

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 10 2018

Attendees: Ruthann, Eileen, Heather, Ms. St Aubin, Ms. Kocel, Jessica, Denise O'Brien, Chris, Julie

Regrets, Carla, Jamie, Kristina

September minutes – motion to approve by Denise to approves minutes, Ruthann seconds

Treasurers Report – Review by Ruthann – closing balance \$3,537.07

Parking on Edgemont – people parking on both sides of the street, Jessica brought up question could we contact the city to ask about parking on the other side, Jessica will contact the city to see if there is a by-law preventing parking on the school side rather than the residential side.

List of Charities for Donations – Ms. St Aubin will send the list out to the committee so we can review and come back with ideas at the next meeting to vote on.

Chris requests a motion to set funds of \$200 aside from our profits to donate money to families in need at our school to cover things like hotdog days, school trips, pizza etc. Eileen seconded that motion.

List of Days that CSC wishes to support

Ms. St Aubin advised Nov 14th will be United Way Day- \$2 donation to wear red clothes that day, money goes to United Way.

Ruthann has chaired blue shirts and an assembly for autism awareness day. Last year there was an assembly, a video and a book to explain. April 2nd.

Down syndrome crazy sock day is March 21st

Ms. St Aubin spoke of:

Yellow shirt days and advised there will be another couple of times throughout the year for walk to school day – yellow shirts can also be worn on spirit wear Fridays.

Education is needed to support these special days.

Miss St. Aubin will try and get the word out detailing any special civvies day for the following month in the news letter.

End of year social committee/Meet the Teacher BBQ 2019/2020 – discussing food trucks, about bringing community together rather than making money for the school, it would eliminate order forms, people can buy if they like.

Jessica suggested holding off on June, take time to think about a year end event.

2019 Meet the Teacher social would be September 25th 2019 motioned by Ruthann, seconded by Heather with local food trucks. Denise O'Brien will look into local trucks. Looking for 2 trucks plus an ice cream or dessert truck of some sort.

Spook-a-thon – student council has taken that on. Ms. St Aubin asked if any council members know anyone in the community to get donations for prizes for the top fund raisers. If parents would rather they can donate prizes instead of their children gathering pledges.

New Items:

Need to form a sub committee for advent night – volunteers Jessica, Denise O'Brien, Ruthann, Heather & Carla. Denise to head the committee. Ms. St Aubin brought in photo copies of ideas for the crafts, the sub committee will discuss in a separate meeting – date TBA. Denise O'Brien has requested no foam.

Closed FB Group – school currently has a twitter group and the school website.

Ideas to get more parents out for meetings – Ruthann suggested using our current pizza and pita providers, Ms. St Aubin will look into whether or not we can provide snacks for meetings, Ms. Kocel suggested having tables at events like the church bazaar, the first day of school etc. so council members can help spread the word about our meetings.

Confirm meeting attendance at least one week prior so we have quorum. Jessica will send out agenda one week before meeting and everyone should reply with whether they can come or not.

Confirm all contact info for all voting members – Ms. St Aubin was missing a few members info, Jessica to make sure the list is complete.

Ms. St Aubin's report – EQAO above board and province standards. We're on the rise but we still need to get our numbers up slightly.

Fundraiser – Spook-a-thon (see above notes)

Dog safety, bee safety (had to keep kids in one day), looking into ways to get the parents to clear the alley way to avoid congestion for the Kindergarten kids entering in the morning and the bus kids filtering into the play yard. Ms. St Aubin will continue to look into this, speak to teachers and report back at the next meeting.

SIP Planning – well underway.

Believing – Continued participation in mass responses, catholic leadership opportunities

Achieving – math will be our primary focus for this year – working with teachers and all staff members regarding keeping the positive trend going in math – intermediates have math on rotary.

Serving – working with public health – student mental health and wellness – resiliency – possible guest speakers, WE team is up and running and working hand in hand with student council team – “We Scare Hunger”

Pizza order errors – one date was duplicated on order forms. Corrections were implemented. There were some glitches on the on-line order forms which will be streamlined by the time the next round of orders is due.

Parent Volunteers – we welcome them into the school but must sign in every time where a “visitor” sticker will be given to wear visibly on clothing.

October Update –

Pilgrimage Oct 14

FDK trip Oct 10th

School Mass Oct 25th

Bus Safety – Oct 17th

Spook-a-thon – October 31st – school goal is to raise \$5000

Dates to remember: November 9th is the Remembrance Day Assembly, November 3rd is the Parent Conference at BR – free of charge, November 14th Board wide red & white day for United Way \$2 donation required (as discussed above)

Colour days: principal has ability not to do all of the supported days – only a few are mandated by the board such as United Way. We have red, orange, purple, yellow and blue day. Days and any corresponding events will be discussed at each meeting for the month following and will be highlighted in the newsletter to give parents time to prepare.

Twitter updated regularly – highlighted in newsletter and link on website

Website – check website daily for regular updates

Next meeting Thurs Nov 8

Motion to adjourn made by Joe, seconded by Chris.