

St. Gabriel CES Parent Council Meeting October 8th, 2020 via Microsoft Teams

Present: Christopher Tilley (Principal), Elisa Carey (VP), Heather Kuzyk, Cait Geddes, Sam Lapadat, Carmen Taylor, Jamie Arsenault, Nancy Meehan (Parish Rep.), Rose Buick, Michelle Brockie, Helen Biggs, Joel Macleod, Chris Betrand, Shawna Ducene

Regrets: Nancy Malloy (Non-teaching Rep.)

Council Guest: Tracy Leece

Commenced at 6:30pm

Introductions of council members

Commissioning ceremony

The following positions of council have been filled for the 2020/2021 year: Jamie Arsenault for Chair, Heather Kuzyk for Secretary, Nancy Malloy for Non-teaching rep, Nancy Meehan for Pastoral Representative

As of October 8, 2020, no teaching rep has been appointed

- Brief Overview of CPIC document and resource for Catholic School Councils.

Move to approve minutes by Helen Biggs, Jamie Arsenault seconded, Motion Carried

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Business Arising Update on By-laws

- Jamie and Heather to write proposed amendments of by-laws and present next meeting for voting.
- STEAM DAY- for this year. Scientist in the school is offering virtual workshops with take home kits for kids. The cost of the program will be more with these modifications.
- Elisa Carey to investigate further if this is feasible and report her findings next meeting

Goal setting and Establishment of fundraising

Heather Kuzyk questioned: How to proceed in Covid times with AGF/Boogie-a-thon

Policy/Procedures needs to be looked at regarding volunteers on site and whether that is possible

Ideas of note: Online store, prepackaged goods

AGF Sub-committee- Jamie, Cait, Helen, Heather, Michelle, Sam Carmen with lots of notice

Cait- Do AGF proceeds go to families in the parish or the school? Proceeds go within our school community.

Joel McLeod- suggested Word Press or FB as means for cataloguing of AGF items for sale

Sam has concerns around online AGF for kids in terms of accessibility and fun

Carmen Taylor suggested make a menu of items for sale rather than compiling family wish lists.

Michelle Brockie suggested pre-recorded Zoom presentation of items for sale and that that distance learning children from St. Gabe's community be included as well.

Halloween Boogie-athon

Boogie-athon to proceed with modifications. Halloween costumes are permitted as of this date. If that changes black and orange civvies day will be implemented

Carmen Taylor questioned if Boogie-a-thon can be done in cohorts?

Jamie Arseneault brought forth Idea to play music on speakers and Dance in class

Michelle proposed holding the Boogie-a-thon outside if the weather is appropriate.

Jamie Arseneau suggested donate button for boogie-a-thon as was done for Terry Fox run with multiple donation options and options for tax receipts for over 25

Chris Bertrand put forth the idea to live stream Boogie-a-thon in different classes for parents to see?

Chris Tilley will consider the idea however due diligence must be given with privacy concerns.

Other Fundraising Options

Jamie motioned for Cobbs Bakery Fundraiser. The bakery on Fairview in the Maple Mews plaza is owned by St. Gabes family. A percentage of purchase goes back to the school when school is mentioned.

Joel McLeod moves to implement the Cobbs fundraiser, Heather Kuzyk seconds the motion. Motion is carried

Nancy Meehan would like to put Cobbs fundraiser information into church bulletin. Jamie will email details to Nancy as soon the fundraiser has been put into motion.

Jamie Arseneau called for other online fundraisers to be looked into and brought forward at next meeting.

Cait Geddes recommended looking into kick back from Realtors and Local business. Also suggested was Mason Jar raffle after Christmas.

Joel McLeod suggested reaching out to St. Gabes Family owned businesses and compiling a list to promote small business and as a way to give back.

Chris Tilley and Elisa Carey to investigate what parameters, and policies are in place regarding promotional advertising.

Michelle Brockie brought forth the question: What are the reasons for no pizza, milk, popcorn and will that change? Primary reason is Covid transmission and tracing concerns. Policy is board-wide at the moment with no change in the near future.

Business Arising

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Elisa to look into it more and present more information next meeting

Joel McCleod is a CPIC representation. Emails to go out shortly regarding the upcoming meeting.

Next meeting: Thursday November 12th 6:30 pm

Closing prayer

7:47 pm adjourned