

St. Martha Catholic School

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Catholic School Council Meeting Wednesday, October 11, 2023 @ 6:30 St. Martha Catholic School Performing Arts' Room

In Attendance: Lauren Kirk, Carrie Hazell, Pam Turcotte, Kendra Stabback, Caitlin McCallum, Emilia Mills, Brianna Delaney, Kate Humphrys, Shannon Jones, Stephanie Stuart, Victoria Mokriy, Jenna Seymour, Mei Shi, Allie Nadeau, Carla Ferreira, Cindy Guy, Paula Martins and Lisa Bickerstaffe

Regrets: PJ Lee, Char McKenna, Danielle Blommestyn, Jenna Knight

Welcome and Opening Prayer: Lauren Kirk

Approval of Minutes from September 20, 2023 School Council Meeting

Changes: None referenced

Motion to approve the minutes: Mei Shi

Motion Second by: Jenna Seymour

The Ontario Association of Parents in Catholic Education Update: No update at this time, website is being updated

Budget Update: Victoria Mokriy

Motion to approve the financials: Shannon Jones

Second: Emilia Mills

Hot Lunch Update & Fundraising: Shannon Jones, Allie Nadeau, Lauren Kirk

Hot Lunches: Mary Browns Fri. Nov. 3

Fundraising Ideas:

Wilton Cheese - Shannon Jones

-look at items with a fixed price (example, 3 sizes of boxes, cheese balls, Havarti)

-profit is 35%

-looking at prior to Christmas

-turnaround time is 4-5 business days

Box of Cards – Allie Nadeau

-various options (Birthday, Christmas and holiday cards)

-35 cards for \$35.00

-\$11.00 per box as profit

- will look into further to determine timing
- Fresh From The Farm
- orders closed as of Oct. 10
 - Delivery timeframe is between Nov. 6 – Dec. 7
 - 10-day advance warning prior to the delivery date
 - 40% return of profit

MacMillans

- will be revisited for later in the school year

Recipes in a Jar

- will revisit at another time

School Report: Lisa Bickerstaffe

- **Compassionate Response Protocol** (formerly referred to as the Bereavement Protocol)
 - framework for responding to a tragedy that all schools will follow
 - a response rooted in evidence-based research
 - school communities will refrain from any large school gatherings (assemblies, liturgies, etc.)
 - The following practices run the risk of putting vulnerable students at increased risk and should be avoided: 1) A General memorial for all bereaved students and staff (with the addition of the name of the bereaved) such as a memorial garden, art display, tree or bench. 2) Dedication in a yearbook
 - the Memorial Guidelines in the protocol will be reviewed annually to ensure that they are consistent with current best practices.
- **Intramural Soccer:** We are just about to wrap up our Grade ½ and Grade ¾ soccer leagues! Students have been playing games against their peers during recess for the last 3 weeks. We have 6 teams in each league, with over 80 students involved over the four grades. The league has an emphasis on teamwork and fun. As the weather gets colder and wet, we hope to transition into an indoor multisport league, similar to the Jr. Mavs club last year.
- **ECO News:** Our first school project will be to celebrate Outside Learning Week which is October 16-20 with Wednesday, October 18 as Take Me Outside Day. Here are the themes for the week:
 - Monday, Oct. 16-Indigenous Education
 - Tuesday, Oct. 17-Environmental Education
 - Wednesday, Oct. 18-Take me Outside Day
 - Thursday, Oct. 19-Health and Well-Being
 - Friday, Oct. 20-Day of Reflection
- **Spirit Wear:** We are looking to place an order of St. Martha Spirit wear clothing in time for Christmas. Any suggestions of the type of items should we order (t-shirts, sweatpants, toques, long sleeve, hoodies, zip hoodies, etc.)?

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Mittens came forward as a suggestion to explore

Action Items: Halloween Dance

- an email will be sent out looking for volunteers
- Halloween schedule will be created and shared with volunteers
- black and orange day
- glow sticks will be purchased

Other Items:

- Upcoming/important dates and events – Lauren Kirk

Next meeting: Wednesday, November 1, 2023 @ 6:30, St. Martha Performing Arts' Room

Recommendations for agenda for next meeting: Movie night discussion

Motion to adjourn the meeting: Motion to adjourn at 7:37 pm

Motion passed to adjourn the meeting: Victoria Mokriy

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