**SCHOOL COUNCIL MINUTES**

*for* Wednesday 17th October 2018

**In attendance**: Lisa McDonald, Rosemary Prior, Amanda Graham, Lindsay Bourque, Brad Duffy, Jen Skinner-Riddle, Alana Todd, Malissa Sheridan, Angela Warren and Nikki Irwin

**Regrets:** Alisha Willing, Jamie Cordeiro, Francine Oosterman and Lesley Petras

**President:** Nikki Irwin

**Secretary:** Lindsay Bourque

**Treasurer:** Rosemary Prior

**Teaching Representative:** Mrs. A. Graham (Grade 1)

**Fundraising Representative(s):** Jen Riddle, Lindsay Bourque

**Parent Representative(s):** Alisha Willing, Nikki Irwin, Jennifer Riddle, Malissa Sheridan, Alana Todd, Lesley Petras and Jamie Cordeiro

**CUPE Representative:** Angela Warren

**Parish Representative:** Open

**Community Representative:** Francine Oosterman

**Principal’s Report**

My report is designed around the Board’s and School’s Improvement Plans. Therefore, I will address items as they pertain to the 3 pillars: Discipleship, Scholarship and Stewardship.

**Discipleship Pillar:**

**Caring and Safe Schools: Required Drills-** Fire, Lockdown, Bomb Threat/Evacuation

**PA Day – Faith Day** coming up Oct. 26

Mr. Waller and his Gr. 6 students attended a **Jr. Youth Faith Conference** – **Oct.02**

*Student voice* was collected for the SIPSA(W) from students in Gr. 3/4 to 8 to get their input around the 3 pillars; **share charts for parents to view (posted in halls).**

**CSC Support of School’s Improvement Plan (E.g.,):**

Discipleship evidence: Corn Roast and BBQ for Open House

Scholarship evidence: Freshgrade, Twitter, Agenda Use, Upcoming BookFair,

Stewardship evidence: Use of Schoolcashonline by parents

Fundraising should aim to support goals of SIPSA(W).

**Scholarship Pillar:**

**EQAO Results:** (Handout) The EQAO results for both Gr. 3 and Gr. 6 students were impressive. In Reading, 77% of Gr. 3 students performed at Level 3 and 4. In Writing; 85%, and in Mathematics 69%. Junior results showed strength with 91% Reading at or above the provincial standard. Junior Writing results were at 82%. The Junior Mathematics results exceeded both the Board and provincial results with 55% achieving at Level 3 or 4. Math improvement will continue to be Provincial, Board and School focus.

**Progress Reports (Gr. K\* – 8)** home on Tues. Nov. 6; Interviews for K-8 will follow that week upon the request of teacher/parent. Note has gone home about this.

**Stewardship Pillar:** Battery Challenge – new; SchoolCashonline and Receiving Newsletter via email – all ways you and families can assit.

**Teacher’s Report**

Mrs. Graham reported that Fresh Grade is up and running. It is a fantastic tool for communication between Teachers and Parents, providing an interactive experience between School and Home. It is focused on the child, encouraging growth by asking “Who Am I”? There is the desktop experience, as well as the app, parents are encouraged to explore.

**Budget Report**

The Budget Committee met on Tuesday 9th of October 2018 at 10am, where a formal budget was planned and initiated.

This budget was set forth by Treasurer, Rosemary Prior, and approved by Council members. Principal, Lisa McDonald, defined the 3 Pillars for Consideration (Discipleship, Scholarship and Stewardship) for the budget platform. It’s transparency and detail will aid in all Council’s future endeavors.

Approved Budget is attached.

**Fundraising Report**

Lead, Lindsay Bourque laid out the plan and goals for School Council’s 1st Halloween Dance being held on Thursday 25th of October 2018 in Holy Name’s gymnasium. The committees goal is to raise $500, where 100% of profits will go towards Phase 1 of the Playground Enhancement Fund. Admittance will be $10 per family. There will be a canteen and 50/50 draw. Posters with an RSVP were sent home on 17th of October 2018 with students. The Mascot will be making a special appearance both in the beginning and near the end. Mrs. Warren and Grady, a student from the Grade 7 & 8 class will be wearing the Mascot for 2, 20 minute intervals. The class with the biggest attendance will receive a winning pizza party. Our goal is to have the pizza sponsored for this student engagement.

Future fundraising plans and goals will be assessed by the Fundraising Committee and presented to Council by our next meeting.

**New Business**

Our Mascot needs a name! Council Members were asked to decide upon three names that would fit our new friend. Students will have an opportunity to vote for their favourite choice and our Mascot will then be able to join us on during special events and athletic endeavors.

The Book Fair has been confirmed for the first week of November. Nikki Irwin is organizing set-up and details and will be needing volunteers in a variety of aspects. More details to follow via e-mail. This year’s theme is the Enchanted Forest.

***Upcoming Meetings:*** 21 November 2018 at 6:30

5 December 2018 at 6:30

16 January 2019 at 6:30

27 February 2019 at 6:30

24 April 2019 at 6:30

22 May 2019 at 6:30

**Meeting Adjourned at 8:30 pm.** Thank you to all in attendance.

**Next Meeting: Wednesday 21 November 2018**