

Catholic School Council
Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Elementary School

Meeting Minutes for November 3, 2016

Present:

Dr. M. Ssemanda, Ms. S. Abruzzese, Miss K. Martins, Mrs. S. Ficher, Mrs. S. Hamilton, Ms. J. Monahan- Rankin, Mrs. N. Pozer, Ms. N. McCarrell, Mrs. K. Sciore, Ms. J. Walker

Regrets: Ms. Kutlesa, Mrs. V. Uy, and P. Lacatan

Minutes taken by Mrs. N. Pozer

- Card of Condolence from Catholic Council members to Mrs. Kristina Kutlesa was acquired and signed by all present.
- Minutes from October were not available for approval

Co-Chair Report S. Ficher & S. Hamilton:

- We are actively searching for a spirit T-shirt provider to outfit our school in black shirts with yellow letters and a yellow Stinger. Several members have approached their contacts. All are to report to the Catholic School Council and Principal with a cost.
- Thank you to all who donated candy and their time to our Halloween festivities such as the take home Pumpkins, Groove-A-Thon and Trick or Treat in the school yard.
- We attended the HWDCSB Annual Meeting. The agenda for the full day of activities included ideas on how to create more parent engagement at meetings, child success, honoring our ECO-School with the Gold Award for environmental friendly stewardship.
- Do we still collect batteries for recycling?
- We are working on finding a donation/funding for ECO water bottles for all of our students. There is a consensus by the board, staff, parents and students to help eliminate use and waste from single use drinking bottles.
- How do we get more parents interested in coming to our council meetings?

Treasurer (J. Rankin):

- Our bank account balance is \$1396.40

Principals Report (Dr. Ssemanda):

- Our school will continue to focus on Christian values and the value for November is “Peace”. We will work together to begin planning our Advent school activities for our students and families.
- Our School did extremely well in the Grade 3 EQAO test -Math, Reading and Writing. However, our school continues to struggle with our Math scores in the Junior division, just as what is happening with the rest of the province. The board is working to “close the gaps” by taking on new teaching strategies and tools like E-Math and Prodigy to be used at home to help the students practice math.
- Progressive Report cards go home on November 15th, 2016 and Teacher/Parent interviews will be held on November 18th, 2016.
- The Groove-a-thon was well arranged and thank-you for creating a beautiful Halloween Day!
- Remembrance will be celebrated on the 11th day of November @ 11th hour to pay respect to our past and present Canadians who gave their lives for our country’s freedom. All are invited to participate!
- Family Advent celebrations will include junior and senior crafts provided by the teachers. Snacks and refreshments will be provided by the council. We are also looking for donations of the raffle.

Secretary (N. Pozer):

- We discussed how The Sackville Hill Ukulele Band would be available to perform for our school for one hour and provide an educational experience.
- All were in favor to hire the band for a Spring performance. Waiting to confirm a date and time.

Other business:

- Major fundraiser: We voted to sell chocolate bars. We need to decide which brand and will be meeting with their representatives.

- Minor fundraiser: We will be selling tickets to raffle off Christmas baskets.
- Calls home due to student injury and the process involved. The protocol can be found on our school website and newsletter. Any injury to the head the parent/guardians are called and any other injuries calls are made to parents/guardians accordingly.

- Pizza Days – Minor fund raiser for the school.
- Think about what kind of school activities we would like to work on for June.
- Meeting adjourned @ 7:10pm