**Meeting Information:**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Date** | November 4th, 2019 | | | | |
| **Time & Location** | 6:30-8:00pm, St. Bernadette’s Library | | | | |
| Attendees | Julie Riesberry | Christine Phillips | Bruna Mancuso | Amanda Bitondo | Marissa Pitt |
| Dale Rosha | Doreen Shallow | Ljubica Krpan | James McAskill | Diana Palalas |
| Kathy Ventresca | Chantal Neves | Kirsten Sears | Chantal Phillipps | Holly De Roia |
|  | Kirsten Sears | Dorota Roberts | Diane Tassone |  |  |
| **Regrets** | Kim Sibley | Eleanor Riva | |  | | --- | | Dora Mugambi | | Agata Stelmach |  |
| **Visitors** |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Next Meeting Date** | January 6th, 2020 | | | | |

**Minutes:**

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| 1 | Welcome and Prayer | * Mrs. Riesberry welcomed the group and led the group in prayer. |
| 2 | Approval of Agenda | - Agenda was agreed by all in attendance. |
| 3 | Approval of October 14 Meeting Minutes | * Noreen Shallow, seconded by Bruna Mancuso |
| 4 | Principal Report Update – Believing, Achieving, and Belonging  EQAO Activity & Student Improvement Plan  Julie Riesberry and Marisa Pitt | * The group was invited to review the EQAO summary report and document two surprises (“Ah ha” moments) and 1 next step. * There were several members who noticed that more girls are thinking they are not good at math compared to boys and not performing as well at the grade 6 level * There was a discussion on the noticeable drop in grade 6 math scores at the school and a discussion took place on how to improve results. * With regards to School Improvement Planning, Ms. Cvetkovic to come to January meeting for “Thinking” portion of Math * The goal for language & writing goal for the school is to keep the marks high * Actionable items per grade were distributed within the “School Improvement Plan” |
|  | School Budget 2019/2020 – Julie Riesberry | * This year’s “Write the Cheque” campaign saw a 54% participation rate (177 of 326 families participating). This is a significant decrease from the goal and from previous years’ participation rate. Last year $16,340 was raised. * This year $13,504 was raised. * Grades FDK–3 = 56% participation * Grades 4-6 = 43% participation * Grades 7-8 = 31% participation * School generated funds will go to learning; as a result some extracurricular activities/events for the school community will need to have a cost associated to them. * Several council members have observed there is a lot of misinformation amongst parents as to how the funds are spent, which may have contributed to a lower participation rate this year. Council members are encouraged to educate fellow parents to help reduce the misinformation. * Reminder that it is not too late to donate, that said no further emails will be sent to ask for financial contributions as the Write the Cheque campaign is supposed to be the only school fundraiser * A survey will be sent out to the school community in the spring to solicit feedback from parents on what fundraising approach should be used for the 2020-2021 school year |
| 5 | Council Chair Update – Christine Phillips  PRO Grant – Christine Phillips | * A compelling case needs to be made to receive funds for Pro Grant. * Options to consider are mental health, digital citizenship and/or social justice * Council members will continue to do research and work through email on this item |
|  |  | * Goal Setting: 2018/19 goals were reviewed and determined to still be relevant to this year. * Additional goals:   (1) Communicate math strategies to parents;  (2) Resources to be made available for parents with respect to math;  (3) Building and bringing together community; and  (4) Look into possibility of “Math Night” for parents.   * Updated goals will be distributed and incorporate the ideas provided above |
|  | Volunteer Updates | * **Calendar Volunteers**: Holly De Roia and Ljubica Krpan volunteered to update the calendar in the school by the school fridge/freezers. * **Uniform Swap Volunteers:** Kathy Ventresca, Bruna Mancuso, Kirsten Sears, Diana Palalas. They will discuss and move the event forward. * **Christmas Social:** group voted to remove baskets and raffle tickets for the social * **Bowling/Skating Social:** since the bowling could only hold a max. of 96 people per hour (at a 2 hour cost of $650), the group voted to remove the Bowling social and hold only the Skating event. Parents will need to pay for these events out of pocket. |
| 8 |  | * Meeting adjourned 8:00pm * Next meeting Monday, January 6th, 2020 from 6:30-8pm |