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**St. Sebastian Catholic Elementary**

**School Council Meeting**

**MINUTES**

**Monday, December 03rd, 2018**

*6:30 p.m. Library*

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

**In Attendance**

Moya Marr, Dion Marchand, Jeff Daley, Jennifer Tran, Jennifer Ciccone, Matthew Trudgill, Marisa Gentile, Liz Rodrigues, Krista Mountjoy, Puja Malhotra

**Regrets**

Angela Longerich, Vanessa Menzies, George Ling

1. **Review and Approval of Agenda**

* Motion to approve – Marissa and Jennifer Ciccone

1. **Review and Approval of Minutes**

* Motion to approve – Moya and Marissa

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

Pita Pit Lunch

* Last Wednesday was the last day for the Pita Pit lunches for the fall term. The first day of the winter term begins this Wednesday. Renewal emails were sent to all parents that have already signed up. Colleen from Pita Pit is asking for some assistance because the online orders have a much lower participation than the old paper forms and she is looking to raise awareness of the Pita pit lunches.
* Can the school send out an email blast to all parents to remind them about the Pita Pit online lunch ordering (a sample blurb has been supplied)?
* Can we put a link on the school website?
* Can Pita Pit lunches be mentioned in the school newsletter?

Pro Grant Speaker

* The Pro Grant approvals have not come through from the government yet. We may have to book our speaker, Alvin Law without confirmation of the Pro Grant. His fees will be $2500-$3000 dependant on airfare and if the cost of his plane ticket was shared among other schools. Should I proceed with confirmation of his booking knowing we may be on the hook for the total cost?
* The council decided against inviting Alvin Law this year. We will look at inviting Sara Westbrook for a parent presentation. Mr. Marchand to find out the cost for doing so.

CCCSC

* Kinga Prajza was elected the CCCSC Mississauga North Family of schools Elementary rep. She has been in touch requesting an update from us to share with CCCSC. Moya will be sending a short note to share the success of our Open House community building event and our Chocolate Fundraiser.

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

* Angela sent her regrets for the meeting. No information received for the minutes.

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

Movie Night

* The school board has bought a streaming license
* All teachers can stream movies for free using a board authorized computer
* The school can show any movie that’s on the list
* A pre release movie can be shown for $90/-
* 5-6 Parent Volunteers are needed to run Movie night. Please contact the office if you can help.

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

* George sent his regrets for the meeting. No information received for the minutes

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

* Vanessa sent her regrets for the meeting. No information received for the miniutes

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

Academics

* We continue to focus on math diagnostic and pre-assessment testing to assist

with selecting effective responsive teaching and determining strategies to move students

forward in math. The two resources we have been using are “Leaps and Bounds”, and

the Nelson Math Pre-Assessment.

Our grade 5 teacher one grade 6 teacher have been in-serviced on the new Nelson Pre-Assessment Math resource. The difference between the two resources are as follows: Pre-Assessment test student readiness and diagnostic assessment determine the gaps in learning.

* Report cards going home on Tuesday, February 5 th , 2019 and interviews are on

Thursday, February 7 th and 8 th .

* Spirit Wear: January 2018 / Orders will be due on February 12, 2019

Athletics

* Indoor soccer tournaments for Junior and Intermediate boys and girls.
* Intermediate boys’ volleyball / boys are going to the Board championships

Charity

* We are collecting donations for Christmas gift cards and the intermediate

students will be participating in a medic ball tournament to raise money for the gift cards

purchase. The last day to donate is Wednesday, December 12 th , 2018.

Faith

* Advent mass this week on December 5 th at 10:00am

Important dates:

* December 5th Advent Mass @ 10:00 a.m. (School Gym)
* December 10th Int. Girls Indoor Soccer Tournament (Brampton)
* December 12th Int. Boys Indoor Soccer Tournament (Brampton)
* December 12th Last day to give gift cards
* December 17th Santa Hat Day! (Spirit Week)
* December 18th Tinsel Tuesday: Anything Sparkly Goes! (Spirit Week)
* December 19th Christmas Sweater Day! (Spirit Week)
* December 19th Junior Chorus to Evergreen Retirement Home
* December 19th Junior Chorus “A Candy Cane Christmas” 7:00 p.m.
* December 20th Christmas Pyjama/ Socks/ Slippers Day! (Spirit Week)
* December 20th Virtues Assemblies
* FDK- Grade 3 9:30 a.m // Grades 4-8 10:15 a.m
* December 21st Red and Green Day! (Spirit Week)
* January 9th Immunizations for Gr. 7 & 8
* January 10th Parent Evening to Support Child with Differing Abilities into FDK 2019 @ Catholic Education Centre
* January 15th FDK Registration evening 9:00 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.
* January 17th FDK Registration evening (Snow date) 9:00- 6:30 p.m.

1. **Any Other Business**

* The council inquired about the Grade 8 Trip. Mr. Marchand and Mr. Daley are working on the details and will advise at the next meeting.
* Meeting was adjourned.
* Next meeting is on January 16th 2019 at St Joan of Arc. Mr. Daley to advise what time the council should meet.