

St. John the Baptist Catholic School Council Meeting

Minutes from May 27, 2014

Attendees: Mr. A DeTullio, Donna Lech, Carla Underhill, Sabrina Thompson, Bill Warnick, Lisa White, Mrs. A Sala

Regrets: Lawrence Lech, Kelly Fillion

Meeting called to order at 7:05 pm

Opening Prayer by Mrs. A Sala

Treasurer's Report : by L .White

Balance of school account \$ 6211.00. Expenses to date:

- \$2079.00 for agendas
- \$200.00 for Grade 6 Obstructed Airways Course
- \$138.00 for Pancake Day supplies
- \$287.00 for Wristbands
- \$56.00 for flower bouquets for both Secretaries

Profits to date :

- Welcome back BBQ in Sept.2013 \$279.00
- Weekly pizza lunch sales \$ 4227.00

Kernels popcorn will now be sold daily. Council will allocate \$250.00 each to St. Patrick's and St. Brigid's Elementary School as charitable donation.

By-Law Committee : by A.DeTullio

City workers have ground down the tree stumps on the boulevard on London St.

Uniform Committee : by S. Thompson

Bombardieri Uniforms is having their annual Spring Sale from May 1st -31st. All items will be 10% off and 10 or more items will be 20% off and can be purchased in store or online. R.J McCarthy Uniforms recommends parents of Grade 8 students to visit the showroom early (by July) to avoid the rush, and to ensure an associate can spend ample time with each student to ensure an adequate uniform package. On the homepage of their website, parents can click the icon to pre-register, which allows them to view uniforms, prices and to receive emails for sales and promotions.

Environmental Committee : by D. Lech

John Zimmerman and Donna Lech have been doing outdoor gardening work on the school grounds. 10-20 Geraniums and several bags of mulch to be purchased. The Japanese Maple tree needs replacement. John will continue to some outdoor gardening work throughout the summer.

Spirituality Committee : by C.Underhill

April school Mass was a great success. Father Ciallella from St. Margaret Mary Parish will be the new Pastor of St. John the Baptist Church upon Father Paul's retirement.

Literacy/Numeracy Committee : by A.DeTullio

Strategies to promote reading and learning for students up to Grade 3 will be available on school website and information in the school newsletter.

Social Committee : by L. White

Staff Luncheon and Volunteer Tea will be combined and held on Tuesday, June 10th at 11:45am. Fun Fair will be held on June 24th. Play Day will be held on June 25th at Gage Park. Details for pre-ordering food for Fun Fair will be in the June newsletter.

Other Items Discussed

- Spirit Wear for students : current supply of T-shirts will be sold to students at a low cost to promote school spirit. Will look into further sales in September. Shirts are currently being used for Cross-Country events.
- Parents want to have more ample time for notification about upcoming events from the school, as opposed to sometimes hearing about certain things the day before.
- The topic of a separate Catholic School Council website was proposed by Mr. Bill Warnick. Request for the website has been submitted by Mr.DeTullio to the Superintendent. Bill will be printing flyers to promote joining the council, and these will be distributed at the Fun Fair. Business cards with school/council information will be printed and ready for distribution to parents in September.
- Council discussed the idea of installing some taps on the existing water fountains which would accommodate the filling of re-usable water bottles.

Principal's Report : by A.DeTullio

- PRO (Parents Reaching Out) Grant for \$1000.00 has been submitted
- EQAO Testing in progress
- Excellence In Catholic Education Awards for students distributed June 3rd
- Mrs. Van der Zalm to receive Director's Award of Excellence June 4th
- Track & Field June 5th
- Wrestling tournament June 9th

- Staff and Volunteer Luncheon June 10th
- Grades 7 & 8 year end trip to Niagara Falls June 11th
- June 12th & 13th- "Let's Talk Science"(McMaster University students visit and talk to students)
- Bishop Ryan School Chaplain Tina Fitzgerald visits the students June 13th
- June 16th Mass for Father Paul and Grade 8 students at 9:15am. Luncheon for Father Paul after the Mass.
- Grade 8 Graduation ceremonies June 17th. Dinner/Dance held at the Renaissance Banquet Centre
- June 19th will be an evening mass at 7pm for Father Paul, Bishops to attend
- June 22nd is tentatively last mass held by Father Paul.
- June 24th report cards go home
- JK/SK year end trip to Butterfly Conservatory June 24th
- Last day of school June 27th. Students can be picked up at lunchtime. Students taking the bus are dismissed at 1pm
- Welcome back BBQ will be held on Sept.9th
- Dates set for upcoming council meetings: Sept. 16th,Oct.21st,Nov.18th. In 2015: Jan 20th,Feb.17th,Apr 21st and May 19th.

Special thanks go to Lawrence Lech, Donna Lech and Sabrina Thompson for their contributions to School Council over the years.

Motion by D.Lech to adjourn at 9:02pm.Seconded by L.White. Carried

