

Catholic School Council Meeting Minutes: St. John the Baptist CES

Wednesday, January 25, 2017

Present: Carla Underhill, Ruth Ann Cabral, Heather Skulnick, Jamie Sodergard, Denise Burke, Bill Warnick, Mr. DeTullio, Mr. Brennan, Denise O'Brien, Father Laszlow (Guests Julie Capretta, Brian Hilson, Margaret Fowler)

Regrets: Janin O'Donnell, Kristina Renzella, Natalie Colville

1. Opening prayer – facilitated by Father Laszlow
2. Mathematics – supporting your child information session by Mr. Brian Hilson
 - Presentation included discussion around math parent engagement, growth mindset, and math manipulatives
 - Tips were given to bring numeracy to life at home
 - Online resources for math provided to council and guests via handouts
 - CSC discussed presentation: Mr. DeTullio will be sending out links to resources
3. November CSC minutes were approved (via email)
4. Matters arising from minutes
 - a) Principal Profile & OAPCE meeting: Currently awaiting minutes from meeting
 - The last Principal Profile was completed the year before Mr. DeTullio arrived at St. John the Baptist; The last profile was signed by 3 former CSC members; Mr. DeTullio is open to the survey and showed a survey sample
 - ACTION: Mr. DeTullio will forward survey format to Carla to share with CSC
 - ACTION: Mr. DeTullio will clarify if the survey is to be completed based on current Principal or needs based
 - b) Fundraising ideas from CSC: Chairperson discussed that we would not have time this year; These ideas will be considered for next year's fundraiser
 - c) SJB website: Mr. DeTullio updated the St. John the Baptist website with names of CSC; Current staff list yet to be updated
5. Treasurer's Report
 - Current balance: \$5602.54

6. Committee Reports

- a) Spirituality: No update as Natalie unavailable
- b) Fundraising/Social events committee:
 - Advent craft night recap: Event was a success; Cards were well received at the retirement home; Chairperson (Carla) open to feedback via email; Mr. DeTullio advised Mrs. O'Neill would like to have a Concert next year; Discussion around whether a full concern would have to replace advent night or would take place in conjunction with; To be discussed further at future CSC meeting
 - Pasta dinner: Date – April 25th, 2017; CSC to bring ideas forward at next meeting and subcommittee will be formed

7. Chairperson's report:

- a) Pink Shirt Day: Will be February 22nd; Pink shirts for students will cost \$1172.06; Discussion around will CSC support? The shirts will be kept and can be worn on Spirit Day
 - *MOTION* by Denise Burke for CSC to support and purchase pink shirts for students; Ruth Ann 2nd motion; Motion passed
- b) Magic Maker: Shirt cost \$268.39 and toques \$440.70 will CSC support?
 - *MOTION* by Jamie S supporting purchase of Magic Maker shirts and toques; Denise Burke 2nd motion; Motion passed
- c) Volunteer lunch/social: Date is May 25th; In the past CSC and school have split the cost; Mr. DeTullio is looking into Genuine bakery for catering; Attendance estimate is 70 at a cost of \$400.
 - *MOTION* by Ruth Ann to support purchase; Denise O'Brien 2nd; Motion passed
- d) Pancake day: Date is February 28th; Carla asked Mr. DeTullio to put a call out for volunteers in the February newsletter; CSC members can email Carla if available to volunteer
- e) Bill Warnick Vice Chair resignation & Policy review: Bill spoke to Memorandum #299 bringing attention to Policies that he feels effects CSC; Bill spoke to his resignation from Council as Vice Chair. Bill will attend CSC meetings as a parent; Bill's resignation brought forth discussion around CSC need for Vice Chair position
 - *NOMINATION*: Ruth Ann nominated Jamie Sodergard for Vice Chair; Jamie accepted; New Vice Chair – Jamie Sodergard
- f) CPIC: Minutes from October meeting were reviewed; No concerns

- g) Recycling bins: Recycling bins will be added to the playground; Blue and Green bins will be available in the middle of the yard so that both primary and senior sides will be able to access
- h) Idling of cars: Hamilton By-Law allows cars to idle for 3 minutes maximum; Concern was raised of how long people are idling their vehicles while waiting to pick up children from school; This is a concern that is difficult to enforce; Mr. DeTullio will bring ideas to next CSC meeting.
- i) Vision loss in Hamilton children: Bill brought forward the recent Hamilton Spectator article which outlined that vision loss in children is going unnoticed in Hamilton; Non-medical individuals can be trained to screen children for potential vision issues; Parents should be made aware that children can visit an optometrist (covered by OHIP); Bill volunteered to drive parents and children who may need transportation to optometrist appointments; Mr. DeTullio will send article and Bill's offer of transportation out via email (to subscribers) and a hard copy will be sent home with children

8. Principal's Report:

- a) Parking flyer: was sent home with all students; No phone calls received since flyer sent/newsletter that stated parking concerns; CSC concerned about children's safety; Discussions around one-way streets and kiss & rides; Mr. DeTullio will bring ideas to Councillors; CSC support Mr. DeTullio pursuing ideas outlined in flyer
- b) Before and after school program: CSC frustrated that survey is sent out every year and the program is never brought to SJB; Mr. DeTullio will bring forth CSC frustrations to Board
- b) *MOTION* to adjourn meeting by Carla at 8:09 pm; 2nd by Ruth Ann; Motion passed

Next meeting date: February 22nd, 2017 6:00 PM