

Sacred Heart of Jesus Elementary School

Catholic School Council Meeting Minutes

January 12, 2017

Present: Dr. M. Ssemanda (Principal), Ms. S. Abbruzzese (Teacher Rep.), Ms. K. Martins (Non-Teaching Rep), Mrs. Silvia Ficher (Co-Chair), Mrs. Karen Sciore (Member), Mrs. Nadine Pozer (Secretary), Ms. Kristina Kutlesa (Secretary)

Regrets: Mrs. Stacey Hamilton (Co-Chair), Ms. Natalie McCarrell (Member), Ms. Jennifer Monahan-Rankin (Treasurer) Ms. Jamie Walker (member) and Father Charlie Jordan (Parish Rep.)

Minutes Completed by: Kristina Kutlesa

- Card of Condolence and gift will be sent on behalf of School Council to Mrs. McConnell and her family.
1. Prayer
 2. Approval of Minutes
 - Minutes for October 2016 & November 2016 were approved
 - Motion for approval – Silvia
 - Second – Karen

**Approval had been able to take place as Council had been informed that 2 members have not been able to actively participate due to other commitments. 4 parent members = to 50% of the parent representatives on council **

3. World's Finest Chocolate Presentation
 - Rep. did not attend meeting as scheduled
 - Look at having other businesses attend next meeting
4. Chair Person Report
 - Advent Event as well as the Christmas Reflection Event was very successful
 - Thanked everyone for their hard work & assistance in making it successful
 - Still exploring reusable water bottles
 - One option is the steel type bottles at the cost of approx. \$2/each
 - Shrove Tuesday
 - Would like to serve pancakes to all the students again this year
 - Parent volunteers will be needed the morning of February 28'17 to prepare as well as serve pancakes to all student
 - Extra Electric grills will be needed in addition to the ones available at the school
5. Nurse Shannon
 - The HAT Program
 - Focuses on Mental wellbeing – an introduction to mental wellness & resiliency
 - 5 Ways to Mental Wellbeing
 - Connect
 - Keep Learning
 - Be Active
 - Take Notice
 - Be Creative & Play
 - Working with youth mentors in Mr. Frade's class on Wednesday's at lunch

- Looking at holding a “Me We” Day possibly in May & is open to parent volunteers to help with the event
 - Nurse Sharon also indicated that she is also willing to be available to parents if they are interested in learning more/taking part
6. Treasure’s Report
- Christmas Raffle total deposit of \$739.00 (\$411.00 + \$328.00)
 - Catholic School Council Bank Account Balance is \$1763.56
7. Principal’s Report
- School Mass took place on December 8th
 - Advent Event was very well received
 - December awards took place as well as the Christmas Reflection/Sing Along
 - It was wonderful to see the school community come together for those events
 - CYO Sports have started
 - Jr & Sr. Boys Basketball
 - Jr & Sr. Girls Volleyball
 - Bully Prevention Plan – Mrs. Ssemanda presented a draft brochure that will be available
 - January 26’17 will be “Pajama Day” at school for Literacy Week at school
8. Spirit Wear T-Shirt Update
- Still looking into providers for comparison prices
9. Staff Rep – Ms. Abbruzzese
- Many exciting activities for upcoming months at the school
 - January 23-26, school celebrating literacy week – volunteers not needed
 - “Me We” Day
 - Student council is excited about planning an upcoming “Beach Day”
 - Discussion around possibly celebrating it on February 24th if they are open to it
 - Discussion around “Pink Day” (Anti Bullying Campaign at all schools)
 - Perhaps looking at purchasing shirt for sale in the future (next year), since the focus is getting new spirit wear this year
 - Cost per shirt differs when a larger amount purchased ie) 24 - \$6.69/each, 144 - \$6.59/each, etc.
10. Ukulele Band Update (Mrs. N. Pozer)
- February 24th, 1-2pm the Sackville Hill Ukulele Band will be performing
 - Contact person is Bonnie VanBeek & the Cost is \$80
 - They have also asked for the names of any students that will be celebrating their birthdays during the month of February, for a special birthday surprise

Next Meeting March 2, 2017 at 6pm