

St. John the Baptist Catholic School Council Meeting

Minutes from April 15, 2014

Attendees: Mr. A DeTullio, Lawrence Lech, Donna Lech, Carla Underhill, Bill Warnick, R. Fielding, A. Sala

Regrets: Sabrina Thompson

Meeting called to order at 7:05 pm

Opening Prayer by Mrs. A. Sala

Review of previous meeting minutes. Carried

Treasurer's Report:

-Pizza sales bring in several hundred per week

-up to date report from Mrs. Fletcher will be sent by Mr. DeTullio

-almost \$4500 in Jan, no real expenses other than pancakes, possibly \$80; a bill for wristbands for Mr. Italiano initially meant to be a fundraiser item, but because we had already raised a bit of \$, Mr. DeTullio held back on asking families for extra funds and instead distributed the wristbands to the students

-Motion: Mrs White, second - Mrs. Underhill, all in favour - the bill was for under \$300?? A note to be made that this is an exception -

-confirm dates and expenses(Mrs. White): will need to buy scapulars and the dove pins (First Communion and Confirmation); flowers for May Crowning - May 22; \$200 for EQAO snacks - May 27, 28, 29, 30 and June 2, 3 - five half days instead of all-day testing; extra snacks for them on the Thursday (29), and June 3; \$400 on grad awards;

-will have a bbq the evening of the fun fair; on Play Day they will receive one free hot dog and may purchase extra for \$1; will also receive freezies that day

Environment Committee - John Zimmerman will come by to trim the trees, etc

Spirituality Committee : by C. Underhill

-First Mass with student participation; second one will be May 4 at the beginning of Catholic Education Week at 10:00

Bylaw Committee : by L.Lech

Literacy/Numeracy/School Improvement - the Spec is running a series of articles this week on EQAO results, etc.

-the competition is good between the two boards -

-Mr. Lech feels parents need to be vigilant and support our board

Principal's Report : by A. DeTullio

- Paving the boulevard at the bus stop
 - Mr. Warnick - tire tracks on the grass between the sidewalk and the street - can we pave the boulevard at the bus stop or even all the way up to past the path - interlocking bricks the whole length of the front of the school, or paved? This way there won't be any mud. Perhaps we can ask the city to plant trees there? This is city property, and perhaps we can't do anything. A letter to the city? Shared between the city and the Board? Mr. DeTullio pointed out that this would actually assist our special needs students and their access to the bus. Council has asked Mr. DeTullio to contact the Board about this. Parent voice to the city? Mr. DeTullio will invite Mr Merulla to our school. He has been really responsive to the needs of kids in this area.
- Approval of minutes in advance?
 - approval of minutes via email - Motion to accept the minutes from last month - Mrs. Underhill; seconded by Mr. Warnick, all approved. Mr. DeTullio would still like the opportunity to review the minutes first for one week, then they will be sent out - the opportunity to review for one week, Motion: Mr. Warnick, Mrs. White seconded. All approved.
- Breakfast Club well attended. Seeking more funds.
 - Breakfast Club - Taste Buds will be asked for more funds. They will visit tomorrow. It has been a successful endeavour so far.
- Ti-Cat Day April 25th 9am assembly
 - apples will be handed out that day to promote healthy eating.
- Secretaries' Day April 23rd
 - Mrs. Fletcher and Mrs. Secen will attend. This year the council will acknowledge Mrs. Fletcher \$30 ; flowers to Mrs. Secen \$30.
- Autism Dress Down Day April 25th
 - to support a student with autism who will eventually be assisted by a service dog.
- Math Prodigy – high use
 - very popular; monthly reports sent to teachers and principal.
- Guided Reading Inservice for teachers
- Registrations for FDK decreased
 - 15 shy so far of last year; we have not lost a teacher for next year yet. 2 non-Catholic admissions upcoming.
- Home/Out for Lunch? School' position. Parent Input.
 - a parent challenged this this year - council was asked for their views - very supportive of the school's position;
- Proactive Initiatives for next year:
 - Tribes
 - Restorative Justice
 - Virtues / Scriptures/ Catholic Graduate Expectations / Stain Glass Windows

- many issues to date; plans to be proactive rather than reactive - build community, a culture of caring
- stained glass window (sticker) - above the front doors - possible proposal for next year
- Balance of asking for money for “social justice causes “ versus “fundraising”
 - would like to get into service projects rather than always sending money out
- Potential CSC Spending:
 - CYO Buses
 - Cross Country - it is during school, promotes physical activity, any child can participate - students will be asked to pay \$5, council will provide up to \$300 for the third bus if needed(trial period now, and will revisit in September if this is enough or if more needed); motion: Mrs. Underhill, seconded: Mrs. Lech
 - Grade 4 ECO festival (\$130)
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 - Gym / Yard Equipment
 - Volleyball net and poles (Approximately \$1500 for medium quality)
 - Glass backboards (Approximately \$2500 plus installation)
 - Old backboards could potentially be installed outside.)
 - Update GYM sound equipment (More inputs and microphones)
 - SMART “Light Raise” Boards (Approximately \$2800)
- Intermediate trip
- Graduation
 - June 17; mass on June 16, presentation of the doves; luncheon for Father
- Intermediate trip next year
 - Intermediate Trip - where does the council want to go with the Ottawa trip? Should this be a tradition to continue? Council supportive
- Review dates / events of the month ahead
- proposal by Mr. DeTullio that rather than a volunteer tea and a staff luncheon - we honour each other - and do so on the same day - June 10 - an rsvp system for volunteers? - the volunteer gift is the lunch
- Father Paul's retirement June 19, CSC formally invited to attend
- Next Mtg date: May 27

Motion to adjourn at 8:20 pm by L. White

Seconded by C. Underhill. Carried.

Next CSC meeting will be held on Tuesday May 27, at 7pm in the Main Office meeting room.