

School council minutes  
Date: February 5, 2018  
Saint Mary School- Huntsville

Note taker: Ellen Cowden  
Facilitator: Sandra Bauer Heinz

Attendees: Mabelle Claer, Katie Rowe, Greg Avdeeff, Ron Rawlins, Ellen Cowden, Barbara Heeneman, Sandra Bauer Heinz, Vicky Perentesis, Jeanie Fuscaldo

**Welcome and prayer:** Barbara Heeneman

**Approval of previous minutes:** approval from Greg, second from Katie

**Outstanding action items from previous minutes:**

- Equipment lease – Board is going to give updates once they make a decision -protecting equipment as well -look into what is needed in classes, current stock, speak to it next month
- Hold the other two items

**Student report:** nothing at this time

**Financial report from Vicky Perentesis:**

Just under \$12,000

Outstanding: bill for ski boxes from Chris

January hot dogs \$396, hot lunch \$476

February \$804 (will have drop in sales as reimbursements as well as Lent)

Chocolate bars \$19

\$48 for movie night

QSP \$25.45 (magazine)

Reimbursement – hot lunch supplies, hot dogs

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

*Social from Greg Avdeeff/Chantelle Armstrong:*

Winter family fun night February 26 at 6 pm. Looking into white glow sticks still. Greg will email for volunteers closer to the date

*Fundraising:*

Fundraising night at Family Place Restaurant- confirmed date for March 21 from 4 pm to 8 pm.

14% of sales will go to the school. Recommending smaller tables and call ahead with bigger tables for reservation. Information will be sent out at the end of February with details. Allowing us to put up the school banner that evening.

*Property from Chris Maw:*

Chris unable to attend however sent info via email for the parking barriers. Approval for \$350 for three barriers. Hoping to have them for tomorrow night if possible to block the fire lanes.

*School/parish partnership from Catherine Zacal:* Catherine unable to attend. Sandra to ask Catherine for her thoughts and to put out an interest finder for individuals to brainstorm ideas for roles of the children within the church.

*Pediculosis prevention from Jeanie Fuscaldo:* Hoping to go in February 15 in the morning. Katie to send an email out to parents asking for volunteers to assist Jeanie.

**Council objectives:**

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Science night Feb 6 – 4:30 set up 5:30 to 7:30 inclement weather date is May -refreshments will be ready to set up -5 volunteers

Financial literacy night – April 12 – Greg spoke with RBC -may have something they were going to look into it and find out – youth style presentation -Greg to reach out to RBC

Enrichment opportunities:

Robotics- ministry pilot program – mini robotics competition – PRO Grant 2019 – Robotics night Program at theatre \$12.50 plus hst -busing JK to Grade 3 May 16

Entertainment- everyone to bring suggestions/ideas to next meeting to discuss a group or activity

Additional item: breakfast club requires fundraising which has not happened this year. Katie to send information around usage as well as funds needed to complete program for the remainder of the year. Look at sponsorship program to start in September.

**Chair report from Sandra Bauer Heinz:**

Cashless schools – Barbara provided update with regards to cashless schools program. Computer program to assist staff in permission forms, food order, money. School board is looking for more schools to start second phase. Sandra to send questions to Barb who will follow up with the school board.

Proposed 2018/19 school calendar – no issues with proposed school calendar -thank you for listening to school board re: Muskoka only PA day

**Principal's Report:**

Our enrollment is at 202.

- Not much to report since our last meeting.

Thank you:

- Winter Electives were very successful. Thank you to the staff and parent volunteers for helping us provide this opportunity to the children.
- Tacos were really well received today by the students.

School Events:

- Ski team is competing at Arrowhead tomorrow. We wish them all the best.
- Shrove Tuesday is February 13. A few more volunteers are needed from 10:00 am – 1:00 pm for our annual pancake luncheon. We will need 8-9 griddles as well.
- Valentine's Day will be celebrated on February 13 as Ash Wednesday falls on February 14 this year and it is a holy day in the church where we practice fasting and abstinence.
- Our next Mass will be held on Ash Wednesday February 14 in our gymnasium at 9:00 am in our gymnasium. We will begin this holy day with the distribution of ashes. Mrs. Webster's class will be leading it.
- Term 1 Report Cards will be sent home on February 21, 2018.

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- Winter Activity day is scheduled for February 22 (Inclement weather date is March 1). Leadership has chosen the Olympics as the theme for this year.
- Junior/Intermediate Public Speaking and Primary Reading is scheduled for Friday February 23, 2018 in the gymnasium.

Robotics:

- Mrs. Webster will be attending professional development on VexIQ robotics. These are the same robotics that St. Dominic is using.
- There will be an opportunity for her to take a team to the board office in the spring to compete in the first annual elementary competition.

Food Orders:

- Our last hot dog day will be February 9, 2018 until after Easter as we enter the season of Lent. Families who ordered hotdogs on February 16 and 23 will be refunded.

District Free Throw:

- Knights of Columbus Free Throw: Knights held the area competition here at Saint Mary's on January 29. We have seven students who will be moving on the district competition held at St. Dominic on February 10.

PRO Grant:

- A copy of the written confirmation from Ministry is requested in order to ensure that new proposal topic on Financial Literacy is accepted and covered.

Outstanding – ball holder – Barbara to look into what the Board has for this

Adjourned at 8:12 pm