

St. Matthew School Council Meeting

Date: Tuesday December 4, 2018

Location: Learning Commons

Present: Rennie, Brenda, Jessica, Kim, Heidi, Gilda, Lisa, Pat K, Patti Jo, Diana, Pat P

Regrets: Denise

Meeting Minutes

Prayer lead by Gilda

Review and Approval of Minutes

Correction: December 14th is the date for the school mass at St. Agnes

Approved: Kim

Review and Approval of Agenda

Budget Updates

- Dance-a-thon profit is \$19,500
- Speaker system: just over \$9,000 is paid and installed
- Teacher reimbursements aren't done yet- putting estimation in this week
- Effective working balance just over \$16,000 for the year, doesn't include expenses for fitness night, movie night, etc.
- Still waiting to hear on pro-grant application - would be \$1000 to supporting a parent night for the Umbrella Project
- PIC Grant money hasn't come into account yet either- \$500
- Council-hosted events typically budget \$2,000 for the year

Principal's Update

- Youth faith ambassadors did well with clothing donation drive. They took it to shelter, sorted clothing, and spent the morning there. Great experience.
- Advent reconciliation is this Thursday
- Mass is at church next Friday at 10:45-11:45am. Buses arrive at 9:30, start to move kids at 9:45. Each bus does 2 rounds there and back with 4 buses total at cost of \$1000. Lunch recess will shift back an hour to accommodate transportation.
- Umbrella project going very well
- Pathways planning and programming: through progress reports and speaking with parents it came forward that families wanted an info night about high school but didn't want such a big night as per St Luke's. St. Matthew will be doing our own info night on Thursday at 6:30pm with only our parents.

- Speakers are installed in the gym but without cages. Cages are on their way, will be installed during Christmas break. Mrs. Aubie and tech crew have been instructed on proper use and integration of system.
- Talking about getting wireless microphones- if continuing to do concerts and plays, getting good mic's would be something to look at for next year to go with new system
- Having 2 presentations for Christmas this year. The Grinch play will have evening performance on Wednesday Dec. 12 for parents. YFAs will be there and selling cookies and hot cocoa raising funds for their outreach program (education for girls in 3rd world countries). Will be opening parking on the blacktop for evening performance. Christmas concert on Dec 20th will have 2 time slots 10:30-11:30am, 1:00-2:00pm.
- Students/Parents who won tickets for Rangers game: is this Sunday at 2pm. If taking bus it will be coming at 1:15pm and will not wait, then will take to game and bring back
- Playground structure: Yesterday the city came to survey the land. City/WCDSB will be meeting in New Year but no date yet.
- Divider wall in gym: non-operational and will be removed and replaced by the Board, although likely not this year. Board has come in and looked at and looked a ceiling, concerned about how ceiling is built. They're looking at how to remove wall and put in supports for a curtain divider to be installed

Upcoming Council Events

- Zumba to be scheduled for a Wednesday night in January
- Shrove Tuesday - March 5th (Tuesday)- will send Newswire/flyer requesting volunteers (will need to have police check) as we will need more people to help (approximately 20 volunteers). YFA's will also assist with serving/cleaning tables.
- Climbing Wall: Will be set up in gym for daytime use week of Feb 4 - 8. Council will host a Family night on Thursday, February 7th. We will need RSVPs for family night, to be sent home 2 weeks prior. Cost to be determined.
- Family Fitness Night to be coordinated with Mr. McKinnon - likely May.

New Business

- DQ has offered a Books and Blizzards program to encourage reading. Our school is the pilot program. Grades 1-5, each kid gets a card, will read 8 books and gets a free Blizzard as reward. Teachers will stamp cards and will be up to teacher whether in classroom or at home. Big thanks to DQ for offering this opportunity to our school.

Next Meeting: Tuesday Feb 5, 2019 6:30pm

Adjournment