

MINUTES

St Francis Of Assisi

Monday April 1st, 2019 @ 6:30 | Meeting called to order by Jason Barnett & Vicki Santaguida

In Attendance

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

Approval of Agenda

Marie Paterson and Cheryl Nieuwendyk

Approval of Minutes

Cheryl Nieuwendyk and Cathy Reitzel

HouseKeeping

Welcome

Opening Prayer – Led by Jason Barnett

Principal's Report – Mark Witter

ACHIEVING

- 356 students currently enrolled for next year
- Extended French has been cancelled again for the upcoming school year due to low enrollment
- Mrs. Hadad retired at the end of February. She has been replaced by EA Corey Tennier
- Staffing is solidified in the library with Mrs. Pemberton
- Mrs. Samson finished up with us today – She has been replaced by the very qualified Mrs. Cattafi
- Board is struggling with French teachers
- Tracking continues for the implementation of school improvement plan
- Meeting today about EQAO
 - Grade 3 and 6 will write May 22, 23, 24

BELIEVING

- Catholic Education week planning is underway May 6-10
- Parents will be invited to walk with Jesus
- Monthly liturgies continue
 - April is Community and the Common Good
 - May is Human Rights and Responsibilities
 - June is Lifelong Learning – Presented by the Kindergarten classes
- This past weekend, our grade 2's celebrated their First Reconciliation and it was a great moment
 - They will be celebrating their First Holy Communion on May 11th

- Sacrament of Confirmation to take place on May 9th
- Both are taking place during Catholic Education Week
- Family Lenten Mass took place last week on Tuesday March 26th was well attended

BELONGING

- Ms. DaSilva led a bullying prevention program entitled “See the Problem, Be the Solution”
- A video was put together and selected as one of three finalists
- Positive messaging has been completed in the bathrooms with fundraising dollars
- Learning Commons is being updated to include moveable tables and a new projector
- Halton Skills Team competes tomorrow
- Robotics Team attending a Holy Cross competition
- Basketball Season is complete
- Hockey Tournament was a huge success with a donation of \$750.00 to HCCEF
- Planning is underway for an outdoor / picnic shelter
 - Trying to decide on the best location
 - Some parents have reached out with offers of supplies
- Clean up at the front of the school will be done, including planting shrubs, grasses, flowering tree etc.
- Mr. Witter will find out tomorrow if he will be staying on as principal next year
- We need volunteers to continue with Salad Cart
 - Mr. Witter will send out email to parent community looking for volunteers

FUNDRAISER

- According to Mr. Witter it was a successful fundraiser but perhaps not something that should be done every year
- Chery and Stephanie did all the work
- Final count should be close to \$8000.00
- Cheryl felt it was more inclusive and offered all students an opportunity to participate
 - Cheryl suggests selling is the way to go
 - Cheryl suggested whatever we do going forward, change is good

Budget

School generated funds budget presented and reviewed

Chairs Report - Vicki Santaguida

School ByLaws

- Council reviewed, discussed and voted to approve bylaws
 - Marie approved, Cheryl seconded

STEAM FAMILY FAIR

- Hoping to have approximately 200 in attendance
- Sub-Committee has been working with the teachers
- Will take place June 13 6:30-8:00
- Blending family fair with STEM activities
- STEAM (art component)

- Mr. Witter gave us a budget of \$1000.00 and then we discovered we had in fact received the grant for \$1000.00
- Food Truck – Marie agreed to source options
- Vickie presented the concept/ set up/ ideas for activities
 - Snapology is coming for free
 - Signs donated by Mrs. Reitzel
 - Test drive activities in the classrooms with the ignite team managing it
 - Need help with the following:
 - Invitations, signs, passports, marketing, prep and set up, help on the day (maybe highschool volunteers for hours)
 - Mr. Witter suggests sending home requests for parents to help
 - Cheryl suggested we send home passports and an invitation
 - Vickie committed to finalizing activities by April 11
 - Marie requested list of supplies required so they can be sourced
 - Sports tents can be set up for shelter outside
 - Tickets for each set of 5 stations to be entered for a draw
 - John will try and source some frisbees or similar

Other Business

- N/A

Announcements

N/A

Next Meeting

Monday June 10, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.

Adjournment

Meeting Adjourned with closing prayer at 7:48