

Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic School Council

Thursday, October 20, 2016

Present: Dr. Ssemanda, (Principal) Sylvia Ficher (Co-Chair), Miss. Abbruzzese (Teacher Rep), Ms Martin (non-Teaching Rep), Mrs Crisante, Stacey Hamilton (Co-Chair), Jennifer Monahan-Rankin (Treasurer), Nadine Pozer (Secretary), Ms. K. Kutlesa (Secretary), Natalie McCarrell, Karen Sciore and Jamie Walker,

Regrets: Fr. Charlie Jordan (Parish Rep), Mrs. Lacatan, Mrs. Runes-Uy

Minutes taken by: Ms. K. Kutlesa

Agenda Items:

Guest Speaker – Mrs. Teresa Hartnett (from the Hamilton Diocese)

- Shared suggestion and guidelines on having a successful school council
 - le) discussing and dealing with issues at council meetings that affect the school community as a whole
 - Suggesting that individual situations be dealt with individually rather than involving the entire school community.
- Key is everyone working collaboratively in the best interest of the students and the school community
- Inclusion of local partners/businesses in the school community
- Open communication as well as approval of events/activities prior to implementation
- Having sub committees to assist with various school activities
- Shared an invitation to Silver City Mountain location on November 2, 2016 for a Guest Speaker from the Sexual Health Network discussing Pornographic Material available via social media and our kids

Principal Report & Water Bottle Consultation

- Dr. Ssemanda shared a number of updates regarding the school. (Attached is the full principal's report)
 - Faith
 - New priest – Fr. Charlie Jordan
 - There will be 4 school masses this year as Fr. Charlie's time will be shared in 2 parishes. - 1st School mass was held September 29th, 2016 and the next is scheduled for December 8th, 2016.
 - Pilgrimage took place on October 17, 2016- 10 students, 6 adults participated
 - Collected non-perishable food items as well as toiletries will be delivered to Wilma's Place next week
 - There will be a school staff retreat on November 10'16

Curriculum

- There has been a number of school goals underway already; ie) SIP, EQAO Results, school trips, Ride Smart Bike Ride, HAT Program, Jesus' Life Story Exhibition

Around The School

- Student Population has increased to 160
- We welcome a number of new staff members
- Breakfast Program will continue
- Each classroom now has a white board & LCD Projectors
- 7 new tables brought for primary grades
- Terry Fox Run raised \$290 for Terry Fox Foundation

Co-Curriculum

- Girls Basketball already underway

There had been discussion re/ getting more parents involved in the school community as parent coaches/volunteers, so that no team will go without, but also send a get message to students about families and school working together for the students

- Cross Country took place for Grades 4-8

Discussion around why younger students are no longer able to attend. It was explained by Mrs. Crisante that the Fall Cross Country schedule does not leave much time for young runners to prepare properly for the race. There will be able to attend the Spring Cross Country as there will be adequate time to get the students ready.

Council members pointed out that Numbers for the Fall cross country were quite low compared to other years.

- Director of Education Mr. Hansen would like to do a water bottle survey – to see if there is a consensus to ban them from schools

Needs

- Reading books for classrooms & book room

Suggestion had been made that perhaps looking at Books on-line

- More iPads for each class (20 available currently)
- Support for the Breakfast Club

Co-Chairs Report

Fundraiser

- Looking at fundraising opportunities, perhaps during the Advent Event (Dec 8) as well as the Christmas Reflection/Concert (Dec 22)
- Everyone agreed with this and the decision was made to move up the next meeting to November 3 to better plan for the fundraiser

Spirit Student Wear

- Possibly looking at getting new shirts as the current shirt are in various colours (black, yellow, red) and sizes are not appropriate to students
- Various council members will contact

Treasure's Report

- Approx. \$1300 in account

Playground Halloween Treats

- Treats will be given out to all students at the school after lunch on Oct. 31
- There are a total of 160 Students
- Peanut free treats welcomed
- Volunteers are needed to assist in handing out 'goodies' to the students, however everyone must have a current police check in the school office

Pumpkins for Students

- Mrs Pozer had been able to secure 160 pumpkins for each student at the school for a cost of \$1/each. She offered to purchase & get reimbursed at a later date.
- Assistance will be needed to hand out the pumpkins

Other things discussed at meeting:

- Contact information for all members exchanged