

Social – discussed having a movie night in December – an easy event, little to organize

Fundraising – parent and teacher feedback has been great about the new fundraiser however the kids are not fond of it. Reminders are going out in October newsletter and on announcements. Barbara has offered to do something for incentive for the kids – kiss a pig – have to have 650 bundles for her to do so. Email and Facebook reminder to go out before Thanksgiving weekend as the forms are due next Tuesday.

Fundraising report has to be in by the end of the month to the school board – can only have 3 major fundraisers per school year – need to direct where funds are going to be going
Discussion of spaghetti dinner during Catholic Education week in May with a book fair – 2 sittings, ticket sales, silent auction

Property: call for volunteers, outdoor crew

Council Objectives:

PROGrant –Sandra to send a follow up to see if there was approval –have not heard if there has been approval yet. If we have not heard by the next meeting we will not be able to commit to November 27 for our technology night

Staff Wishlist- \$5965.00
\$150 for chords – voted and approved

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\$5000 for yard work and improvements such as goal posts, fence, baseball diamonds –voted and approved

\$900 left for smaller ticket items such as balls, buckets

Removing swings, chrome books at this time from the list

Improv group – funds have already been earmarked for arts enrichments

Discussion about bean stock show for younger grades

Seeds and soil in the spring

Outdoor equipment –balls etc \$400 voted and approved

Sand for the sand boxes - \$200 voted and approved – Ellen to look into dump trailer to cut down on costs

Other parent objectives- special education awareness – a parent feels that there are gaps – it is beyond the school and should be directed to the school trustee – this is not something that the parent council can engage in at this time

Chair Report from Sandra Bauer-Heinz:

Volunteer recruitment– discussion of creating events on Facebook as reminders for parents such as the parent council meetings to encourage more parents to come out. Parent council will continue to have a table out at school events such as parent teacher interviews, concerts and events. An email will go out with specific dates needed for breakfast program. In terms of offering child care for parent council meetings it was decided against that.

CPIC – elections and having more parent/board involvement – none of parent council present are able to commit to this at this time

Board insurance- extra insurance for parent council declined as the insurance that is under the school through the school board is sufficient enough. Parent council does not do any events off the school site to require the extra insurance.

Review of EQAO results provided from Barbara Heeneman.

Principal report from Barbara Heeneman:

Our enrollment is currently at 211.

Staffing:

- Welcome to Mrs. (Bianchi) Micks who is joining Saint Mary's this week in her .5 permanent position. Her timetable includes SERT time and Preparation Time Coverage.

School Events:

- Community BBQ and Scholastic Book Fair held on September 20 was very successful. We had a very good turn out despite the inclement weather. Our intermediate division "Minute to Win It" games raised \$331 to support their fundraising efforts for their Muskoka Woods day trip. We are thankful to Grant Mantha and the Knights for

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once again cooking the delicious food. Our Scholastic Book fair was also very successful – sales were approximately \$2400 profits will be used to buy books for the library.

- The school participated in the Annual Terry Fox fundraiser on September 25. Staff incentive prizes to encourage fundraising efforts will be drawn this Friday at assembly. Thank you Ms. Payne and her team of students for organizing this event.
- Photo Retake Day is on Tuesday October 30, 2018
- Grade 4 & 5 students attended the Race Against Drugs Event that was held on September 25 at the Bracebridge Fairgrounds.
- Our Cross-Country team did exceptionally well at their meet on September 27. We thank their coaches Mrs. Webster and Mrs. Baumgart. Thank you also to Mr. Foxcroft for also supervising on the day of the meet.
- Our Thanksgiving Mass is being held this Thursday in our gymnasium with Father Serceley. We thank Mrs. Shisko and Mrs. Godard for their leadership in organizing the Mass.
- Science North is coming to our school on October 12 to do some coding and robotics with our grades 4/5 – 7/8. This outreach day is being fully funded by the Canadian Government's CanCode Program (value of \$1017).

EQAO:

- Individual EQAO results will be sent home this week with students who wrote the assessment last May/June.
- Print out of results provided and discussion. Grade 3 & 6 results and report card data will be a focus in our school improvement plan as we analyze the data and determine needs.
- Our October P.A. day will have a focus on our numeracy goals and school strategy.

Upcoming P.A. Days:

- Our October P.A. Day is scheduled for Friday October 26, 2018.
- Friday November 23, 2018 is scheduled for Parent/Teacher Conferences. There are no classes for students on either day, please help to share this information.

St. Dominic Visits:

- Student services will be visiting on Friday October 5th with our grade 7 and 8 students.

Special Education:

- Individual Education Plans (IEPs) will be sent home on October 15.

Parent Reaching Out Grant:

- Our CSCC Chair applied for the grant with a focus on technology by the deadline last June, but we have not received any information from the Ministry at this time.

Athletics/Co-curricular/Clubs:

- Basketball for Intermediate Boys and Girls is underway. Thank you to Mrs. Godard and Mr. Foxcroft for coaching. Their first tournament will be held in the afternoon on October 19.
- Green Team is up and running. Thanks to Mrs. Baumgart and her green team members for the great announcements and running the depot so efficiently.

Fundraising Plan

- Discussion regarding CSCC spring fundraiser.

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