

School council minutes
Date: December 4, 2017
Saint Mary School- Huntsville
Note taker: Ellen Cowden
Facilitator: Sandra Bauer Heinz

Attendees: Katie Rowe, Chris Maw, Ron Rawlins, Sandra Bauer Heinz, Ellen Cowden, Catherine Zacal, Barbara Heeneman

Welcome and Prayer: Barbara Heeneman

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

Outstanding Action Items from previous meetings:

- Nordic skis – Canadian Tire had nearly all equipment – pricing was not the same as the proposal all in favour of motion for \$1600 to be spent on getting all sets requested from proposal last year
- Vendor – no information at this time – to table until required

Students report: nothing to report at this time.

Financial report from Vicky Perentesis: Vicky unable to attend. No report at this time. Sandra will follow up with Vicky.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Social from Greg Avdeeff/Chantelle Armstrong: Greg and Chantelle unable to attend. Movie night next Sandra to send out a reminder to parents about movie night as well as snack prices

Fundraising from Summer McCabe: Summer unable to attend. Ideas were shared for fundraising events this year. Scrap metal, carnival or sport night, movie night outside, catholic education week have another book fair, bbq and carnival night, restaurant evening

Property from Chris Maw: proposals were sent to Barb and Sandra regarding the benches and gravel back in October. Chris to resend.

- 1- benches to be build with school colours – ok for the benches to proceed in the spring
- 2- ski boxes – Chris has purchased the materials and has started one unit – 27 ski pairs per box.
- 3- kindergarten hill – playtime supervisor to use discretion

School- Parish partnership from Catherine Zacal: no response from Father to attend a meeting. Christmas Eve mass is 9 am and 4 pm. No word on childrens liturgy – discussion of how to get school community involved with the church.

Ellen to reach out to choir re children assisting once a month

Pediculosis prevention from Jeanie Fuscaldo: Jeanie unable to attend. No update

Council objectives:

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- Stage update – 2 lights were received use for the Christmas concert – purchased for \$766.14 reviewed information from Mabelle – Ron suggesting a more portable microphone – tripod to pick up more sound – budget of \$250 for cables and standing tripod microphone approved

Chair Report from Sandra Bauer-Heinz:

Ron and Sandra attended the CPIC Mental Health night – information shared at the meeting from Dr. Pat Carney - primary, middle and secondary

OAPCE membership – no one for liaison so this will be shelved

Family tree – few pictures have been received to be put up on the board

Science north night: need to confirm budget and send contract to Ab – budget for \$200 for snacks approved at meeting – no take home materials

ProGrant – verbal and email approval to switch everything. Financial literacy will be the theme – Catherine to send the passport to Sandra look at having it in April sometime

Principal report from Barbara Heeneman:

Our enrollment is at 203.

School Events:

- Three Way Conferences were well attended by parents and students.
- Science North was at the school on November 29 with the planetarium. The feedback from both staff and students was that it was fantastic. Our First Nation Metis Inuit Itinerant (FNMI) Teacher Michelle Navarra was in attendance as well and most impressed.
- The SMCDSB theme for Bullying Prevention Week (November 20-24) was Our Story ~ Our Footprint with a focus on developing kind practices in all areas of our lives. Staff encouraged students to use this year's theme to demonstrate kindness across all areas of their lives with a specific focus on leaving a positive footprint in the following areas: Faith, Family, School, Online and in their communities. Students were challenged to leave footprints of love and kindness wherever they go.
- Mrs. Begg is retiring and we wish her all the best. Her last day will be on December 22. Ms Alexandra Bond will has been hired into an occasional position.
- Movie night is all set for Thursday December 7. Thank you to Greg Avdeeff for spearheading this community event and to Cheri Webser for creating the flyer. Tracy Shisko will be the staff supervisor that evening. Karen Maw will also be helping.
- Saint Mary's is once again participating in the Food Drive and having a Mitten Tree. Thank you to Mrs. Webster and her grade 2/3 class for organizing the Food Drive and to Ms. Hetherington and the 7/8 class for spearheading the Mitten Tree.

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- Leadership is hosting a Hot Chocolate Day Thursday December 7 at lunch. Students will be able to purchase a cup of hot chocolate for \$0.50. Proceeds will be donated to charity. They are also promoting Christmas Sweater Day on December 22, 2017.

- Our next Mass will be held this Friday December 8 in our gymnasium at 9:15 am in our gymnasium. Please note the earlier time.

- Fr. Sercely and Fr. Campbell will be at the school in the afternoon on December 12 for Reconciliation in the library for students in grades 3- 8.

- Christmas Concert is December 14 (December 19 is the inclement weather date). Please help to remind everyone to not park in the fire lane or in front of the fire hydrant.

- Information regarding Gr. 4-8 Winter Electives will be coming home shortly. Tentative dates for the electives are January 18, 25, February 1 and February 8 (inclement weather date). A separate letter will be sent out for grades 1-3 classes.

Athletics/Co-curricular/Clubs:

- Mrs. Godard and Mr. Foxcroft were very proud of both the boys and girls basketball teams and are thankful to all the parents who volunteered to drive to games.

Engage and Transform:

- Currently there is a sale on Dell Chromebooks (save \$61.30 per unit) from Nov 22 – December 15. Sale price is \$289 (includes Google Chrome License \$35, Asset tagging & attaching to Domain \$25, Environmental fee \$1)+ HST (\$37.57) = \$326.57/unit.

- The school purchased 10 Chromebooks earlier this year. Intermediate classes could use 4 (2 for each class) more to improve the ratio. This would cost \$1306.28. Some of the Chromebooks are over 7 years old and do not work as efficiently. Does the CSCC want to take advantage of the special pricing by vote?

Extra \$1306 for 4 chromebooks for intermediates to use – approved by council for purchase with the older ones going to cart and discard outdated/broken

Adjourned at 8:50 pm