

# **St. John School Council Minutes**

**May 2, 2016**

**Present:** Jason Crawford, Tami Browne, Tania Medeiros, Christian Thibault, Katerina Frame, Dolene Vanderlelie, Melanie Keough

**Regrets:** Dan Francis

**6:30:** Aussie X Presentation - video presentation and discussion on community involvement experiences.

**6:50:** Motion to approve meeting agenda (Dolene, seconded by Tania)

Motion to approve April 4, 2016 council meeting minutes (Dolene, seconded by Christian)

No business arising from minutes.

## **Principal's Report**

### Catholicity

1. Students continue to lead prayers both morning and afternoon
2. Catholic Education Week activities going on May 2-6- brochures went out
3. First Communion was beautiful May 1st
4. Several of our grade 6-8 students will participate in the Walk With Jesus Rally on May 5th
5. Grade 7 students will participate in Board wide Religious Education testing (May18-19)

### Curriculum

1. Ordered computer speakers, calculators, smart-board, LCD projector
2. Supporting pathways and transitions gr. 7 and 8 teachers (promoting student engagement, pathway planner and building relationship between elementary and secondary
3. FDK in-service on EPCI- Early primary collaborative inquiry—kindergarten natural playground in-service. Taking play structure down
4. In-service with I/SERT and Special Education regarding RTI and mental health
5. Catholic Education Week and Mental Health Week
6. Environment Week/Lights Out/Garbage pick up
7. EQAO testing will begin during the week of May 25th
8. Numerous teachers participated in workshops in various subjects with support from our Itinerant literacy and numeracy teacher
9. PD day April 22nd –21st century learning—problem of practice-theory of action

10. Staff meeting- Aussie X was our focus for May
11. SPLT's- Rich Math tasks
12. Share SAC--changes

#### Community / School Culture

1. Pasta Night- huge success- Thank you.
2. Food for thought continues
3. Battle of the books- Grades 3,4,5 Grades 6,7,8 Thank you Mrs. Petruccelli and Mrs. Zvonar
4. Track and field
5. Grade 8's going to Ottawa June 8-10
6. Volunteer luncheon Tuesday May 10
7. Lock down drills will be completed
8. Information was placed in the May newsletter for the opportunity for input for class placements as well as on the website.

GRADUATION DATE: JUNE 23, 2016

MASS: 9:00 AM

LUNCHEON: Tucker's Market Place

#### **Addition Items**

1. New Bikes - The donated bikes are now in library for use.
2. Tell Them From Me - Parents are reminded to go online and complete the survey before it closes on May 20, 2016.
3. Problem of Practice and Theory of Action - Team was working on this during most recent PD Day. The Problem of Practice is included in the school improvement plan to assist in moving forward to meet the needs of the students. Session on May 16 to review the Theory of Action with all staff.
4. Aussie X—Community engagement night - Wednesday, June 1 at 6pm. All are encouraged to attend.
5. Learning Commons - Library and computer lab area to be dedicated learning common.
6. May/June Newsletter - Plenty of information included for the upcoming two months.

**Budget Update** - \$3,000 remaining to be allocated in 2016/2017

**Food for Thought** - Program worked well during the year and will operate through summer

**Pizza Day** - not applicable

**Pasta Night** - Deferred to discussion on new business

#### **Parish Update**

- Grade 2's will receive rosaries kindly donated by the CWL.

- Dolene attended the retreat for parish council representatives and discussed "Rosary Apostolate in Schools".
- Trained volunteers visit schools one a month from October to May to teach children how to pray the Rosary.
- Duration of visit vary depending on the grade level. (e.g. JK&SK - 15 minutes, 1-3 - 20 minutes, 4-8 - 45 minutes)

**Volunteer Update** - Deferred to discussion on new business

### **New Business**

#### **1. Pasta Night**

- Successful night and it was likely amount raised was similar to prior year. Amount was not known as of the council meeting.
- Next year is the 30th anniversary.
- Discussion over the significant amount of work required and on a concentrated few of the committee.

#### **2. Volunteer Update**

- Pasta night discussion on amount of work carried into discussion on the need for more volunteers to assist with the various committees and programs at the school.
- There was a brief discussion on how to increase community involvement.

**7:50** Motion to adjourn (Jason, seconded by Christian). Hail Mary as the closing prayer.