

School council minutes
Date: January 15, 2018
Saint Mary School- Huntsville
Note taker: Ellen Cowden
Facilitator: Sandra Bauer Heinz

Attendees: Ron Rawlins, Greg Avdeeff, Katie Rowe, Ellen Cowden, Father Sercely, Catherine Zacal, Cheri Webster, Carol Corriveau-Truchon, Barbara Heeneman, Sandra Bauer Heinz, Vicky Perentesis

Welcome and Prayer: Barbara Heeneman

Special guests:

Father Sercely and council are looking for ways to engage between church and the school. We are needing someone to volunteer to organize the children's liturgy as Rosie is not able to do this as previously thought. Father Sercely would like to set up a pastoral council and would like someone from the school to be on the pastoral council when it comes to be. He would also like more alter servers. There is the Rosary group coming once per month to the school as well as Father coming for school mass. He picks specific feasts in specific months to preach about. Father feels that children could help out to be alter servers, bringing up the offertory and handing out bulletins after mass.

Carol Corriveau-Truchon:

Catholic Trustee seminar is coming up this week and there will be a workshop for the triad between home, school and church. There will also be a position paper on Catholic education in the spring. There has been a campaign for Together in Faith. It has information about what is happening in Catholic education across the province. Carol to put the link in the next newsletter for parents to register for the emails to receive information.

Approval of previous minutes: April 12 for financial literacy date approval from Ron, second from Katie

Outstanding Action Items from previous meetings:

- Anthony sent regrets
- Chris is not in attendance. Cheri let us know that the ski racks are here. They are painted and working wonderfully. This item is done pending payment.
- Stage equipment- Sandra to follow up with Mabelle
- Kitchen supplies – Katie was able everything on the list was \$7 over budget. \$327 total for new microwave, 120 plates, 2 pasta pots, forks.
- Procedures – eligibility to vote in attendance to meetings -60% attendance

Students report: nothing at this time – Sandra to send reminder

Financial report from Vicky Perentesis:

Circulation of financial report during meeting. Vicky will see from Lorna the difference between the two food programs for a few months to see and decided whether we continue to separate hot dogs vs hot food. Confirmation of some expenses with question marks for Vicky. Second interactive wall still to be built.

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Focus for the parent council will be enrichment. During our February meeting we will discuss ideas for use of council funds. Cheri will be putting a proposal together for the council for a robotics club.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Social from Greg Avdeeff/Chantelle Armstrong: movie night review it was a good turn out around 50 kids. Not as high as other times but only did one movie. May have an opportunity to do it again in the spring.

Winter family fun night to be scheduled February 26 – tobogganing will require helmets, hockey, skiing, snow shoeing, cocoa and snacks usually from 6-730. Greg to send all information via email

Fundraising from Summer McCabe: Summer unable to attend

Restaurant booster – Kelsey 5% -not willing to negotiate -2 hour time frame

Family Place – 14% -105 people –regular night – 4 hour time frame

Boston Pizza 2 options – shadow at 10% 1-booster night – buffet \$15 off each person for them – 8 and under are free –only for party room

Decision made to work with Family Place Restaurant after March break. March 21 or 22? Katie will speak with Family Place and set a date. Family and Friends dinner night fundraiser.

Property from Chris Maw: Chris unable to attend

School- Parish partnership from Catherine Zacal: Father Sercely attended meeting see above notes.

Pediculosis prevention from Jeanie Fuscaldo: Jeanie unable to attend

Council objectives:

Enrichment opportunities discussion started during financials. Discussion to continue during February meeting.

Chair report from Sandra Bauer-Heinz:

Science north night Feb 6. Science North will send 2 staff and will require volunteers. From 5:30 to 7:30 they will run the program. Grade 8 hoping to run a bake sale for fundraising that night. Parent council will get refreshments and fruit.

Financial literacy night – April 12, 2018. Sandra to send the emails from the Ministry to Barbara showing approval for change to PRO Grant.

