

School council minutes
Date: November 6, 2017
Saint Mary School- Huntsville
Note taker: Ellen Cowden
Facilitator: Sandra Bauer Heinz 6:30 pm

Attendees: Ron Rawlins, Chantelle Armstrong, Cheri Webster, Katie, Barbara Heeneman, Ellen Cowden, Sandra Bauer Heinz, Lynn Young, Sarah Caswell

Welcome and Prayer: Barb Heeneman

Approval of previous minutes: Motion to approve from Chantelle and Ron

Outstanding Action Items from previous meetings:

- Nordic skis – still in progress
- Vendor process- Ab had a school visit last week. They are not opening up the list for vendors. There are three on the list for spirit wear. Barbara to work with purchasing to get local vendors approved.
- Grass contract – not looking at until the spring- the board knows that we would like the habitat and forest area included in the next contract
- Leases for ipads- considering leases for another year – no determination at this point –shelving item until spring
- Eblast for music in our parent community – no responses

Students report: No report at this time

Financial report from Vicky Perentesis: Vicky unable to attend. Receipts provided for first playground wall. Cost was \$287.00

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Social from Greg Avdeeff/Chantelle Armstrong:

Movie night decided for December 7. Gregs only concern was having a staff member present. Barb will put out to staff after meeting. Will need volunteers as well as start time. Separate flyer/December newsletter to promote.

Barbara received a cheque for \$118 from Kelseys this week for the school. Barbara to add to the next newsletter to parents reminding them of the fundraiser at Kelseys.

Fundraising from Summer McCabe: Summer unable to attend.

Update from Katie regarding chocolatebars. Made \$6600 potentially more depending on money still to come in. \$1700 more than last year. They had different chocolate options. More visuals for kids. Four cases remaining to sell hopefully on movie night. Still having issues collecting money.

There is a gap in fundraising plans. Ideas to be circulated between now and the next meeting.

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Property from Chris Maw: Chris unable to attend however did send an update that the ski racks are underway.

First interactive wall is up in the primary area. See how this one goes and then build second wall for kindergarten area.

Kindergarten hill – was muddy/icy and worried about erosion

Grass cutting – already spoken to earlier

Proposals for additional work have not been seen by Barbara.

School- Parish partnership from Catherine Zacal: Catherine unable to attend.

Sandra did extend invitation to Father but he was unable to attend. She offered the next meeting and has not seen a response. Sandra will send another invitation again to speak about family engagement at church. Cheri trained 5 new altar servers on Saturday.

Pediculosis prevention from Jeanie Fuscaldo: Jeanie unable to attend but sent update that JK/SK class has been done. She is looking for volunteers to assist.

- Ski box – in progress
- Stage equipment – Mabelle sent an email. Ron to assist next week to assist with the sound board. The speakers were able to work. The wired microphones are still working. Motion to purchase two spotlights were approved. Sandra to notify Mabelle. Microphones will be determined at a later date.
- Jowi Taylor- never reached out with principal Sandra will send an email
- Soccer nets- Anthony not in attendance

Chair Report from Sandra Bauer-Heinz:

- Commissioning – Barrie – history of school board –presentation attended by Barbara and Katie
- CPIC – presentation – three nights – Nov 7 Bradford, 20 in Orillia, 21 in Barrie
- OAPCE membership – investigate into this – leave for another meeting if someone is interested in attending for our council then we will pursue
- Science north – November dates weren't going to work with science north – gave some alternate dates – January 24, 26 – Feb 6, 8, 9 – January 24 date to provide – come with 2 staff members – need volunteers -3 from their perspective – all ages -they have provincial funding to cover the whole night
- PRO Grant – change it due to Science North having provincial funding – discussion around financial literacy night –Sandra to reach out to see if we are able to change PRO Grant without losing the funding.

Principal report from Barbara Heeneman:

Our enrollment is holding steady at 201.

School Events:

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- We look forward to our presentations this Friday November 10 at 9:00 am by Sgt. Saunders of the Canadian Armed Forces. We will also gather as a school for an assembly at 10:45 am.
- Our next Mass will be held on December 8 in our gymnasium at 9:15 am in our gymnasium. Please note the earlier time.
- Three Way Conferences on November 16 from 4:15 pm– 8:15 pm and on the November 17 P.A. Day from 8:30 am – 3:15 pm. Parents are asked to kindly return the Three Way Conference request form by Friday November 10.
- Congratulations to all staff and students for being this year's winner of the Huntsville/Lake of Bays Fire Department Fire Drill Challenge. We will be awarded with a plaque for our efforts and great time of 2 minutes and 30 seconds. We will have one more Fire drill this fall.
- Dental Screening will take place on November 13 for students in the following grades: JK, SK, 2, 4, 6, 8.
- We will be coordinating a Lockdown drill with the OPP later this month.
- Science North Planetarium is scheduled on November 29 for students who are in grades 4-8.
- Our intermediates enjoyed being "Grade 9's for a Day" on November 1st. This opportunity came just a short week after an amazing community of schools camping trip. Thank you to our parent volunteers Mr. Urbanski, Mr. Long and Mrs. Rowe.
- St. Dominic is hosting a parent information evening on November 29 for families with children currently in grade 7 and 8.
- Save the date for our Christmas Concert! It is scheduled for December 14 with an inclement weather date of December 19.

Book Launch and Catholic School Commissioning:

- The mass and celebration at Holy Spirit Parish on October 25 was wonderful. Each school had artwork created and received the flag that is proudly in our foyer. We thank our artists Mia and Teaghan for providing our artwork.
- The CSCC received a copy of the book "A History of the Simcoe Muskoka Catholic District School Board" by Dr. Robert Dixon.
- Thank you to Mrs. Rowe for attending the evening on behalf of the CSCC.

Special Education

- Individual Placement and Review (IPRC) meetings are being scheduled for those whose annual review is in the fall.

Athletics/Co-curricular/Clubs:

- Mrs. Godard and Mr. Foxcroft continue to coach intermediate basketball. The area tournament will be held at Riverside Public School on November 28.
- Science and Chess clubs are up and running as well.

Engage and Transform:

- Our 10 new ChromeBooks for the intermediate division have arrived. Five new devices have been placed in both the grade 7 and 7/8 classes.

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ipad Lease Update:

- There is consideration of extending the iPad leases for a year. This is undetermined at this time so there is no decision around buying out the leases at this point.

Music E-blast:

- The school has not received response regarding the e-blast request for sharing musical talents.

Kelsey's Restaurant Program:

- The school received a cheque for \$118.00 from Kelsey's thanks to families writing Saint Mary's on the back of their bills and placing it in their drop box.

Barb to look into computer options for yearbook

Adjournment 7:45