

St. John's School Council Minutes

April 4, 2016

Present: Jason Crawford, Dan Francis, Tami Browne, Tania Medeiros, Christian Thibeault, Katerina Frame, Melanie Keogh.

6:35: Motion to start meeting (Jason). Hail Mary recited by council.

6:35: Motion to approve meeting agenda (Dan, seconded by Tania).

Motion to approve previous meeting's minutes (Dolene, seconded by Katerina).

No business arising from minutes.

6:40: Principal's Report (Tami Browne)

Principal's report – April 4, 2016

Catholicity

1. Students continue to lead prayers both morning and afternoon
2. Positive feedback from community with Easter Mass
3. Reconciliation grade 2 March 9th, 7 pm
4. Confessions were held on Thurs. March 10th
5. First Communion Sunday May 1/16 2:00 pm
6. Thank you for staff appreciation day for breakfast and duties

Curriculum

1. SIP- continue to meet MOE initiatives and expectations. We continue to improve to reduce the achievement gap.

* Balanced literacy model continues to be implemented

* Co-curricular focus-language taught through all subjects

* Focus on Faith- infused in all teachable moments

* Instructional Rounds, Problem of Practice, Theory of Action--Harvard

2. Ordered smartboards

3. Math focus for our school- math in-service for 3, 4, 6 teachers; grade 7 teacher's math in-service; parents corner in the newsletter, CILM Collaborative Inquiry Learning Model

4. Supporting pathways and transitions gr. 7 and 8 teachers (promoting student engagement, pathway planner and building relationship between elementary and secondary

5. FDK in-service on EPCI- Early primary collaborative inquiry

6. FDK parent presentation Mon. April 11, 2016

7. Continue with our RTI Tier II

8. Resources provided with literacy/numeracy itinerant around mathematics

9. In-service with I/SERT and Special Education regarding RTI and mental health

10. Public speaking competition March 10 at school. Regional Wed. March 30th at St. Raphael School

Community / School Culture

1. Food for thought continues

2. Regular salting, sanding and snow clearing continued

3. Battle of the books- Grades 3,4,5 Central library Wed. April 6th.

Grades 6,7,8 Central library Wed. April 20th

4. Chess Club- Bruce from YMCA – Wednesday's grade 1 & 2

5. Mad Science, Thursday for primary /junior

6. Mad Science, Tuesday for kindergarten

7. Grade 12 Assumption Leadership students to assist with physical education classes each day (grade 2 and Kindergarten students)

A.) SAC presentation- update

B.) Self- regulation- stationary bikes

C.) Aussie X- self-regulation

D.) Math Parent Resource

E.) Planners- update

F.) OAPCE-CPIC

G.) Budget—Approximation of costs:

Aussie X \$3,000.00

First Communion \$ 450.00

Smart board \$1,600.00

LCD projector \$ 600.00

Graduation \$ 700.00

Agenda's for next year \$ 2,500.00

Thank you to the council for the Staff Appreciation, both the treats and the performing of yard duties.

SIP (School Improvement Plan) continuing. The Theory of Action, with instructional rounds from Harvard. The Problem of Practices accepted by Superintendent Tim Overholt. It is a three year plan.

SAC numbers, barring late enrolment (so far): 2 Kindergarten classes: 28,27.

1,2 combined: 18

1: 19

2,3: 17

2: 18

3,3: 16,16

4: 31

*Change: There will be a ¾ and a 4, due to the high numbers.

5: 23

6: 24

7,7: 17,17

8: 26

Total: 297

At today's staff meeting, a Social Worker spoke about anxiety and mental health. The school received a "Supporting Minds" book, about mental health, which is part of the SIP.

There was an article in the newspaper regarding stationary bikes in schools. Children who are physically active can deal with mental health issues better. The bikes help students with anxiety. A community parent read about this in the paper and has very generously offered to donate 4 stationary bikes to the school. Mrs. Browne got School Board approval, to have the bikes set up in the library and to have rules surrounding their use. The bikes are approximately \$350 each.

The "Aussie X" program is coming to St. John's. Its purpose is to build positive school culture. A lot of schools have used it, with good results. It uses movement. The group is coming to the May 2 staff meeting, and to that evening's council meeting to present their program. One option is to have them attend on three consecutive dates (May 30, 31, June 1) for the Primary, Junior and Intermediate divisions respectively. They will play "Aussie" rules football with the children. The idea being that none of the students will have had any prior experience with the game. The cost will be \$2500. Jason advises that the ProGrant has a \$1000 max, with a May deadline (May 29). That money, if granted, will be used towards the "Aussie X."

The board has a program entitled "Inspiring Your Child to Learn and Love Math."

The school will be using a different provider for the agendas next year. All FOS will be using the same faith based agendas. It has a faith theme. The senior kindergartners may start using it to prepare for grade 1. The cost is \$450.

Jason advises that CPIC is seeking nominees.

Food for Thought: program is going well. The food is being used.

Pizza Day: Going well. The online forms are a challenge.

Pasta Night: Some online ticket glitches. The 5pm seating is almost sold out. The 7pm has room, but usually fills up closer to the date. Prizes are starting to come in. Mrs. Browne to remind staff about volunteering that evening.

Parish Update: 40 rosaries needed for First Communion.

Volunteer Update: n/a.

New Business: if the school moves to St. Paul's during renovations, then it remain a separate entity while at the school. There will be 9 portables, not all for St. John's. The younger students will be inside.

7:40: Motion to adjourn (Dan, seconded by Tania). Our Father as a closing prayer.