



PARENT COUNCIL MEETING

December 3, 2018

6:30pm
Library

CHAIRS:	A. Naismith, A. Ricci
SECRETARY:	E. Belita
ATTENDEES:	E. Belita, J. Boere, K. Boss, R. DeLuca Malette, S. Grise, L. Guschin, T. McLaughlin, A. Ricci, J. Szulimowski
REGRETS:	K. Healey, C. McLaughlin, A. Naismith, E. Sui
GUESTS:	n/a

MINUTES

Agenda Item:	Welcome, opening prayer	A. Ricci
Agenda Item:	Approval of Agenda	A. Ricci
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moved by T. McLaughlin • Seconded by S. Grise 	
Agenda Item:	Principals Report	R. DeLuca Malette
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • R. DeLuca Malette highlighted the happenings within the school community over the past month in the areas of Curriculum (Achieving), Catholicity (Believing) and Community and School Culture (Belonging). See report below for details. 	
Agenda Item:	By-Laws Update	R. DeLuca Malette
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • R. DeLuca Malette distributed updated council by-laws and current procedures to members 	
Agenda Item:	Joint Council Meeting Update	E. Belita, R. DeLuca Malette
Discussion:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tentative date: Feb. 6th from 6:30-8:00 p.m. at St. John CES • Structure of meeting: Speaker 45 minutes-1 hour with Q&A and facilitated discussion in breakout groups • A. Mann (PHN) and R. DeLuca Malette to meet with potential speaker, Dr. Angela Saunders (ROCK) to discuss content and cost • Focus of meeting will be increasing knowledge about resilience, mental health and strategies to develop resilience across various developmental age groups 	
Agenda Item:	Fundraiser – Mardi Gras	All council members
Discussion:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allowed one large fundraiser per year for school generated funds <p>Baskets for Raffle</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Theme baskets will be created and raffled off instead of seeking individual donations/prizes • Each class will be assigned a theme. Students will be requested to bring in donations for the class assigned theme. 	

- Once donations are collected, council members will divide up donations and create two baskets per theme
- Themes: Movies, board games, snacks, sports, books, STEM, crafts
- Will review donation list from previous years and determine if there are big ticket items that can still be raffled off independently or included in one of the themed baskets if relevant
- Sponsorship from companies: R. DeLuca Malette can mention in school messenger and on website to request donations for those still interested
- Each student will be provided with one raffle ticket. Number of additional tickets will be provided based on amount of money raised (value and number of tickets provided to be determined)

Music

- Local realtor (DJ that donates time and equipment)

Snacks

- Pancakes, juice boxes provided to students

Roles and Responsibilities (ACTION ITEMS)

- **Mask making and decorating**
 - R. DeLuca Malette to print out template for classes
 - K. Boss' grade 7 students to assist with decorating and putting up masks in gym
- **DJ**
 - K. Healey/R. DeLuca Malette/C. Risidore to call DJ. If not available, grades 7/8 students assigned to music
- **Donations**
 - A. Ricci to contact organizations from previous donation list. Two more individuals potentially to assist with this (TBD)
- **Volunteers**
 - T. McLaughlin to prepare schedule of volunteers ahead of event (e.g., volunteers needed to hand out beads, usher students in and out of the gym during their allotted time, pancakes)
 - J. Szulimowski will lead organization of volunteers on day of event
 - L. Guschin and A. Ricci available to volunteer during event day
- **Tickets**
 - S. Grise will follow-up with purchasing pre-cut tickets from Party City
 - Envelope with raised funds returned by students on Fri. March 1st
 - T. McLaughlin, K. Bos will count and organize tickets on Fri March 1st after school
 - Students will write name and grade on tickets
- **Baskets**
 - Students to bring in donations by Fri. Feb. 22nd
 - Council members will organize and wrap baskets on Feb. 25th during council meeting

Agenda Item: **Family Engagement Events**

All council members

Discussion:

- Christmas musical
 - provides opportunities for students who are interested in being involved in the Arts
 - promotes theatre
 - stage extension is required and needs to be paid for and this is covered through ticket sales and fundraising.
- Mistletoe market
 - 4-5 gifts per student purchased by four parent volunteers
 - New addition to envelope: Check box at the bottom indicating: 1) return change; 2) donate change to school
- Advent mass: moved to during the day
- Joy day: Dec. 17th

- Candy canes: Instead will distribute lollipops for Valentine's day
- Movie night: Dec. 18th; pizza and popcorn to be served (A. Naismith and T. McLaughlin will lead)
- Wait until May for next event: Potential ideas include drum fit, active chefs, yoga/Zumba (parent who teaches Zumba), let's talk science (one of these during education week)
- Year-end BBQ will be led by A. Ricci and another parent who is interested (Anthony and another dad). Will need to organize another brainstorming session about the BBQ with council.
 - A. Ricci to check with Harvey's Waterdown and M&M about participation
- Idea for popcorn Thursdays with Kernels: for \$10 per month, you pick the flavours (Jan.-March break). Profit could go toward something specific such as yearbook.

Agenda Item: **Action Items Recap** E. Belita

Discussion:

- See above Mardi Gras agenda item for specific action items
 - Dec. 18th movie night: A. Naismith and T. McLaughlin to lead
 - A. Ricci to connect with Harvey's Waterdown and M&M re: participation in year-end BBQ
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Principal's Report December 3, 2018

Achieving – Curriculum

1. Curriculum Consultant and Elementary Itinerant Teacher – SIP/SPTLs
2. IT - weekly
3. Resource Department School and Board Team Meetings - Resource Team – Consultant/I-SERT/I-EA
4. Resource Department – IPRC Meetings
5. EMPOWER program
6. Musical Practices final week
7. Licensed 2 Learn – just completed session 6 – Session 7 – January
8. MindUP and Roots of Empathy sessions
9. Math Project – Mrs. Boss & Mrs. Schroeder
10. Minecraft Workshop – 5/6 students
11. Math Lunch & Learn (Rekenrek) – J. Christie, Elementary Itinerant Teacher
12. Gym Inspection
13. Canadian Test of Cognitive Skills – Grade 4 students
14. Progress Reports & Parent Teacher Interviews
15. Library Book Buying
16. Divisional Meetings

Believing - Catholicity

1. Visits by Mrs. Tessari with students – particularly grade 2 and 7 students
2. Remembrance Day Liturgy – November 9 – thank you grade 5/6 staff and students
3. Season of Advent
4. Grade 2 Reconciliation - this past weekend

Belonging - Community and School Culture

1. Rosary Sessions continue
2. Assumption CSS hosted grade 8 students
3. Lunch Basket and Pizza Days weekly
4. See the Problem, Be the Solution – Mrs. Miles & three student representatives
5. Girls & Boys Assumption Volleyball Feeder School Tournaments
6. Sharing Circle – Mme Fernandes and Grade 5 students
7. Kids4Kids Conference – Grade 8 students and staff
8. PEACE Week
9. Assist Training – Mrs. Miles
10. Public Health Nurse – Grant Application Support
11. Megan's Day Liturgy