

St. John's School Council Minutes

January 11, 2016

6:30: Meeting begins.

Present: Tami Browne, Tania Medeiros, Katerina Frame, Dan Francis, Dolene Vanderlelie, Jason Crawford.

6:34: Motion to open meeting made by Jason. New Years Prayer recited by group.

6:35: Motion to approve meeting agenda made by Tania, seconded by Dolene.

Motion to approve previous meeting's minutes made by Dolene, seconded by Tanya.
Minutes approved.

6:36: Principal's Report, delivered by Tami Browne.

Catholicity

1. Christmas support provided by our community Angel Tree, Toys for Tots, Food 4 thought, HCCEF very successful for our families
2. 9:00 Fri. Dec. 10 Advent mass- was well attended
3. Students continue to lead prayers both morning and afternoon
4. Continuing with our theological theme, Who do you say that I am?
5. Wed. Dec. 16 Christmas performance Thanks to students for an amazing presentation of What Christmas Means to Me
6. Father Bob is getting stronger each day. He is going to resume his duties February 1, 2016

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
2. Math focus for our school-
3. Collaborative Inquiry Learning Model (CILM) with primary, junior and intermediate staff (math focus)

4. Supporting pathways and transitions gr. 7 and 8 teachers (promoting student engagement, pathway planner and building relationship between elementary and secondary)
5. Staff support being met with literacy/numeracy itinerant and special education itinerant growth mindset in math
6. Words their Way
7. MAD SCIENCE will do a presentation for our grades 1-6 students on Fri. Jan. 8th
8. Anti-bullying
 1. CYC antibullying sessions
 2. How to fill your bucket throughout the bulletin boards at school. Books were purchased "How to Fill Your Bucket" for primary grades. Junior grades received "I Am" books
 3. Grade 1 Kelso's choice
 4. Grade 8 anxiety sessions
9. EA homework club with students from YMCA
10. Intermediate homework club

Community / School Culture

1. Grade 8's- chocolate bar sale successful
2. Garage Sale Friday Feb. 26
3. We collected gifts, food, clothing for our Angel Tree
4. Advanced registration for FDK is on Jan. 26th and 27th.
5. Regular salting, sanding and snow clearing continue
6. Battle of the books, ball hockey, basketball, hockey
7. Budget –
 - Smart boards/new LCD interactive
 - French room, Music Room, Computer lab
8. Joint FOS council meeting February 29th, 2016

With the EQAO we went over the five year statistics looking at reading, writing and mathematics compared to our school, board and province.

For TTFM we discussed how comfortable the students feel at St. John School. The students demonstrate positive behaviour. We will continue to look at the students who feel more anxious in social situations.

For SIP we went over the SIP plan as well as our Problem of Practice that aligns with the BIP.

7:05: Budget Update, delivered by Jason and Tami.

- \$6700 was spent on 3 smartboards for classrooms.

-\$1000 for playground/sports equipment (recess balls etc.).

Pizza Update: Pizza forms need to be completed on-line. The cut-off date for on-line forms has come and gone. 40 families who normally order pizza, did not, and this is hopefully due to paper pizza forms not going out. As a result, paper forms will be sent home.

Pasta Night: Jason from Tracy Lourenco (Pasta Night Committee Chair).

-Short of volunteers for this year. Perhaps a volunteer request could be sent out from the school. Jason to help with prize solicitation, and will need help canvassing for prizes. There is a need for families with younger children to begin helping out. Also, prize donations from school families will be needed.

Food for Thought: from Tami, all is going well. School families have donated money to the program, as have the St. John's Parish CWL.

Parish Update: from Dolene. The Church Pancake Supper will be on Shrove Tuesday, February 9 in the St. John's Church Hall. Pancakes will be served from 4:00pm to 7:00pm that evening. The menu will be pancakes and sausages. The cost will be \$5.00 per person, with children 5 and under being free. The tickets will be for sale at the door only.

Volunteer Update: Tami. The school will need help with its Pancake Tuesday.

New Business: Family of Schools Council Meeting on Feb 29.

7:17: Council recites 'Our Father.' Meeting adjourned.