

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

November 15, 2017

Present: Ruth Ann Cabral, Mr. DeTullio, Mr. Brennan, Janin O'Donnell Carla Underhill, Mr. Savelli, Denise Burke, Chris Renzella, Heather Skulnick, Eileen Dunnet, Father Laszlo
Regrets: Kristina Renzella, Denise O'Brien, Jessica McCormick

1. Opening prayer – facilitated by Mr. Brennan
2. YWCA speaker Antonella
 - Care available 7:00 – 9:00 am and 3:30-6:00 pm
 - 26 students currently enrolled
 - Currently in the process of hiring staff
 - Children are currently being cared for in Room 2; will be shifting younger children into Room 3 by end of week
 - Please let Antonella know if aware of another parents looking for care
 - Concern was raised regarding door opening outwards as children are entering; SJB will put a sign on the door to help ensure everyone's safety
3. Minutes were approved
4. Treasurers report
 - There is a debit of \$280.61 that we are looking into (After investigation it was a Meet the Teacher BBQ Expense)
 - Pizza income stated in October (without expenses) appeared on last report which inflated the report.
5. CSC Goals 2017 – 2018 Accepted: Same as last year (Noted in APPENDIX A)
6. [CSC Guidelines: https://www.hwcdsb.ca/catholicschoolcouncils/?fileID=217121](https://www.hwcdsb.ca/catholicschoolcouncils/?fileID=217121) Link for parents.
7. 10% of profits need to be donated
 - We are unable to donate back to ourselves
 - “Food for Kids” program was suggested; a nutritional program/bag program that would provide food for families in need; SJB is currently not on the list to be a recipient
 - Good Shepherd Regina's Place was suggested; a supportive housing for young moms and their babies, which includes an onsite section school program and childminding
 - *Motion by Denise B to support each charity with 5% of profits; Carla 2nd; Motion passed*

- CSC fundraisers were discussed; we are not doing chocolates
- Father Lazlo advised against doing Valentine event due to it falling on Ash Wednesday
- *Motion by Denise B to support 2017 Major CSC fundraisers as Pasta Dinner and Pizza; Minor fundraiser as Mabel's Labels; Chris 2nd; Motion passed*

8. Asphalt Resurfacing

- An inquiry will be made to see if we are in line to receive asphalt resurfacing
- Decision on if we will proceed with a letter from CSC deferred until more information is received from the HWCDSB Plant Department

9. Mabel's Labels – Deferred to next full CSC meeting

10. Advent night will take place on December 6th at 6 pm and will replace the December CSC meeting

11. Committees

- Spirituality committee previously was successful; Students read petitions and helped during the mass
- Father Lazlo encouraged parents to bring children to mass; there is a children's liturgy every Sunday; He would like the children to receive a solid faith, a faith community
- Ruth Anne and Janin will organize a Sunday February 4th Mass for Grade 5
- Carla will organize a March 4th Mass for Grade 3

12. Anti-bullying

- The school will provide training to all students Grade 5-8 in the training that Magic Maker's previously received
- Letter will be sent home to parents to inform them of the events happening this week; Events will include all week Spirit Wear; A book will be read on bullying; A video will be done by some classrooms
- The prevention, intervention and follow-up meeting took place on November 13th; the follow up meeting will take place on November 21st at 11:30 am; CSC members are welcome to attend
- Once the committee is approved, information will be provided to CSC and available on the school website
- Parents are welcome to contact Mr. DeTullio if they have any questions

- Specific matters are to be dealt with individually, not publicly due to privacy concerns for the children involved in the bullying

13. CPIC

- Minutes are provided on the HWCDSB website for anyone who would like to review

14. Angelini Family

- The 2 Angelini children play on a soccer team and have been invited to attend a soccer camp in Italy
- The family has approached the school regarding fundraising as they would appreciate the support
- Concerns were discussed regarding parents who cannot afford extracurricular activities being upset with the school supporting an individual family's request for an extracurricular event; CSC raised denying similar requests in previous years
- *Motion to deny request/not support due to setting precedent and inability to support all students on select sport teams or involved in other similar extra curricular activities by Janin; 2nd by Ruth Anne; Motion denied*

15. Morning procedures

- JK/SK parents do not have opportunity to interact due to drop off
- Concern raised regarding not knowing parents of other children
- Reason for new area for parents for children and JK/SK to stand was there were previous incidents where the younger children were accidentally injured by the older students who were playing before school
- Request to use new outdoor space on London
- Mr. DeTullio informed that the outdoor space on London will not accommodate the number of children in Kindergarten. If parents were to remain in the front area until 9:05 am when the bell rings, they are welcome to; Parents do not need to hand-off their children but are given that option.

16. Request for funds

- a) Dove pins and scapulars \$140
 - *Motion to support passed by Chris; 2nd by Denise; Motion passed*

b) Coats for Kids

- Mrs. Persia provided to coats to intermediate students who were in need of new winter coats
- *Motion to support by Chris; Ruth Anne 2nd; Motion passed*

c) Christmas Charity

- Would we like to support families in need of gifts/food/care baskets; all families cannot be supported but we would like to help
- \$200 was requested to supplement baskets for families
- *Motion to supplement baskets with \$350 by Denise B; 2nd by Ruth Anne; Motion passed*

d) Hot dogs

- It was identified that some students do not have the funds to purchase food items being sold at school events
- Could we donate funds to the students that Ms. Persia would monitor
- Mr. DeTullio informed CSC that if we agree in principle then he will work with Ms. Persia to ensure all students are fed and Ruth Anne will track for funding purposes
- *Motion by Denise B to support donating any extra cost associated with providing for students without funds at school events; Ruth Anne 2nd; Motion passed*

17. Mad Science

- Question raised if parents interested in Mad Science
- Seen as costly for parents with more than one child
- SJB current houses a healthy Robotics program
- FLL junior will be incoming in which could include Gr 2-5
- We will take a year off from Mad Science and Mr. DeTullio will look at offering Robotics to younger students

18. Presentation by Leanne Thompson – Growing in Faith, Growing in Christ

- This is a new religious education program
- Only for students Gr 1-4; Gr 5 will be released in the Spring
- Owned by the Bishops of Ontario

- Pearson Canada e-text App is available, however will not work in Apple products
- All books and information available on website
- Mr. DeTullio will send out information to parents

Next meeting date: December 6th, 2017 6:00 PM – ADVENT NIGHT

APPENDIX A:

St. John the Baptist Catholic School Council Goals 2017-2018

1. Support the mission of the HWCDSB in union with our Bishop to enable all learners to realize the fullness of humanity of which our Lord Jesus Christ is the model.
2. Support the school goal of good stewardship of God’s Earth and People through time, talent, treasures:
 - a. Promote environmental education and awareness
 - b. Care for God’s people (financially and emotionally) locally and in the broader community.
3. Support student programs that the school offers:
 - a. Work to support the school goals of improved literacy and numeracy.
 - b. Support the goal of students’ improved organizational skills by purchasing agendas.
 - c. Support the school goal of increased use of technology.
4. Promote the partnership between school, parents, and Parish.
 - a. Participation in the Mass and commitment to faith life of the Parish
 - b. Financial support of the Parish
 - c. Understanding spirituality from a Catholic perspective