

# MINUTES

## Our Lady of Fatima Catholic School Council Meeting

Monday October 2, 2107

6:45 OLF Library

Present: Kevin Brady, Sonia Snyder, Carol Lewis, Mike Fabiani, Lily Gall, Ross D'Souza, Gavin D'Mello, Tonia Sgro-Madrack, Claudia Brena-Ianaro, Christine Witlox

### Welcome/School Council Prayer

All

### Student Update

Rafael and Haley

- 2017/18 Student council theme: Solidarity
- Quebec has been decided as the 2017/18 trip
- There is a new Twitter feed for student council

### Commissioning and Liturgy/Purpose of School Council

Kevin and Sonia

### Election of Chair, Parish Rep, Community Rep, Paperwork

All

- Parish rep and Community rep will be combined

Election results are as follows:

Co-Chairs	Ross (nominated by Lily seconded by Claudia) Lily (nominated by Ross seconded by Gavin)
Parish/Community/OAPCE rep	Gavin
Secretary	Tonia

### Approval of Minutes from previous meeting

All

Previously approved

### Principal's Report

-Great start to the year

- 750 students on the first day
- One portable was taken away
- New naturalized kindergarten playground
- We've had sacramental meetings (grades 2 and 7 September 21)
- BBQ and open house are well attended
- We've done one successful fire drill and an emergency evacuation. We're doing a second fire drill this week as well as lockdown drill soon
- Photo Days went well
- Cross Country and volleyball have begun
- Had a bus safety presentation for the whole school
- Reminder of PA Day Friday
- Hep B, Meningitis C was last week
- Confirmation Retreat for grade 7's October 24
- First Reconciliation November 4
- Photo Retake Day October 25
- Great big crunch Oct 26 (all staff and students get an apple!)
- Dance-a-thon October 31
- Confirmation November 28
- EQAO Primary 90, 93, 82  
Junior 81, 83, 62
- Pro Grant accepted at \$1000

### **Fundraising**

- Annual Fund raiser will be Halloween Dance-A-Thon
- Staff has submitted a wish list of items to which funds could be allocated
- Annual wish list items were discussed, input was sought from council on other suggestions

### **Chairs' Report**

Ross/Lily

Chairs' Meeting (Council of Chairs) February 28

Pro-Grant (\$1000 accepted)

- Need to determine where to allocate funds

## **Sub-Committees 2017/18**

All

- Changes for 2017/18: Combine Parent Engagement and Faith, dissolve Health and Wellness and Communication, therefore 3 committees this year as follows:
  - 1 **Parent Engagement/Faith** (Lily, Gavin, Christine)
    - Advent Tree Lighting scheduled for Thursday November 30
      - May be able to purchase gingerbread houses at SchoolCash Online and just pick up at Advent Tree Lighting
  - 2 **21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning** (Ross, Claudia)
  - 3 **Uniform** (Tonia)
- Volunteer List: Carolina will continue to manage the master list and communication to solicit volunteers, however when there is a council event/initiative we may add an item on the weekly update for volunteers with a link to the council member that is spearheading the event/initiative

## **Meeting Dates**

All

November 6

January 15

February 28 (Council of Chairs)

March 5

April 16

May 14

## **Other Items and Reflections on Last Year**

All

### **Student Council**

- Continue to keep in contact with student council and have then present their updates at our council meetings (very positive and well received)

### **Christmas Concert**

- Kevin/Sonia to bring this forward to the staff (expand to further grades in the school), concert was extremely well done and appreciated by parents last year

**Yearbook**

- Yearbook home of best fit is with teachers and students as a project (instead of parent-led), council will commit to providing pictures and media of any council events/initiatives etc. to yearbook committee

**Communication Committee**

- Dissolve communication sub-committee (all events and initiatives involve a communications component) will address communication separately for each event/initiative

**Gowns**

- Grade 8 parent has expressed interest in renting gowns for confirmation gowns (grade 7s) and graduation cap and gowns respectively. This is to be investigated further. Student input will be sought with regard to student voice.

**Gifts**

- Gifts for students receiving sacraments (e.g.: rosaries for confirmation students and communion students, and something for graduation students), Tonia and Lily investigating cost

**Public Rosary**

- Gavin invited all to participate in a public praying of the rosary on October 14 at Main and Thompson at 12:00 noon

**Adjournment**

Kevin