

Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic School
School Council Meeting
Tuesday January 15th, 2019

In Attendance:

John Susi	Darren Cochrane	Christine Spotswood
Suzanne Becevello	Jelena Boras-McFadyen	Marcio Campos
Jennifer Doyle	Marc Fuentes	Victoria Gagne
Heather Gaudet	Krista Hinsperger	Rick Costa
Saloumeh Kahnamouee	Kyra Mancini	Lisa Mason
Julie McLaren	Jess Mitchell	Rachel Petch
Elizabeth Sytsma	Nancy Taddeo	Krystal Downs
Laura Van Dyk	Vanessa Van Moorsel	Louise Harding

Regrets:

Christine Spotswood		
Aileen Baretto	Andrea Boudreau	Monika Buna
Melanie Gaddi	Renee Kulinski-McCann	Lori Sousa
JoAnn Toomath	Oliver Torralba	

#	Topic of Discussion
1	Welcome and round table introductions of all members (K. Towns)
2	Welcome Prayer (All members)
3	Approval of minutes from October 2 nd Meeting (E. Sytsma and K. Mancini)
4	Declaration of Conflict of Interest (K. Towns)
5	Principal and Vice Principal's Report (J. Susi and D. Cochrane) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Gr. 7 Trip to Camp Tanamakoon. Take place the same week of Gr. 8 Grad trip (2nd or 3rd week in June) 3 nights/4 days b. Family Math Night – working with a board consultant to establish games, plans for the event, there will be tools and resources given to parents so that fun learning can continue at home c. Parking Lot Feedback (J. Susi and V. Gagne) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - J. Susi and D. Cochrane reviewed notes from committee meeting that took place last year to see what solutions were implemented after that discussion. - Main concern is the JK/SK Parking Lot and After-school pickup (AM not as big of a concern) - J. Susi and V. Gagne have been patrolling JK/SK parking lot side regularly - Signage has been purchased to be displayed near fence advising parents/guardians that they are not to exit vehicle unless in a valid parking space as this creates congestion “No Parking/Stopping along sidewalk” - Reminder to go out that children will not be left unattended at pick-up times, if parent is waiting for parking space, no need to panic - Reminders for all: Drive with CAUTION, PATIENCE and RESPECT

