

School council minutes
Date: September 17, 2018
Saint Mary School- Huntsville
Note taker: Ellen Cowden
Facilitator: Sandra Bauer Heinz

Attendees: Katie Rowe, Ron Rawlins, Sandra Bauer Heinz, Barbara Heeneman, Ellen Cowden, Greg Avdeeff, Trevor Saari, Cheri Webster, Vicky Perentesis

Welcome and Prayer: Barbara Heeneman

Approval of previous minutes: Katie 1st, Sandra 2nd

Outstanding Action Items from previous meetings: committed funds from June 2018

Financial report from Vicky Perentesis: Vicky to send Lorna an email – based on June statements \$10,494.35 in the account. –receipts from Cheri for the playwall –committed funds for music and art enrichment for fall – looking for staff input on where funds should go \$4330 is committed funds and not withdrawn so have around \$6000 to work with

New elections: chair –Sandra Bauer Heinz, vice chair- Katie Rowe, Treasurer –Vicky Perentesis, Secretary- Ellen Cowden, teacher rep –Cheri Webster

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Fundraising: label to be made up for Tuesday Oct 9 as deadline for Fresh from Farm, send in on October 15. Katie to complete letter to attach to fundraising form – prizes will be pizza party for top class in fundraiser

Barb to post for volunteers for food programs at the church/in the bulletin

Council objectives:

ProGrant – application has been sent in for technology night we should hear some time in September as to whether it will be accepted or not. Looking at the event to be November 27 from 6-7:30

Property- outdoor classroom is being used – need volunteer crews to help with the grass around the swings, fresh sand, soccer nets

Robotics – registering a team is \$200- one time fee for which you receive a name and license plate for the robot. There are three competitions in our area this year – approval given for \$200 for robotics club fee

Lunch and breakfast program volunteers are needed – if this does not happen the program is at risk of ending – look at having a table at the school BBQ to hopefully recruit new people

Principal report from Barbara Heeneman:

Our enrollment is currently at 211.

Board Theme “*Called To Be Our Story*”:

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Every year, our Board chooses a spiritual theme. For the 2018-2019 school year, our theme is "Called To Be Our Story".

In our world today, it is not enough to just hear about Jesus; we must also live his story every day through our actions and the choices we make. We can talk about God's love, mercy and care, but what can we do to put his words into practice so that it is more than just a story? This year's theme challenges us to be that story – to take what we hear and what we learn and make it a way of life.

Our Christian story becomes more convincing and meaningful when we ourselves demonstrate love, generosity, forgiveness, prayer and honesty. When we let Jesus' example transform us, our lives become the message we proclaim. Being that story is what we are called to do as baptized Christians, each and every day.

Superintendent of Schools:

- Welcome to Mr. Lonnie Bolton whose portfolio has changed from Secondary Superintendent of Schools to Elementary Superintendent of Schools.

Staffing:

Our school has been allocated an extra non-classroom B Day teacher. Their timetable will include SERT time and Preparation Time Coverage.

Elementary Guidance Teachers have been hired in the board to support for Grade 7 & 8 students. Ms. Laurie Mask, has been assigned to Saint Mary's will be working with our Grade 7 and 8 students this school year. She will be focusing on Career and Individual Pathway Planning, as well as supporting the important transition from elementary to secondary school.

Progress Reports:

Progress Reports for Saint Mary's, Monsignor Michael O'Leary and St. Peter the Apostle will be sent home on Wednesday November 21, 2018. Our scheduled evening for Parent/Teacher Conferences is Thursday November 22, 2018 in the evening and on the Friday November 23, 2018 P.A. Day. Please note that our dates differ from the rest of SMCDSB.

School Events:

Community BBQ and Scholastic Book Fair is on September 20 from 4:30 pm – 6:30 pm. We are thankful that the Knights of Columbus are cooking for us that evening. Our intermediate division will host "Minute to Win It" games to support their fundraising efforts for their Muskoka Woods day trip. The planning cycle is to organize the overnight trip on alternate years.

The school is participating in the Annual Terry Fox fundraiser on September 25 during the last block of the day (1:45 – 3:05). Staff are once again giving incentive prizes to encourage fundraising efforts. Thank you Ms. Payne for organizing this event.

School Photo Day is on Wednesday September 26, 2018 (Re-takes October 30)

Our Opening Mass was held last Thursday in our gymnasium with Father Serceley. We thank Mrs. Baumgart for her leadership in organizing the Mass. We are following the "Requisites for the Celebration of Mass" from the Diocese of Peterborough.

Upcoming P.A. Days:

Our P.A. Day is scheduled for Friday September 28. A copy of our Agenda is posted on the office door and has also been shared with our CSCC Chair. Our October P.A. Day is scheduled for Friday October 26,

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2018 – more details will be forthcoming. 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.

Playground Inspection:

- Exposed weed mat and grass encroaching in the primary yard swing area.

Electronic Newsletters

Our September newsletter was sent in hard copy to all families. It indicated that all other newsletters will be sent electronically and provided instructions for signing up. We are encouraging families to sign up to our e-newsletter and e-blast. If a family still requires a hard copy we asked that they kindly notify the office.

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:

Mrs. Baumgart & Mrs. Webster have been practicing with the cross-country team. They look forward to their meet on September 27 at Hoya Hills

Basketball try-outs for Boys and Girls started this week. Thank you to Mrs. Godard and Mr. Foxcroft for coaching.