

School council minutes
Date: April 9, 2018
Saint Mary School- Huntsville

Note taker: Ellen Cowden
Facilitator: Sandra Bauer Heinz

Attendees: Katie Rowe, Greg Avdeeff, Ron Rawlins, Ellen Cowden, Barbara Heeneman, Sandra Bauer Heinz, Vicky Perentesis, Jeanie Fuscaldo, Chantelle Armstrong, Chris Maw, Cheri Webster

Welcome and prayer: Barbara Heeneman

Approval of previous minutes: approval from Sandra, second from Katie

Outstanding action items from previous minutes:

- Ball cages- ordered, have arrived and are being used
- Soccer nets – leaving for now
- Discussion of daycare – May 1st construction to start this will be an item added to the May agenda

Student report: nothing at this time

Financial report from Vicky Perentesis:

\$10,727.00 balance

Have some reimbursements to adjust balance from ball carts, robots, ski boxes and parking barriers

Keeping playground wall, property improvements, Muskoka Improv Group and Oliver as committed funds not yet completed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Social from Greg Avdeeff/Chantelle Armstrong:

Nothing from social at this time

Fundraising:

Fundraising night at Family Place Restaurant was successful raised \$432.32 compared to \$187 at Kelseys last year. Everyone enjoyed the local restaurant they honored everyone who came in that night and kept the fundraiser until 9 pm.

Discussion at May meeting to discuss fundraisers for next year to start the process.

Property from Chris Maw:

Barb spoke with the Board regarding snow removal next year. Chris provided receipts from previous improvements. Would like to do the benches and goal posts next. Cheri will check the soccer nets. Baseball diamonds have exposed concrete need to fix this area as well

School/parish partnership from Catherine Zacal: Catherine unable to attend.

Pediculosis prevention from Jeanie Fuscaldo: planning to do another check in the spring.

Council objectives:

Financial literacy night – invitation to be sent to Carol and Cathy, shipment of toy money ordered through funds. Royal Bank as well as TD are confirmed to attend.

Enrichment opportunities: Muskoka stage works information was sent to Barb and all teachers are

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on board for this group to come in. They will come on May 3 and have different workshops for different age groups. Cost to be less than \$650.00

Chair report from Sandra Bauer Heinz:

PRO Grant application for next year discussion started re possible robotics night, technology night/online safety tabled for May meeting

Principal's Report: Our enrollment is at 203.

Thank you CSCC:

* Thank you to the CSCC for organizing the Family Place Fundraiser. A cheque for \$432.32 was received today.

* Thank you also to CSCC for the "Oliver" play subsidy \$5.00 for grades 3/4 – 6. Students are looking forward to attending the Algonquin Theatre on April 19 and we thank Mrs. Smith for organizing this wonderful opportunity.

* Thank for our new ball carts. They have arrived and are in place.

* Thank for our new Robots. Name the robot competition was presented at assembly last week.

Updates:

* Our Leadership team did a great job with our Winter Activity day that took place March 6. It was a great day for all!

* Winter Wonderland Dance held on Wednesday March 7 was a success. Thank you to Mrs. Claer for organizing the event and all the staff and parents who help supervise.

* Congratulations to our Mathletes and coach Baumgart. Both teams did a fantastic job on March 8 and 20th respectively. Congratulations to Jack R for winning the Ken Ken Challenge and to our Junior Mathletes for winning second place overall.

* Thank you to Mr. Foxcroft for coaching our hockey team. We appreciate all of the help from parents driving to the Bobby Orr Community centre in Parry Sound on March 29th.

* Holy Thursday – Hunger Meal was superb. We are thankful to Mrs. VanCleaf for helping cook the rice.

* Mr. Gravel took grades 4/5 – 8 to see Gregg LeRock at the Orillia Opera House on April 5.

Bravo!

* The Anti-Bullying NED Show is scheduled April 11 in the morning.

School Events:

* Our Green team has planned Earth Week activities April 16 - 20. Information will be sent out via e-blast and hard copies for those who have requested them. We will be starting off the week by inviting students to wear blue or green on April 16.

* April 12 – Students are invited to wear also Jersey.

- CSCC Common Cents Financial Literacy Event

* April 18 – District of Muskoka is hosting "Ready for Kindergarten" event from 4:00 – 7:00 pm at Saint Mary's.

* April 20 – Jump Rope for Heart Assembly. Event date is May 14

* April 26 – Badminton Tournaments. Juniors @ Riverside, Intermediates @ HHS

* April 27 – P.A. Day. Focus on Mental Health and Catholic Education Week

* May 1 – Mass @ 10:45 am in our gymnasium (Gr. 1/2 Bond responsible)

* May 8 – Race of the Readers

* - Spring BBQ & Scholastic Book Fair is tentatively scheduled

* May 9 – Spirit of Youth Awards Breakfast @ DOM 9:30 – 10:30 am

* May 10 – Intermediates @ DOM for Provincial Mass 10:00 – 11:30 am

Badminton:

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- Thank you to Mrs. Shisko and Mrs. Park for coaching our badminton teams. We wish them the best of luck at their tournament.

Construction Update:

- Construction for new Day Care addition will not start until after May. Details will be shared as received.

Primary Enrichment Activity:

* Teachers open to May 3 Drama day provided it is fully facilitated. Primary teachers are willing to read the story (assuming it is provided). Teachers requested that these opportunities would be ideal earlier in the year.

Ipad Update:

* Board is looking refresh cycles. No decision has been made but there is a possibility of extending the lease on iPads.

Balance Day:

* Beginning September 2018, our school day will change to a Balance School Day. The Balanced Day schedule divides the school day into three significant learning blocks: 120 minutes, 100 minutes and 80 minutes. Two longer nutrition and activity breaks are provided; one in the morning and one in the afternoon. Nutrition breaks provide 20 minutes for eating and 20 minutes for activity. The rationale behind the Balanced School Day is that it will improve academic achievement by increasing time on-task in the classroom setting. The benefits of the Balanced School Day are three-fold: academic, nutrition and physical activity.

Academic:

- More instruction and exploration time with less interruption allows teaching and learning to occur at an optimum level.

Nutrition:

- Research indicates that children need frequent food breaks during the day, this schedule provides two opportunities for students to consume nutritious food rather than eating on the run at recess.

- Students who are nutritionally satisfied can concentrate better and more effectively.

Physical Activity:

- Allows students 2 opportunities of 20 minutes of uninterrupted play each day.

- Quality exercise time energizes students, helps them to concentrate on school work and promotes a healthy lifestyle.

Beginning September 2018, our school day schedule will be divided as follows:

Entry Bell

Learning Block #1 (120 min)

Nutrition Break #1(Students eat 20 min)

Morning Recess (Students outside 20 min)

Learning Block #2 (100 min)

Nutrition Break #2(Students eat 20 min)

Afternoon Recess (Students outside 20 min)

Learning Block #3 (80 min)

Dismissal Bell

Adjourned at 8:15 pm