**St. Christopher Catholic Elementary**

**School Council Meeting Minutes**

**Tuesday February 5th, 2019**

# Action Items:

* **Next Meeting – Tuesday April 2nd, 2019**
* **Discuss Family Fun Day Committee interest and members**
* **Community Building Event Committee – to discuss potential Bingo night April**
  + **Sub-committee potentially meet prior to council meeting**
* **Council to look into the Terra Greenhouse idea for Spring Fundraiser next meeting**

## Chair Report

* **Election:** New Board but no direct impacts to the school/curriculum anticipated in short-term.
* **Curriculum Consultation:** Suggestions have included improving student performance in math and sciences, preparing students with needed job skills such as skilled trades and coding, improving provincial standardized testing; ensuring students graduate with important life skills, including financial literacy, managing use of technology in classroom such as cell phones, building a new age-appropriate health and physical education curriculum that includes subjects like mental health, sexual health education and legalization of cannabis etc.
* Council members asked to complete **Catholic School Council Selection Criteria for School Principal 2019-2020** – Council members completed today and provided back to Josh

## Fundraising and subcommittees

* As a reminder, the following is list of key fundraising and community activities/committees:
  + Danceathon on October 31st *(Fundraising for school)*
  + School lunches *(Fundraising for school – school staff to run)*
  + Poinsettias (*Fundraising for school)*
  + Bingo and Movie Night *(Community Event)*
  + Family Fun Day (*Community Event)*
  + Tiger Trek (*Charities)*
  + Spirit Days/Civvies Days (*Charities*)
  + November 28th Indigo school fundraiser
* **Pancake Tuesday:** March 5th; most is organized, just need volunteers; an email will go out on this for volunteers – let Josh know if council members want to volunteer; Janelle and Celine leading this
* **Poinsettias:** Did really well again; profited over $1,100 (little work involved!)
* **Community Events**: Bingo night; early April; community event committee to meet
* **Spring Fundraisers:** Similar to Poinsettas; Terra Greenhouse regarding flowers/planters for Mother’s day; to discuss at next meeting (Tamara started looking into this)
* **Family Fund Day**: June 6th booked for; booked the movie company; discuss council support at next meeting

# Principal’s report

**November:** Remembrance Day Liturgy, Interviews, Chapters Indigo Night Fundraiser, Poinsettias Pick up – Thanks to Mrs. Cataford, Mrs. Ferreira, and Mrs. Wong.

**December:** School Council Social, Bravo Grad, Father Philippe visit Grade 7’s, Gr 2 Trip to Brock, Grade 1 and Grade 3 trip to Burl. Perf. Arts, Grade 6 trip to Brock, Confirmation Enrollment Mass, Christmas Concert (Lots of Positive Feedback), Jr trip to Theatre Aquarius, Advent Mass, Joy Day, Grade 7 and Grade 8 trip to Corpus for Art Show

**January:** Dental Screening – JK/SK/ Grade 2, Grade 8 Grad Photos, Bus Safety Presentation – JK-3 / 4-8

Confirmation Retreat, Advanced JK Registration, MADD Canada Presentation – Grade 7 and 8, FSL Trip – Grade 6 and 8, Inclement Weather Day, Grade 7 Vaccinations, Father Ed – visit to Grade 1

**February:** PA Day, Sacrament of Confirmation – Grade 7’s

**Updates:**

* The Pro Grant that was paused a few months back was eventually granted to the school – therefore – covered most of the cost of speaker Sarah Westbrook
* Grade 3 Immunizations – update (Suspension date is March 25th) – goes through Halton Health Department. Parents responsibility to report to Halton Region; exemptions (doctor for medical reasons but lawyer for other reasons); 20-day suspension if parents don’t get the immunizations
* We continue to monitor parking before and after school – pylons seem to have helped
* Board protocol re. Inclement weather policy – very cold January – posted on Web Site (-20 with windchill is threshold for indoor)
* Only Nerf Balls (football and soccer) on the field – provided by the school (not allowed on the blacktop)
* No Basketball in January and February – snow hills
* Foot hockey (tennis balls) and 4 square (school to provide the ball) on blacktop
* Continue with Christian Meditation after lunch
* Like to thank all the volunteers who continue to come in on Sub, Pita, and Pizza Days
* Registration update – currently at 407 this year. Approx. 400 next year? (Currently 26 K reg’s/3 other reg’s)
* Soup-er-Bowl canned collection drive for Super Bowl – canned goods delivered to Compassion Society of Halton – they support between 70-90 Halton families with food/clothing/school supplies/cleaning products and personal items.
* Intramurals continue at lunch with Mr. Biliato
* Primary (up to Grade 3) Makerspace club (Tuesday’s at lunch) Mrs. Boin and Mrs. Rath
* Continue with homework club – 20-30 kids per day – has been successful
* Mrs. Percy has created an art club for primary kids (around special themed days - Valentines/Easter etc.)
* Finished Girls and Boys Volleyball; Started Girls and Boys Basketball (typically Gr 7-8)
  + Halton Catholic board – teams are typically intermediate grades
  + Tournaments - younger grades
  + May sometimes open up to grade 6’s
* Grade 4/5 Boys and Girls Ball hockey team won a recent tournament at Notre Dame
* As discussed at our 1st meeting – we’re are looking at getting new Cross Country/Track shirts – meeting with supplier this week
* Staff Changes – Kylie Johnston (Arts) - full time at St. Raphael
* Staff Changes – Serena Winegarden – Resource Centre
* New Staff - Sandra Clark – (Arts) – will start Tues Feb 12th
* New Staff - Danielle Coleman – Library – started today
* Examples of possible uniform hoodie – ISW uniforms -

## OTHER DISCUSSIONS

* **School Hoodie:**
  + Mr. McCarles brought in 3 samples (all grey)
  + Decided on the logoed hoodie (the one with St. Christopher’s letters too small)
  + Anticipated to last a lot longer given material type
  + $45
  + Not a zip-up