

St. Benedict School Council
February 3, 2020 – Meeting Minutes

IN ATTENDANCE:

Josey Guerin, Michelle Culverwell, Marnie Ivanich, Christina Mackay, Bryan De Sousa, Michelle Culverwell, Tracey Babic, Kristi Mifsud, Jeantelle Frizado, Melissa Forman, Maria Dimaculangn, Kylie Dillon-Alcasid, Nazneen Duarte

REGRETS:

Amy Guiang-Tumamao, Kathryn Beauchamp

Josey Guerin, Tanya Le Conte, Tracey Babic, Lisa Messom, Allan Onava, Laura Breau, Artur Migdal, Bryan De Sousa, Rekha Dhayakaran, Noel Martel, Pia Bernardo, Michelle Morris

- Opening prayer
- Administrator's Report
 - Black History Month
 - Friday, Feb 7th - gr 4-6 students participating in carousels with parents and board members participating
 - Posters made with quotes to support
 - Kernels Popcorn on sale from grade 8
 - Thurs., May 7th - Art Show for grade 8 artwork to support funds for trip
 - Oath of Citizenship – Trustees have made it optional to do it as a school; school has decided not to continue with morning oath
- Financial Update
 - \$30,964 in school-generated funds as of Feb. 3rd
 - Sources include: Pizza, Milk sales
 - Funds used for divisional funds (\$3,000 per), \$8,500 on electronics (chrome books, TV, etc.)
 - As of today – collected \$1,024 online for Valentine's Day Fundraiser
 - Uniform Feedback
 - Parent feedback submitted through hard copy and online

- Milton School Boundary Review – presented by Dhilan Gunasekara (Board Planning)
 - Overview on review process, committee, etc.
 - Touches on transportation, portable requirements, existing school facilities, classroom size, Parish boundaries
 - Secondary School need – both schools are full
 - Funding for project to be confirmed by Spring 2020
 - Council designate and non-council parent to participate
 - Once preferred options are identified, then presented to the affected school communities (public)
 - Milton #3 CSS Site Plan Concept
 - SE corner of Thompson and Louis St Laurent
 - Takes approx. 2 years for development once confirmed
 - Higher capacity school (1,500+ students) due to the 4-storey concept
 - Timeline of information nights, working meetings and public meetings scheduled into the 2020/2021 school year
 - More information can be found at: schoolplanning.hcdsb.org
- Action Items & Other Agenda Items
 - Update on Benjamin Forman's Sick Kids Toy Drive initiative – a huge success
 - Gingerbread Night Debrief
 - Positive feedback on the organization and execution; positive energy in room from guests
 - Great addition with band, snacks, and set-up
 - Competition from various school families (additional lights, candy, etc.)
 - LEARNING for next year – ensure to promote extra cash for anyone interested in photo
 - CONSIDERATION for next year – keep time slots based on preference vs last names
 - Dance-a-thon – February 13th
 - Large # of donations that come in from envelopes
 - Kylie to follow-up with volunteer list to secure help
 - Prize donations through families, school purchases and pizza/Pita suppliers
 - Items to be displayed in main lobby area
 - DJ and/or playlist to be secured for event day
 - Cookies purchased for event day

- Decorations still to be purchased
- Decorating support to happen any time after 2pm on Wednesday, Feb 12th
- Shrove Tuesday – February 25th
 - Inquiring about 7th or 8th grade students to support with set-up – help with mixing, prep, etc.
 - At least 10-15 students needed
 - In the event of a strike on the Tuesday – alternative date: Friday (Feb 21st)
 - Access supplies on site to determine what else is needed
 - Looking at alternative option – pre-made mix from Sunset Grill based on cost
- E-Waste Drive – Saturday, March 28th
 - Bin to arrive morning – available for drop-off from 8:30am-4:30pm
 - Information flyer to be sent out in March, prior to March Break and then sent again after March Break
- International Food Night – Tentative date: April 23rd
 - Active Chef – dish options for menu selection
 - Max size 150 for a 90 min session
 - Discussed if we hold 2 sessions (over 2 nights) OR 1 (1 night)
 - Hands-on activity – families help make dishes
 - Alternative option: to continue with Pasta Night
- Year-End BBQ – June 11th
 - Symphony BBQ – secondary school events
 - No issues with line-ups and large turn-out
 - Waiting on updated pricing items (\$5.25 for hot dog/hamburger/veggie burger + chips & pop)
 - Pre-ordered system to confirm #s in advance
 - Discussed adding fries as an option (cost involved?)
 - Look at student volunteers for face painting
 - Consider adding popcorn and cotton candy stations
- Other Fundraisers
 - Terra – Easter Lily / Spring plant sale – waiting on flyer from Terra
 - Not moving forward with Movie Night

Next Meeting: Monday, April 6th

Meeting Adjourned – 8:03pm