

**St. Sebastian Catholic Elementary**

**School Council Meeting**

**MINUTES**

**Monday, November 05th, 2018**

*6:30 p.m. Library*

1. **Opening Prayer**
2. **Introductions**

**In Attendance**

Moya Marr, Dion Marchand, Jeff Daley, Jennifer Tran, Angela Longerich, Vanessa Menzies, Jennifer Ciccone, George Ling, Matthew Trudgill, Marisa Gentile, Ms. McNamara, Ms. Rodrigues, Puja Malhotra

1. **Review and Approval of Agenda**

* Motion to approve – George & Jennifer

1. **Review and Approval of Minutes**

* Motion to approve – George & Vanessa

1. **Update from Chair, Moya Marr**

Open House

* The community building event before the Open House was a great success.  Thank you to Ms. Rodrigues for helping during setup, and to George, Sonia, Jennifer, Matt, and Jenn for helping during the event, and Jennifer and Matt for after the event.  Many hands truly made light work.
* We fed all families before the Open House began
* Distributed an apple and note to all teachers and support staff that read “Thank you for making your classroom an exciting place to learn and for making a difference in our children’s lives”

CCCSC

* Thursday Oct. 25, 2018 was the CCCSC Family of Schools Chairs Meeting with Trustees, Superintendents, and Principals
* I, unfortunately, was unable to attend due to attending the “When Faith Meets Pedagogy” Conference at the same time
* Next meeting for CCCSC is Dec. 6th

Pastoral Plan

* Dion Marchand asked me to submit a blurb to be inserted into the school’s Pastoral Plan: the following was submitted :
  + “The mission of the St. Sebastian School Advisory Council is to be a Catholic, multicultural community of faith called to strengthen and enhance the triad of home, school, and church.  We will achieve our mission through various community events with the focus of building a strong Catholic faith community where parents, guardians, students, administrators, teachers, and support staff all feel welcome and celebrated.  St. Sebastian CSAC will endeavour to participate at school faith events and to be ambassadors for the community parish churches of Merciful Redeemer and St. Josephine Bakhita.”

Annual Report and Survey

* I submitted the annual survey and report
* Copies will be distributed, read, and approved this evening

Fundraising thank you

* A thank you to all teachers for all of their patience and support during our Chocolate Fundraising campaign.  We were welcomed into each and every classroom daily during the collection of funds
* A thank you to all of the parent volunteers who helped to distribute chocolate, collect funds
* A huge thanks to our fundraising chair Marisa for all of your dedication and hard work in organizing the very successful campaign

1. **Update from the Treasurer, Angela Longerich**

* September Balance $14,000.00
* Chocolate Fundraiser $ 13,000.00
* Cheques Paid $ 5,000.00
* Approximate October Balance $22,000.00

1. **Update from the Fundraising Chair, Marisa Gentile**

* Chocolate fundraiser was a huge success
* Donations were up this year by $122.00
* Made $276.00 more than last year due to free product
* Unfortunately as of next year, no more free prizes will be offered
* Marisa to check on option to start movie night again

1. **Update from Parish Rep, George Ling**

* No update from George

1. **Update from OAPCE Rep, Vanessa Menzies**

**Notes from DRAPSCE Meeting Held at John Cabot SS @ 7 pm on October 17th 2018**

* Schools are encouraged to submit events on DRAPCE website @ DRAPCE.com
* You can also join the DRAPCE parent to parent share FB Group
* All Pro Grants ($1000.00) were put on hold as of October 17th 2018.
* $500.00 OAPSE grant for Parent Encounter Engagement still available.
* 24th November 2018 is the OAPSE AG Summit, I shall not be able to attend as I shall be out of country. 2 talks throughout the event.  Miguel Martinez & Teresa Harnett  Program is out, if school is interested.
* November 28th Talk of Internet Safety by Paul Davis at Holy Spirit SS by Castlemore & Goreway.

1. **Principal’s Report, Dion Marchand**

* CBILC Catholic Board Improvement Learning Cycle: If we use assessment data

(diagnostic, formative and summative “for, as &amp; of”) to inform our instruction (focus on responsive instruction) and determine next steps (Teaching strategies) for students at level 1 and 2 in literacy and numeracy, we should see an increase in achievement and growth mindset in all students.

* New Cannabis legalization communication: Parent power point.
* Athletics: Congratulations to the boy’s junior volleyball team for winning the Miss north Championships and the Junior Boys Cross country team for being Board finalists. 2 more banners for our gym.
* Charity: We had a Halloween dance for Share life. We have raised around $500 We plan to have another Share Life dance for Valentine’s Day and the proceeds will be for Share Life. There were no DJ costs this year as we played the music and saved $400 which will now go to Share Life. We hope to collect a toonie for the Eden Food Bank on March 5th , 2019. We also are planning on doing the Xmas card fundraiser to support St. Vincent de paul and our Merciful Redeemer families.
* Important dates:

Nov. 9 th Remembrance Day Ceremony at 10:30am in gym

Nov. 12 th Book fair begins

Nov. 13 th Progress reports go home

Nov. 15 th Interviews for progress reports as needed

Nov. 16 th PA Day no School

Nov. 28 th Virtues Assembly 9:30am FDK – Gr.3 / 10:15am Gr. 4-8

Dec. 5 th Advent mass for school at 10:00am

Dec. 19 th Junior Choir to Evergreen Retirement Home for concert

Dec. 19 th Xmas Choir Concert in Gym 7:00pm to 8:00pm

Dec. 20 th Virtues Assemblies 9:30am FDK – Gr.3 / 10:15am Gr. 4-8

1. **Distribution of Funds**

* 2018-2019 Budget proposals were reviewed and Funds distributed by council.

1. **Any Other Business**

* No other business. Meeting was adjourned.