Private/community advertising at school: Lagoon trailer park advertising their skating rink. Barbara will look into what happened through the office end.

Playground access –lunch hour supervisors to open up the playground to each grade. Safety first there are times that field is closed due to weather conditions.

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Principal report from Barbara Heeneman:

Our enrollment is at 201.

Thank you:

- Christmas Concert - CSCC support was appreciated during the concert. The event was well attended. The spotlights and microphones enhanced the event.
- Movie Night: Thank you to Greg Avdeeff for organizing, all of the parent volunteers and staff Cheri Webster/Karen Maw who supervised the event.
- Cross Country Skis: Thank you to CSCC for the Jump Start grant and CSCC funds that were used to purchase the cross country skis/boots that Sandra Bauer Heinz was kind enough to pick up/deliver. Thank you also Chris Maw for the stands and to Cheri Webster for labeling and organizing them.

School Events:

- We celebrated our first mass of the year on January 9, 2018. Our next Mass will be held on Ash Wednesday February 14 in our gymnasium at 9:00 am in our gymnasium. Mrs. Webster's class will be leading it. Please note the earlier time. We are aiming to schedule Reconciliation during Lent. Unfortunately, Father Campbell had to cancel in December due to inclement weather that day.
- Rosary team may be re-scheduled to February 21, the week after Ash Wednesday depends on the availability of our volunteers.
- Gr. 4- 8 Winter Electives are scheduled for Jan 18, 25, Feb 1 and Feb 8 (*inclement weather date). We are looking forward to having some winter fun.
- Gr. 1- 3 classes will be going to Tawingo. Teachers will be sending home the information.
- Leadership is hosting a Hot Chocolate Day January 24 (* revised date) 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 planning a Blast from the Past spirit day on January 26, 2018.
- Confirmation Classes begin Jan 22. Please contact the church for more information.
- There is a PA Day on February 2, 2018 (no scheduled classes for students).
- Science North is coming to the school on February 6. They will be leading workshops for students in JK – grade 4. There will also be a live show for entire school. Science North will be staying and running the Science Family night on that evening.
- Knights of Columbus Free Throw: Knights were here January 11 and area competition schedule for 29th for those who are moving to compete at the next level.
- Shrove Tuesday is February 13. Volunteers needed from 10:00 am – 1:00 pm if we are to move forward for our annual pancake luncheon. We will need 8-9 griddles as well.
- SMCDSB Kindergarten registration has been launched. St. Dominic registration packages have also gone out. Please share this information with families.
- Intermediate Community of Schools Dance (Saint Mary's, Monsignor Michael O'Leary & St. Peter the Apostle) to support Gr 8 trip and Drama club. They will have a 70% (gr. 8 Trip) / 30% (Drama) split of profits. March 7 tentative date and volunteers may be needed to help supervise.

Property Maintenance:

- Approval has been granted for getting Chris Maw on the list to perform some voluntary work on the school grounds for board approved work. Kevin McKendry will coordinate with Chris in order to get required documentation in place.

Special Education:

- New IPRCs are scheduled this month. Families have been contacted and scheduled.

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Athletics/Co-curricular/Clubs:

- Mrs. Godard and Mr. Foxcroft - Volleyball
- Mrs. Baumgart & Webster – Cross Country
- Saint Mary's has been invited to St. Peter the Apostle Hockey tournament on March 29, 2018 in Parry Sound. Mr. Foxcroft will be the coach.

Engage and Transform:

- Chromebooks have been ordered. Thank you to CSCC for your support. Date of arrival of devices will depend on vendor.

Parking Issues:

- During our Christmas concert, the event delayed due to families parking in the entrance/exit to the school despite announcements and communication prior to the event.
- School would benefit from parking barriers to solve the issue of families parking in the areas that block access to the fire lane during events. It would be ideal if these could be made or purchased.

PRO Grant:

- A copy of the written confirmation from Ministry is requested

Adjourned at 8:37 pm