

School council minutes
Date: June 4, 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

Welcome and Prayer: Barbara Heeneman

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

Outstanding Action Items from previous meetings: leaving at this time

Students report: nothing to report

Financial report from Vicky Perentesis: regrets from Vicki

Reviewed financial report that Mrs. Heeneman had – some committed funds are still waiting for receipts to be given to be processed through –potential for about 12,000 to be uncommitted at this point based on rough numbers

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Social: survey of the grade 8 – have a list of activities for their fun night – some parents have said that they will volunteer

Fundraising: Fall fundraiser voted in Fresh from the farm fundraiser -Ellen to enroll school – deadline for orders is October 15 – fruit and vegetables will be delivered in November
2nd campaign to be in the spring of 2019

Property: no update at this time

School- Parish partnership: there will be a grade 8 bake sale after mass this coming weekend at the church. Father donated the church hall for the graduation dinner at no cost.

Pediculosis prevention: no update

Council objectives:

PRO Grant- drafted based on notes – not confirmed with OPP or with St. Dominics

Confirmation from the library that they will attend

Budget included some printing of parenting resources, child care in budget, parent lending library totalled at \$1000.00. Sandra will send Barb the PRO Grant application for review

Enrichment/Enhancements:

Muskoka Improv, Drumming, Arts

\$2000.00 budget for fall for music, drama and visual arts voted and approved during June 2018 meeting

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List of items from staff at the beginning of the year:

- Mixing board and speaker cords - \$750.00 voted and approved to come from parent council funds.
- Soccer and hockey nets – revisit in the fall – Cheri to use 2 pop up ones for the next few weeks to see if it is doable to use for the year.
- habitat – grass cutting is supposed to be addressed by the contract through the school board
- Wood chips/gravel – need an accessible entrance – do what we can without budget – save the rest of next year
- Accessibility transportation – subsidy at Board level
- School trips: 10 classes for \$100.00 per class to assist with school trip costs for 2018/2019 school year. \$1000.00 total voted and approved from parent council funds
- Learning commons – revisit technology next year once funding and technology is received from a grant
- Interactive wall – move from primary yard to JK/SK yard

TOTAL of 3750.00 of parent council budget to go towards enrichment, trips and mixing board/cords

Chair Report from Sandra Bauer Heinz: food program volunteers – Monday and Friday may not happen if volunteers do not assist. Balanced day for 2018/2019 school year changes for food programs. Cannot commit to Monday and Fridays to happen come September

Principal report from Barbara Heeneman:

Our enrollment is at 200.

Thank you/Updates:

- * Thanks to Knights of Columbus and in particular Grant Mantha for preparing all the food for our annual spring BBQ.
- * Spring BBQ was well attended. We are thankful for all of the support from our families.
- * Jump Rope fundraising total was \$3043.10. We thank Mrs. Park for organizing the stations.
- * Bags2School brought in 900 kg of textiles, which translates into \$180 for the school. Thank you to Mrs. Shisko and her class for taking the lead on this initiative and to Mr. Mallia for helping to store it until pick up.
- * Yearbook orders are now in for the 100 page spread at a cost of \$15. The cost to print the yearbook is just over \$15. Thank you to Mrs. Smith and the Yearbook Committee for a job well done.
- * Gr. 3 and Gr. 6 EQAO is now finished. Our students did their very best and the school as a whole worked well to optimize testing conditions.
- * Track and Field at St. Dominic May 25, 2018 was a good day. Staff lined the field in advance of the meet. We also want to thank you our parent volunteers who helped on the day. The Town Track and Field Meet is scheduled for June 14 (*Rain date 15).
- * We are excited about our Generation Nutrition Mobile gardens brought to us by Action Against Hunger. Thank you Mrs. Baumgart for arranging this and to Mr. Romanow for working with classes to plant them.
- * The Northern & Rural Funding was increased from \$9000 to \$9500 to spend on creating a Learning Commons in our Library. Items have been ordered centrally and should arrive at the school for the fall.
- * Science Club ordered butterflies that are being cared for in our library. Some of them were released today.

Staffing Update:

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* We have three retirements. We wish Mrs. Monica Park, Mrs. Judi DeVillers and Mrs. Margaret Gelderbloem all the best as they enjoy this new chapter in their journey. They have served the Saint Mary community faithfully and will be missed.

* We have two new staff members who are transferring to our staff in the fall. We welcome Mrs. Lacey Matthews in Kindergarten and Mrs. Amanda Bunker in the intermediate division.

School Events:

* Gr. 8 students will be leaving for their 3 day adventure to Ottawa from June 5 – 7. We thank Ms. Hetherington for all of her planning. We are thankful to Mr. Adam Cormier for being our male chaperone. Final cost for the trip was \$399 but with all the fundraising the cost ended up being \$300.

* All Gr. 7 students will be going on a trip to Toronto on June 5 with Mrs. Baumgart. We are thankful to the parent volunteers who are helping to supervise the group.

* Students in grade 4-8 are participating in the Student Vote on June 6, 2018. A note was sent home encouraging parents to engage in a dialogue about the upcoming election. The results will be online and shared after the election is complete. Thank you Mrs. Smith and her 5/6 class for running our student polling station in the library.

* New JKs visiting on June 7, 2018 from 1:00 – 2:00 pm. This will families a chance to get to know each other and experience table top activities in the classroom setting. Snacks will be provided.

* Gr. 1/2 & Gr. 2/3 Trip to Ontario Pioneer Camp on June 8, 2018 is being funded through Ministry Outdoor Education funding.

* Huntsville Public Library visits scheduled for June 12. Focus will be on Summer Reading Programs.

* Fire Safety House is scheduled for June 13 in the afternoon for students in grades 1 – 4.

* Town Track and Field is scheduled for June 14 (*Rain date is June 15) so families are asked to listen to the radio in the event of inclement weather.

* Arrowhead Trip is scheduled for June 20 for grades 3/4, 4/5, 5/6 & 6

* Helping Hands Volunteer Appreciation event is being held on June 21 from 12:15 – 1:15 pm.

* Graduation Mass & Christian Awards is scheduled for 10:45 am on June 27. Grade 7 students are hosting the graduation luncheon from 11:40 – 12:40pm. Graduation ceremony starts at 1:00 pm. CSCC is asked to speak during the ceremony.

Daycare:

No update from last meeting.

Ipads:

* No update at this time.

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