School Council | MINUTES

Meeting called by	Sandra Bauer-Heinz	**Attendees**
Type of meeting	School Council	Ab Falconi (Superintendent), Carol Corriveau-Truchon, Cheri Webster, Catherine Vanclieaf, Greg Avdeeff, Sandra Bauer-Heinz, Ron Rawlins, Catherine Zacal, Chantelle Armstrong
Note taker	Cheri Webster	

WELCOME AND PRAYER

AGENDA TOPICS

Agenda topic *Guest Speaker – Mr. Ab Falconi* | Presenter *Ab Falconi*

Questions were given to Mr. Falconi ahead of time and he had prepared a powerpoint presentation which he used to direct discussion of the following questions:

Question: Will there be plans in next years budget for computers? We don't have enough for a full class and many are very old and not working well. We no longer have a complete class set of "functioning" laptops. What is the board policy for replacing old broken computer equipment? (Apple computers were purchased because of the requisite support, how can we get "support" for the broken key pads?)

- Currently working on a budget for next year
- Pedagogically we do not support full class set of technology – decided not for 1:1 model, methodology for teaching is for students to work together and collaborate.
- Google docs is used for entire system. Every kid has an account so they can work on it real time together, collaborate together. Purpose is more towards inquiry based learning. We need a balanced in the approach to the use of technology. Engage and transform is not meant as a technology initiative, it was an inquiry-based learning initiative– pedagogy first, technology supports it. Aspire to 3:1 ration kid:device.
- For those doing individual projects such as speeches, teachers can use a rotating system for the devices.
- Computer repairs are requested through Help Desk system – put a ticket in and computer department – for the white ones, they are end of life and will not be replaced.
- Hoping can work towards Phase two next year – Engage and transform

Question: - What was the outcome of the Junior technology pilot run last year that provided a class set of ipads? Will there be additional ipads provided to other classes? (desire for a couple per class or another set to rotate around)

- Ratio was 3:1. Phase 2 was chromebooks in 3:1 ratio in the intermediate. Feedback grade 7/8 is that chromebooks are better used for older kids. Ipads are better for coding. Need to strike the balance with the chromebooks and ipads. Looking in the budget to see.
- No longer a pilot, it is a roll out in the junior division. Provided teachers with a laptop in phase one. Professional development for teachers in junior division so they can use in math and religion curriculum.

3-5 year to change the cycle, the budget will not allow, 5/6 year refresh rate. Ipads are on a lease cycle. Part of the refresh strategy is for the lease of the equipment. When lease is finished, will get new replacements.

- Board did have to pause for a year, not so much for technology, but also for the professional development. Should be on track to roll out phase two next year.
- What does phase two look like for a school like St. Mary – 3:1 per child. Vision was that it will be additional, not take a look at what is already in the school. Device cost is small, the large cost is the professional development. Decision has not been made on if this will continue, have to look a the budget and see if this philosophy will continue.
- Concern was brought up that council has put money towards technology that could be better spent in other areas.

*Question: Our board has opened a couple of new schools in the last couple of years, implying brand new technology in large quantities. How is the budgeting and technology inventory being balanced to ensure that older schools are still allocated computer funding for computer replacement and regeneration compared to a brand new school supply*Perception that new school gets more is not true. They are allocated the same amount as all other schools. Any school that has more was from other fundraising initiatives.

- Mr. Falconi spoke about his experience as principal opening a new school.

- Intermediate roll out is next (phase 2), so that use of technology carries through.
- One person on tender list for installation of projectors. Ab would be happy to work with anyone to get someone local to be approved.
- Coding not a part of engage and transform: Will retool based on the new math curriculum.

Question: What can we do as parents, or as a school council to support technology initiatives? How can we ensure our students and school needs are adequately represented in the funding model?

- Determine with the staff what is needed. Suggest caution: pedagogically, students should be working together. Landed on 3:1 ratio (from research) for collaboration, problem solving, inquiry based.
- Engage and Transform is not a technology initiative, it is a pedagogical initiative.
- Apple provides personnel for professional development: People at academic services were given professional development.
- OECM: Ontario Collaborative will do procurement for different devices. When we get that information, we pass it along to the school.
- Kindergarten ipads are not part of the lease. Kindergarten ipads were purchased. Would it be possible for the schools to purchase the ipads after the lease or is it part of a bulk project? Ab will find out that information for us.
- Does the board reach out to the schools to see where the gaps are in professional development. Academic services do ask after the professional development. The board does not have enrichment materials online. Some pieces in employee connect.
- It was asked when the budget will be finalized: At the end of June. Could possibly find out before the end of the year.

