

# MINUTES

St Francis Of Assisi

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*Monday October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018 @ 6:30 | Meeting called to order by Vicki Santaguida*

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## In Attendance

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Jason Barnett, Jennifer Cauchi, Cheryl Nieuwendyk, Marie Paterson, Cathy Reitzel, Vicki Santaguida, Mark Witter, Kim Zangrilli

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## Approval of Agenda

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Cheryl Nieuwendyk and Marie Paterson

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## Approval of Minutes

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All

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## HouseKeeping – Mark Witter

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Welcome and Introductions

Opening Prayer – Led by Mark Witter

Members reviewed and signed off on Declaration and Pledge

Council Representatives were selected

- OAPCE – Kim Zangrilli
- Chair – Vicki Santaguida
- Co-Char – Jason Barnett
- Secretary – Marie Paterson

School councils email account to be monitored by Vicki & Jason

- Currently noted on school website
  - Mark will draw attention to its existence and purpose in newsletter/ email to families
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## Principal's Report – Mark Witter

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- We have a new Director of Education – Patrick Daly
  - He plans to visit all the schools throughout the year
- St. Francis currently has 365 students with a total of 16 classes
- Mr. Arend Librande is now teaching our music program
- Staff are attending professional development courses
- School mass being held next week on Wednesday with Msgr. Sheridan
- He will be with us until April
- Grade 2 reconciliations will now take place during Lent
- First Holy Communions will take place in May during regular masses
- Student led liturgies will continue

- October's theme is Human Dignity and will be led by Grade 7 students
- November is Promotion of Peace and will be led by Grade 6 students
- Confirmations for Grade 7 students have been moved to May
- Healthy snack bins have returned
- Big Crunch to take place later this month
- Therapy dog visits – Buddy will be with us 2 Friday's per month

## EQAO

- Results are not the only measure of a good school
- Results have decreased significantly from last year
- Mr. Witter is working on figuring out how/ why
- Biggest change has been in math
  - Grade 3 67% at or above last year, now dropped to 56%
  - Grade 6 80% at or above last year, now dropped to 47%
- All schools in Georgetown had similar results
- Ministry of Education has put in place a new plan to have students focus on the fundamentals of math
  - Starts with subtraction - strength in this area helps to build in other areas
  - All students will participate in a specific assessment
  - On Wednesday the 11<sup>th</sup>, a visiting teacher will mark the assessments and a plan will be developed based on results

## Curriculum Night

- Food truck had few line ups
- Jason advised many parents thought it was too pricey
- Last year 10% of proceeds were donated back to the school and this will happen again this year
- Marie suggested have the Knights of Columbus do the barbecuing as in the past
  - Mark worried about under cooked food
  - Jason advised is a chef with food handling qualifications
- Marie also suggested we could simply have toppers on site to sell pizzas by the slice and/ or by the box

## Silent Auction

- Didn't cost us anything, generated approximately \$420.00
- Most items provided by auction company were too expensive, starting prices were too high
- Selection was poor
- Donated items did the best

## School Generated Funds

- These include but are not limited to: pizza sales, HST rebate, lunch box sales, salad cart, dance-a-thon and silent auction
- Goals for these funds include:
  - Team Uniforms – specifically cross country. Mark to reach out to JV Clothing
  - Student Leadership Clothing
  - Gardens – making them more welcoming/ appealing to the eye

- Bathrooms – art/ positive messages in bathrooms for beautification
  - Our Child/ Youth counselor is working on ideas
- Outdoor Classroom – Some sort of shade
- Learning Commons – General improvements

\*\*Council voted unanimously on above projects/ goals

#### Dance-a-Thon/ Fundraiser

- Kim suggested moving the dance-a-thon away from Halloween generated fewer funds
  - Letters/ envelopes must go out before Thanksgiving if we go ahead with a Halloween fundraiser
- Mark advised it's difficult logistically because Council isn't established until early October
- Jennifer inquired as to the motives for the move
  - Mark advised council felt it was too much of a burden on parents so early in the school year
- Council agreed to stick with previous decision to host a Halloween dance but move the fundraising component to the new year
  - Further decided to table any more discussions until the November meeting (add to agenda)
    - We need to decide on pledge sheets and be clear with instructions
    - Consider a committee for decorating
- Re. Halloween Dance – Vicki inquired about decorations etc.
  - Cathy suggested students could make decorations
  - Mark will get leadership students to head this up
- Re. Fundraiser – Swag bags
  - Bags have been ordered
  - Council should start collecting items to fill them with
  - John Del Guidice is providing water bottles at a cost of \$1.50 each

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#### Budget

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N/A

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#### Chairs Report - Vicki Santaguida

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#### ProGrant

- We chose STEAM/ Family Fun Night
  - Still waiting on approval
  - As per Mark, should know within a month
  - Karen has forwarded some contact info.
  - Mark consulting with our science consultant

#### Executive Compensation – Policy Feedback

- Council received an invitation to respond

- Provincial government has put in place limits to increases
  - Maximum increase of 5%
  - Our trustees offered 2.5%
  - A policy has been drafted to make public all earnings
- Mark will forward to Vicki/ Jason
- Mark will send out to council member for review

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## Other Business

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### Miscellaneous

- Kim has offered to run Pancake Tuesday this year
- Salad cart is still hosted on Wednesday's
- Pizza provided by Joe's

### An Evening with Bishop Crosby

- Council agreed to once again sponsor this event with \$500.00

### Future Meeting Dates for Council:

- November 5<sup>th</sup>
- February 4<sup>th</sup>
- April 1<sup>st</sup>
- June 10<sup>th</sup>

### Grade 8 Trip

- Students will now attend Camp Tanamakoon rather than Ottawa (Monday-Thursday)
- Approximate cost \$425.00 each with coach bus

### Grade 7 Trip

- Options being considered ie. Blue Jays game

### Remembrance Day

- Marie requested funds for a wreath to be placed at the cenotaph
  - Request approved, Marie will place order
- Vicki's son Owen will represent the school as per Mark

### Council of Chairs Meetings – Jason/ Vicki

October 17<sup>th</sup>

February 27<sup>th</sup>

May 22<sup>nd</sup>

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Announcements

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Next Meeting

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Monday November 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.

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Adjournment

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Meeting Adjourned at 8:00