

School council minutes

Date: December 3 , 2018 6:30 pm

Saint Mary School- Huntsville

Note taker: Ellen Cowden

Facilitator: Katie Rowe

Attendees: Barbara Heeneman, Greg Avdeef, Vicky Perentesis, Katie Rowe, Ellen Cowden, Cheri Webster, Mark Urbanski, Ron Rawlins, Trevor Saari

Welcome and Prayer: Barbara Heeneman

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

Outstanding Action Items from previous meetings: see other items in committee/objectives below

Students report: nothing at this time

Financial report from Vicky Perentesis:

\$12,355.90

Discrepancy

Glow sticks to be removed from committed funds

Muskoka Improv \$500-600 but will get back to Katie with a quote. Look at this taking place the week of May 10 –voted and approved

Drumming \$400 February 20 or week after – voted and approved

Adapter was used today and was \$30-40 from Long and McQuaid

Outdoor equipment was ordered and received for an amount under \$400

Sand will be on hold until the spring

\$3400 available funds

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Fundraising: 550 lbs of vegetables and fruit that were donated. St. Vincent De Paul would like a bit more advance notice. Next year look at doing incentives for the kids, advertise the donation factor more as well.

Family place fundraising again in March/April/ May

Katie to look into meat fundraiser again

Property: Katie reached out to Chris but did not hear back

Social: discussion of movie night put on hold

School/parish partnership: great mass today at school

Pediculosis prevention: no checks so far this year but there is still a volunteer list

Council Objectives:

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Science North: did not get a chance to hear back. Katie emailed Science North on Friday and has not hear back to see if they would be willing to do an evening program again similar to last years. They are coming on April 4

Arts enrichment- discussion earlier – voted and approved for both drumming and Muskoka Improv

Chair Report from Katie Rowe:

Volunteer Recruitment: lots of volunteers for breakfast club however hot lunch program will be changing based on the new regulations around food handling

Principal report from Barbara Heeneman:

Our enrollment is currently at 205.

Thank you to CSCC for donating over 550 pounds of fruits and vegetables from the Fresh from the Farm fundraiser.

Staffing Changes:

Kim Wilson who is currently on leave is retiring. We thank Mrs. Nikolova for doing a wonderful job in the long-term occasional position.

Congratulations to Mr. Foxcroft and his family as they are about to embark on their exchange to Australia for a year. We welcome his teaching exchange partner Mrs. Kathryn Hill and her family. Mrs. Hill will be teaching the 4/5 class effective January 7, 2019.

School Events:

* Our Advent Mass was held today in our gymnasium with Father Serceley. We thank Mrs. Webster and her class for their leadership in organizing the Mass.

* St. Dominic is having their 7/8 Parent Information Night on Wednesday December 5 at 6:00 pm. Parents are encouraged to attend with their children.

* The next Gr. 7/8 transition activity is scheduled for Friday December 7, 2019 where our 7/8s will get to experience the specialty areas at St. Dominic.

* Our Annual Food drive is underway. Thank you to Mrs. Webster and her class for taking the lead on this. The last day the Knights of Columbus will put up the food is on December 19.

* Mrs. Bunker and her 7/8 class are responsible for the hat/mitten tree. We are encouraging families to bring in items for donation.

* Our Christmas Concert is scheduled for the evening of December 13, 2018 (inclement weather date is December 18). We will be putting out the parking barriers to help keep the fire lane clear. Parents are asked to park in designated areas only and to keep the fire hydrant clear on Hunter's Bay Road

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Hot Lunch: Pizza

- Our pizza provider has changed to Pizza Pizza as they are on the approved vendor's list and are able to ensure delivery for our first nutrition break.

Library Learning Commons:

* Mr. Gravel visited St. Michael the Archangel School in Barrie to see how they have set up their Learning Commons

* Discussion on the changes to the space (e.g., robotics area)

Winter Electives

- Winter electives are being scheduled for January and February. Details to come home shortly.

Health Regulation (O. Reg 493/17):

* There are changes to the Food Premises Regulation (O. Reg 493/17) and schools have been directed to make changes at the school level to our food programs across the board. Schools are not to participate in food programs that require a certified food handler effective January 1, 2019 until further notice. Specifically for Saint Mary's this means that we can no longer prepare food in the school. Unfortunately, the CSCC Hot Dogs program will not be able to continue as of January 1/19.

* This regulation also affects our School Nutrition Programs. We can offer whole fruit and individually pre-packaged foods (i.e. yogurt, cheese strings, fruit cups, granola bars etc).

* The school will also have to work with the SMDHU with regards to BBQs or special event dinner as specific facilities, a Certified Food Handler on site a Special Events

Permit Application to the SMDHU are requirements. The work around would be to get the event catered.

* Schools are able to continue with our pizza orders, as this is a catered lunch program with an approved vendor.

* It is unclear at this time how the SMDHU will enforce the regulation exactly. Results from their inspections will be posted for public access.

Athletics/Co-curricular/Clubs:

* Leadership is up and running thanks to Mrs. Bunker.

* 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.

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* Robotics Club is up and running. We thank Mrs. Webster for being our coach. First competition is this weekend.