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
Investigate what happens to ipads after the lease ends. Is it an option for school council to purchase them at that point in time?	Ab Falconi	ASAP

Agenda topic *Approval of April Minutes* | Presenter *Sandra*

Approval By: Sandra Bauer-Heinz   Seconded by: Ron Rawlins

- Action item was added to the April minutes. Then approved.
- Approved vendors renew each year. What is the renewal process? There is information on the board website on how to become an improved vendor list.
- Cathy will investigate the process and get back to us.

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
Investiage process for making Portatge Promotions an approved vendor	Catherine Vanclieaf	Before next meeting

Agenda topic *Outstanding Action Items from Last Meeting* | Presenter *Sandra*

Discussion :

Jumpstart Funding for Nordic Skis – Lynda Cranney

- There is still no finalization.

Chromebook purchase – Cathy Vanclieaf

- Chromebooks are here! Cathy has put them in the white cart. There are 12

Event Tent order – Sandra

- The tents are in.

Agenda topic *Student Report* |

- – No report

Agenda topic *Committee Reports - **Fundraising*** | Presenter *Katie Rowe*

Discussion : **Spring Dinner during Education Week**

- Tickets sold: 129
- Cheri will coordinate the sauce
- Chantelle will organize: pasta, buns, salad, ground coffee, orange drink, butter, oil
- Sandra got tea, desserts,
- Tents to put up.

- Auction stuff: Katie will take care of the lists.
- 6:45 auction will be closed.
- 4:00 to start cooking food/set up.
- Cathy gave Sandra list for volunteers
- Volunteers for greeting, dining room, kids to help serve. Thinking 4-5 adults and same with kids.
- Desserts
- Volunteer name tags and

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
Get sauce	Cheri Webster	Wednesday
Organize: pasta, buns, salad, coffee, and assorted last minute grocery items	Chantelle Armstrong	Wednesday
Get volunteers and organize	Catherine Vanclieaf	Wednesday
	Sandra Bauer-Heinz	

Agenda topic *Committee Reports - **Property** | Presenter *Sandra Baeur-Heniz*

Discussion:

- Sandra will put communication on facebook.
- Playground inspection is May 25th
- To put in the long jump pit: date will be Saturday, June 3th, raindate the 10th. Bring your own shovel, wheelbarrow
- Cathy will figure out the dimensions and mark it.
- Interactive Playground Wall – donations, volunteer and work on hold while the investigation is conducted regarding safety requirements. Investigation to be done by Cathy Vanclieaf

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
Facebook communication	Sandra Bauer-Heinz	ASAP
Email communication to parents asking for assistance	Sandra Bauer-Heinz	ASAP
find out more information about what is needed for safety	Catherine Vanclieaf	By next meeting
Mark dimensions of jumping pit and get locates	Catherine Vanclieaf	By June 3rd

- Outdoor classroom day is May 18th. It builds awareness for outdoor classroom. Sandra will send the link: https://outdoorclassroomday.com/ Teachers to sign up the school

Agenda topic *Committee Reports – School-Parish Partnership | Presenter *Catherine Zacal*

Discussion

- No report

Agenda topic *Council Objectives* | Presenter *Sandra*

See above under property for discussion

Agenda topic *Principal Reports* | Presenter *Cathy Vanclieaf*

- Check the newsletter for information
- Welcome to Kindergarten night – We had 90 JK families come through the school.
- Cathy will be retiring at the end of the year.

Agenda topic *Financial Report* | Presenter *Vicky Perentesis*

- No report

Agenda topic *Committee Reports - **Social*** | Presenter *Greg Avdeeff*

Discussion:

- Intermediate Fun Night – New date needs to be determined at a later date.
- Pizza, grapes, melon, juice for dinner.

Adjourned: 8:05 p.m.

Next Meeting Dates: June 5, 2017