
Catholic School Advisory Council

Meeting Minutes – March 10, 2020

Attendance: Mrs. Johnstone, Diana, Andreas, Pat, Brenda, Sarah, Heidi, Denise, Kate B, Katie, Andrea

Regrets: Lisa, Kim, Jessica, Mrs. Bruce, Mr. Poulin, Renny, Lori

1. Prayer led by Mrs. Johnstone
2. Review and Approval of January Meeting Minutes
3. Review and Approval of Agenda
4. **Budget Update -Treasurer (Denise)**
 - \$12,700 in the account, which excludes grant from the City. \$1,800 of \$12,700 is earmarked, so we have about \$10,900 available.
5. **Principal's Update – Mrs. Johnstone**
 - Lenten reconciliation on March 31, students Grade 2 to Grade 8;
 - Easter Mass is April 16th at 9 am;
 - Ocean protection fundraiser -raised enough for a school pyjama day (\$350);
 - Grade 8's went to Camp Brebeuf, because Mount Mary fell through. Camp Brebeuf was very accommodating. All had a great time. Ms. Barbosa did a great job in planning in a hurry, when the timing had to be moved up;
 - High school registration forms/course selections have gone out;
 - CCAT -Canadian Cognitive Academic Testing -has been cancelled. There could be two writing dates next year, for Grades 4 and 5;
 - EQAO has not been cancelled, but is being discussed at this point - not sure if it will happen;
 - Bread ceremony for Holy Thursday will happen April 16th;
 - Immunization suspension letters have gone out, but no suspensions at this point, because human resources will be focused on addressing COVID-19;

- In regards to COVID-19, there was a question as to whether a plan is in place given that some students will be traveling over March break. Mrs. Johnstone responded with a few points, including that custodians have additional tasks assigned to their cleaning schedules;
- On Monday May 4th at 6 pm there will be a mass at St. David's for all parent council members of the St. David's family. St. David's asked whether there is something that the council (or school) would like to provide something for the altar. All things we had to offer were already being provided by other schools; and
- 25th Anniversary Pottery-to-Go Mosaic - Discussion of costs involved, labour and time required to complete. Cost put to vote.

6. Parish Update -Andreas

- Plans are underway for VBS to run at St. Agnes again this year. More information will go out through newswires/Parish website.
- Reminder about Sunday School at the 9 am mass, every second Sunday. Led by Joanne Thorpe from Owl St. Matthew's. She creates a wonderful program for the children.

7. Funding Decisions

Updates provided on last meeting's approved spending and new funding decisions:

- Projectors and portable screens purchased and delivered to the school for cheaper than we approved (\$1358 vs \$2000 approved);
- 4 large boxes of outdoor recess toys were purchased and delivered to the school (2 primary, 2 junior, 2 intermediate, and 2 senior sets). This was also cheaper than we approved. Balance of funds to be used towards indoor recess games (ie. cards, board games, puzzles, chess, checkers...). Teachers will be asked to put requests out to families for donations of used games, outdoor and indoor toys;
- Council approved an additional \$600 towards purchasing indoor recess games;
- Gym Floor seating for kids – no interest from teachers on the wiggle seats. We will put this idea aside for now;
- Pancake Day – Diana asked for approval of some additional costs relating to supplies for pancake day in the amount of \$80 – Approved. Supplies left over for 25th Anniversary event;
- Heidi provided an update on the Gaga Ball Pit and Benches for the playground. The grant will cover the cost of \$6,667 (plus tax) to install the Gaga Ball Pit with some funds remaining. Discussions were had with respect to using the extra funds towards seating. A repurposed bench like the one we have will be approximately \$710 each. Council approved an additional \$600 to allow enough to purchase 2 repurposed benches at the park;

- 25th Anniversary Pottery-To-Go Mosaic - \$2,000 approved to complete and install the mosaic in the front hallway. Need someone from school community with tiling experience to assist with installation. Time commitment for volunteers would be too much to ask. Mrs. Johnstone and Heidi to reach out to some parents with tiling experience for quotes; and
- 25th Anniversary Event - \$800 previously approved for costs to support this event.

8. Upcoming Events -Co-Chairs

My notes show that we approved \$800 for this back on Dec 4. Unless someone else recalls differently?

- Guest Speaker: Cat Coode (www.BinaryTattoo.com) - booked for March 25, 2020 -daytime and evening presentations; and
- St. Matthew 25 Anniversary and school BBQ -Planning update.
Bingemans – Approximately \$7 per item. This is a little more than we wanted to spend.
Other options: Crazy Canuck -adult meals \$13, kid meal \$7 - families could pre-order on Cash Online website. Heidi will contact Lancaster Smokehouse to get quotes. Sarah will contact Pillers - BBQ crew and Dinner by Derek for quotes;
Mrs. Johnstone asking teachers if they want to help planning; and
March 25th at 8 pm for next planning meeting.

9. Other Business

Next Meeting Dates:

April 22, 2020

May 27, 2020

Meeting Adjourned