	<p>d. Walk to School Wednesday (D. Cochrane)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Run by the “Eco Club” (primarily Gr 2 and 3) - Monthly themed walk the 3rd Wednesday of each walk - Themed walks are tracked for participation - Dec. walk (“Jingle Bell Walk”) had 68 participants on Tues and 102 on Wed <p>e. Response to Gym Uniforms question posed by parent (J. Susi)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Poll of Family of Burlington schools completed by J. Susi; there are no gym uniforms at other schools - Why? Schools and teachers reported that participation in gym class is mandatory and currently it is a challenge for students to bring a regular set of gym clothes; if we require mandatory gym uniforms it adds another challenge to full student participation; there will need to be consequences for not bringing required uniform? - Gym uniforms will not be implemented at this time <p>f. Financial Update (J. Susi)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Projected Income document distributed for review - Reminder that not all funds have been collected yet, many of listed items are projections <p>g. Upcoming Events (J. Susi)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 15 Jan – Gr. 7 Confirmation Retreat 17 Jan – Uniform Exchange 17 Jan – Graduation Pictures being taken 19 Jan – Free Throw Competition at Notre Dame 21 Jan – Principal and Vice-Principal for a day activities 22-23 Jan – Registration for NEW JK/SK begins 25 Jan – Gr. 2 trip to see Greg LaRock 30 Jan – Confirmation Rehearsal 30 Jan – Volleyball Game Gr. 8’s vs. Teachers 31 Jan – Girls Basketball Tournament at Holy Trinity 31 Jan – Gr. 4/5 Ball Hockey Tournament at ND 01 Feb – PD Day 02 Feb – Confirmation Day
6	<p>School Council Chair’s Report: (K. Towns and E. Sytsma)</p> <p>OAPCE Meeting (E. Sytsma)</p> <p>80 yr. Celebration will be taking place in Toronto April 4-5</p> <p>Reviewed Government and Ministry Funding</p> <p>Guest Speaker, focus on “JOY OF LOVE”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - How do we teach our kids to love? - How kids can learn about love at home, how to provide them with strong role models - Family Conversations (dinner time, long drives, etc.) - Try to be a leader – don’t lead from the front but from behind. Making mistakes is part of their development <p>Next Council of Chairs meeting is at the end of February 2019</p>
7	<p>Committee Reports/Updates</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Salad Bar Program (K. Hinsperger) – very well organized! Great participation with 134 students. No concerns pertaining to the use of the staff room. b. Milk Program (H. Gaudet) – all going well (there was some confusion the first day back but all sorted out!) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Price increase by Dairy of 2 cents. We raised our school price by 5 cents to cover this increase - Cost per day for students is now \$0.75/unit c. Pizza Program (N. Taddeo) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Experienced a drop in numbers from Dec to Jan (in part to ordering/payment setup for the year) - Registration was opened up again the first week back to school in January, saw another 60 students registered, resulting in the numbers moving slightly ahead to those of Dec 2018. *Started discussion about ordering methods – LunchBoxOrders.com vs. School Cash Online – each outlet with pro's and con's. To be evaluated at a later date. d. Uniform Exchange (V. Van Moorsel and L. Harding) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Taking place this week - Encouraged to take larger sizes if the size needed is not available. - Items put forth for exchange need to be looked at as a DONATION as no guarantee for sizing, availability, etc. (this was also noted on the info sheets that were provided to all families) e. Pancake Tuesday (L. Van Dyk) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Awaiting response regarding donation of Pancake Batter and Syrup - Approximately 20 volunteers will be needed (email will be sent out with info) - Confirmed availability of additional funds (in excess of \$200 noted on financial report) for supplies should the need arise. f. Pasta Night (E. Sytsma, J. Mitchell and V. Gagne) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - February 21st - Caterer confirmed (same as last year) - Looking for donations for Silent Auction - Volunteers needed for night of event (email to be sent out) - Order Forms and info sheets will be going home in the next two weeks - Raffle Basket themes have been updated for this year g. Family Fun Night BBQ (H. Gaudet and J. Boras-McFadyn) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - June 5 - Starting 30 minutes earlier than last year (5-7:30pm) - Harvey's will be set up at event, cooking all food items - Order forms WILL NOT be sent home in advance, pay directly at event, bring \$\$\$ - Lots of activities for the entire family to enjoy ☺ h. Volunteer Coordinators (L. Van Dyk and J. Boras-McFadyn) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Review of tips/tricks that were discussed at last meeting - Revision to policy: Parents with Pre-school aged children are allowed to bring them to volunteer events at the school that DO NOT require direct supervision of other children - Addition to Policy: Reminder that the school is a scent-sensitive environment
8	New Business

	<p>a. Canadian Parents for French (CPF) Presentation (M. Campos)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Review of the organization (purpose, funding, etc.) - Organization has 4 main purposes: (1) Advocacy (2) Research (3) Resources for Students, Parents and Teachers (4) Youth Activities - Review of benefits to the students - Distribution of resource materials <p>https://on.cpf.ca local chapter: www.facebook.com/cpfhaltoncatholic</p> <p>b. Parent and School Communication</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Concerns about the consistency and flow of information sent home from teachers. - Multiple platforms being used in class, vary from class to class and is getting confusing for parents of multiple children, and from year to year - Concern over the relevancy and type of information that is (or is not) being sent home via various social media platforms and/or student agenda - Cannot mandate teachers to utilize specific platforms and/or any form of social media for communication, up to the discretion of the teachers themselves - Lists will be put together for the next council meeting by groups of parents regarding information that parents find most helpful: JK/SK – J. Mitchell and S. Kahnouee Gr 1/2/3 – L. Harding and M. Campos Gr 4-8 – J. Doyle and L. Van Dyk - Lists will focus on the “STOP/START/CONTINUE” format and need to be submitted to J. Susi prior to next meeting so that they can be reviewed accordingly.
9	<p>Future Agenda Items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Staff Appreciation b. School-Parent Communication
10	Next Meeting (K. Towns) – Tuesday March 19 th at 6:30pm
11	Closing Prayer (All members)
12	Adjournment at 8:45pm