PARENT COUNCIL MEETING
December 2, 2019

6:30pm
Library

CHAIR:	A. Naismith/E. Belita
SECRETARY:	J. Boere
ATTENDEES:	E. Belita, J. Boere, L. Guschin, C. McLaughlin, T. McLaughlin, A. Naismith, J. Sypula, R. DeLuca Malette, K. Boss, S. Grise
REGRETS:	N/A
GUESTS:	N/A

MINUTES

Agenda Item: Welcome and prayer — Presenter: A. Naismith

Agenda Item: Approval of agenda — Presenter: A. Naismith
- Moved by T. McLaughlin, Seconded by J. Sypula

Agenda Item: Principal's Report — Presenter: R. DeLuca Malette
Discussion:
- 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: SGF annual plan — Presenter: R. DeLuca Malette
Discussion:
- R. Deluca Malette presented the final plan that has been submitted to the Board, and discussed the various components
- Plan includes the money from TD for L. Guschin's volunteer time on council

Agenda Item: PRO Grant update — Presenter: R. DeLuca Malette
Discussion:
- St. John's principal submitted our recommendation on behalf of our Family Of Schools
- Paul Davis – March 26th at Holy Rosary
- Angela Saunders – flexible on date, at St. Patrick's
- Public health nurse re: vaping at Assumption, date TBD

Agenda Item: Fundraiser - Mardi Gras — Presenter: Council Members
Discussion:
- Danceathon scheduled for Feb 25
- S. Merriam took over the pancakes from K. Chan last year

Action items:
- R. DeLuca Malette to book J. Giordano as DJ
- R. DeLuca Malette to chat with K. Healey, E. Sui, J. Sypula about corporate donations and sponsorships

Agenda Item: Family Engagement – Upcoming Events — Presenter: Council Members
Discussion:
- Note went home today with list of things going on in December for quick reference
- Christmas Musical – Dec. 6
- Advent Mass – Dec. 11 – Grade 4/5s
- JOY Day – Dec. 12
- Mistletoe Marketplace – Dec. 13

- Candy Canes – Mrs. De Meo & Mrs. Hurley
- St. Patrick CES – 50th Anniversary Celebrations – start to focus on planning this in March 2020
- Year End BBQ

Agenda Item: New Refugee Family – Special Need/Support Brainstorming Presenter: R. DeLuca Malette

Discussion:

- R. DeLuca Malette discussed the needs of a new student and council brainstormed ideas for how to raise money to support them
    - Auction off front row of Christmas concert seats
    - Proceeds from candy cane sales
    - Sugar cookie decorating before valentine's day
    - Bake sale at the church after mass on a weekend
    - Lasagna night
    - "bingo" night

Action items

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Agenda Item Action item recap Presenter: J. Boere

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- R. DeLuca Malette to chat with K. Healey, E. Sui, J. Sypula about corporate donations and sponsorships for danceathon
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Future meeting dates: Jan 27, Feb 24, April 6, May 11 at 6:30pm in the library

Principal's Report December 2, 2019

1. Pathways Itinerant Teacher visits to intermediate classes and supports intermediate staff – expanding to grade 6s
2. Curriculum Consultant & Itinerant Teacher visits to support school improvement planning
3. Licensed to Learn (L2L) Program – October, November – restarting in January
4. Christmas Musical Practices – Kindergarten to Grade 8 – this Friday December 6, 2019
5. MathUP, Math Monitoring, Moderation and Student-Centred Coaching in progress
6. Early Numeracy Screening In-Service – Kindergarten staff completing these
7. MindUP program continues – info shared on Featured Stories section of school website
8. School Team, Board Team and IPRC Meetings with the resource department
9. Progress Reports and Parent-Teacher Interviews
10. Assumption Guidance Department visit – grade 8 option sheets
11. Skills Ontario Presentation for Grades 7 & 8s
12. Grade 4 CCAT7 – Canadian Cognitive Abilities Test (reasoning abilities - verbal, nonverbal and quantitative)

Believing - Catholicity

1. All Souls' Day Liturgy – November 6 – thank you grade 7 students, Mrs. Boss and choir
2. Remembrance Day Liturgy – November 11 – thank you grade 6 students, Mr. O'Neill and choir

3. Day of Kindness Liturgy – November 25 – thank you grade 4 students and choir
4. Pastoral Animator In-Service – Mrs. Colalillo attended
5. Administrator's Retreat – Thursday November 14 evening and Friday December 15 – David Wells presenter
6. Visits by Father Godwin Pinto and Mrs. Tessari – Kindergarten, Grade 2s and 7s
7. St. Patrick Church events posted on weekly updates

Belonging - Community and School Culture

1. Pizza and Lunch Basket - lunch programs continue – weekly
2. Peace Team organized Advent Outreach Initiatives – leading up to week one - Food Drive for the St. Patrick Society St. Vincent de Paul, week two – New Hats and Mitts for the Halton Women's Place
3. Halton Food for Thought - Snack Program – T/W/TH
4. Assumption AP Information Night
5. Bullying Awareness and Prevention Week, Blue Shirt Day & Presentation
6. Berenstain Bears on Stage for K – Grade 3 students
7. See the Problem, Be the Solution – 3 student ambassadors – follow up with Assumption Student Senate members December 10
8. Hamilton Bulldogs Games Day for Schools – Junior Grades attended
9. United Way Paint the Town Red Day in support of the Big Brother Big Sisters of Halton and Hamilton
10. Intramurals – Skipping and Games Club have started