

## **Nov 5<sup>th</sup> Council meeting. St Vincent Elementary Catholic School**

In attendance: Mrs. Uniacke, Mrs. V, Mrs. Glinski, Michelle Kent, Tracey Martino, Regina Dykman, Dianne Caldarelli, Sonia Guglietti, Tracy Sonnermann, Jasmine vonHorsten, Muriam DeAngelis, Marilyn Duarte, Siobhan Kukolic, Carolyn Holmes.

Regrets : Melissa Grech

Minutes recommended for approval by Regina. Seconded by Dianne

Focus on faith prayer booklets were distributed to each council member. Each class wrote a prayer for the booklet – the prayers are read after morning announcements and having the booklets allows each student to follow along and fully participate.

### **Principal's report:**

LOTS of great things happening/completed so far this year:

- CGE Stained glass is in progress.
- Student Vote Oct 19<sup>th</sup>: Was a very well received, interactive learning opportunity for the kids.
- Picture Day was held Oct 26<sup>th</sup>
- Grade 2 trip to Safety Village
- October Dance a thon a big success again – thank you to Carolyn and her team. Putting line items on the newsletter and simplifying the link definitely had an impact and our funds raised are back in line with pre 2017 years.
- Scholastic book sale a big success – earned over \$2000. Thank you to Mrs. Wilson and the Literacy Committee. Some discussion was held as to whether the date of the book fair should be later in the year where it won't conflict with our other big fundraiser. Mrs. Wilson and the Literacy Committee to provide input on this.
- Nov 1 Bus Safety Presentations were held
- Girl's volleyball doing really well. Other sports teams starting up.
- October walk to school month
- Big Crunch event – October – kids loved it.
- All 3 fire drills and lock down and bomb threat drills have been completed

### **FINANCES:**

- \$17325 raised this year at the Dance a thon. We will clear \$15000! Enormous success.
- Lego wall is up, new altar is coming, musical board coming for Mr. Miguel, Another set of chrome books, library mural etc. Website will be updated with what we will spend the money on.
- Milk program – will net approx \$1300 for the year.
- Pizza – will net approx \$4000 by December
- Pita lunch – not very popular. Only 13 kids currently registered. (until Dec) Discussion was held on not offering Pita again next term – offering something different. Motion – Tracey. Seconded by Michelle. Marilyn D will reach out Quesada as a potential replacement - will check their offerings and nutritional guidelines.
- Subway – Will net about \$300 by December

### **Council Chair Report:**

- CPIC meeting (Tracey) Mrs. Uniacke shared a PowerPoint presentation about how home/school/church can work together to strengthen our Catholic education. Reflected & provided feedback on what we can do as a Council to encourage meaningful cooperation within our school community.
- Tracey asked for a volunteer to say the opening prayer (Siobhan) and closing prayer (Dianne) For December's meeting.

### **STAFF** (Mrs. Glinski)

- Looking at stopping the Angel tree. Too many other things going on. Christmas shop already raises funds for Kerr Street Mission, we are putting together backpacks for charity (Peace Team is leading) etc.

### **PARISH** – NIL (Sonia)

### **VOLUNTEER COMMITTEE** (Carolyn)

- Wreath & Poinsettia forms will go out this week. Funds raised go to Kerr St Mission. This year there will be photos available on line for folks to see what the Wreaths & poinsettias look like. No charge, no breakeven for wreaths. For Poinsettias, we need \$1000 sales for free delivery. Otherwise its \$75 for delivery.
- Christmas shop form will be going out this week – to get an idea of who students will be buying for. Gives us an idea of what inventory we will need. Christmas Shop date is Dec 18<sup>th</sup> (Tuesday). We will request donations of bags & tissue again this year.

Siobhan is going to work on developing bylaws for our council

### **UNIFORM** (Michelle):

- We have gotten approval for a unisex hoodie! Sample was passed around and well received. Hoodie will be available for purchase in a few weeks.
- Spread the word that ISW will happily exchange any garments which are defective. They will also work with any family whose child has a body type which does not fit in the current offerings, or who has a special need for a certain fabric, closure etc. ISW will customize a garment at no extra charge.

Closing Prayer – Regina.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25

