

St. John's School Council Minutes

Monday November 30, 2015

6:30 – Meeting Begins. Group recitation of an Advent Prayer.

Present: Tami Browne, Tanya Medeiros, Mark Foote, Natalie Foote, Jason Crawford, Dan Francis, Katerina Frame, Dolene Vanderlelie, Mel Keogh

Approval of Meeting Agenda, seconded by Dolene.

Approval of previous Meeting's Minutes, seconded by Dolene.

6:35 – Information/Discussion Items

Principal's report – November 30, 2015

Catholicity

1. Remembrance Day Mass Wednesday November 11th 9:00 am
2. Grade 7 confirmation retreat Thursday November 12th- 9:30am - 2:30 pm.
3. Grade 7 Confirmation Wednesday November 25th, 7:00 pm (Class picture with Bishop). Thank you to council for the gowns. Thank you to Mrs. Martini for all her support and effort!
4. Safe Schools Action Team
5. School Faith Day- Helping the Good Shepherd in Hamilton
6. Welcoming Father Allen to St. John Community
7. Confessions Wednesday December 2nd 1:00 pm
8. Advent Mass Thursday December 10th 9:00 am
9. Wednesday December 16th 1:00 pm Christmas presentation

Curriculum

1. Support provided by Itinerant Literacy and Numeracy
2. Support provided by Itinerant Special Education

3. Three interactive projectors being installed (Music room, French room, Computer lab)
4. Response To Intervention will start
5. Empower program well received
6. Nov. 18th progress reports go home
7. Nov. 26th evening – parent teacher interviews
8. Math focus continues for our school
9. Supporting pathways and transitions gr. 7 and 8 teachers (promoting student engagement, pathway planner and building relationship between elementary and secondary
10. Bullying Awareness Week- Nov. 16-20. – Fill Your Bucket- Primary/Junior; I AM- Intermediates
11. PA. Day- Friday November 27st, 2015
12. SIPSA/EQAO/TTFM
13. BRAVO presentation Tuesday Dec. 8th 12:35 pm

Community / School Culture

1. Food for thought continues
2. Food 4 kids- weekend food program
3. \$500.00 from St. Vincent DePaul
4. \$50.00 donation from a family
5. Halton Region (Public Health Nurse/Mental Health Liaison Nurse) is available to us
6. Grade 8's- chocolate bar sale
7. United Way- civvies day- \$260.00
8. Dance-A-Thon- Mrs. Kwasnik's class pizza party; approx. \$4284.00.

Principal for day- Henry T. in Miss Choong's class

9. Toys for Tots will provide for three needy families for Christmas

10. Mulch will be provided to the Kindergarten playground to assist with the mud

11. Natural playground to be looked at in the future for the Kindergarten yard

Budget. There is \$6,200 available. 3 projectors for classroom Smartboards have been ordered, as well as 2 Apple tv's. All student agendas were purchased by School Council.

-\$250 for the Environment Club/Recycling.

-\$1000 for the Faith Committee

-\$1000 for Food for Thought/Emergency lunches

-\$1000 for the Music Department

-\$1500 for playground/sports equipment. New 'Nerf' equipment for every classroom is coming.

-\$600 for Guest Speakers.

-\$2000 for Principal's Discretion.

-\$1000 for Family Night.

-\$2000 for Literacy/Numeracy.

-\$1000 for Graduation/Awards Ceremony.

There is hope that eventually every classroom will have a Smartboard.

The grade 7 Confirmation went great. A concern arose that one mother provided all of her time doing the set-up and take-down by herself. Going forward, perhaps there should be more organized sharing of the workload by the Confirming families.

Food for Thought - From Mel Keogh, all is well.

Pasta Night – A date is still to be picked. A tentative date of April 21st is being looked at, as well as the 14th or the 28th. It was felt that the prize delivery system was better at last year's event.

Strategic Plan Group Activity

The Council brainstormed on 5 questions posed by the HCDSB.

7:35 – Council closed with a Hail Mary. Meeting Adjourned.