**Holy Name Catholic School Council Minutes**

**November 21st, 2018 at 6:30 pm**

**Holy Name Learning Commons**

**In Attendance:** Lisa McDonald, Rosemary Prior, Nikki Irwin, Brad Duffy, Lindsay Bourque, Malissa Sheridan, Lesley Petras, Alisha Willing, Amanda Graham, Angela Warren, Francine Oosterman, Jamie Cordeiro, Kaitlin Greenlees, Tina Murphy

***Regrets*:** Jennifer Riddle, Alana Todd

***Teachers in attendance for the ADHD parent support group presentation:***

Mrs. Ellsworth (JK/SK) and Mrs. Mackler (Grade 2/3)

**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, Jamie Cordeiro, Brad Duffy, Kaitlin Greenlees, Tina Murphy

**CUPE Representative:** Angela Warren

**Parish Representative:** Open

**Community Representative:** Francine Oosterman

**Kingston ADHD Parent Support Group Presentation**

Council started the meeting with an excellent and informative 45 minute Presentation from Denise Van den Engel and Donna Lee Barber from the Kingston ADHD Parent Support Group. They have now been embraced under the umbrella of the ‘Parents for Children’s Mental Health’, an organization covering a broad spectrum of parental supports. The ADHD Parent Support Group is a local Kingston initiative, 8 years running and founded by Denise Van den Engel, holding meetings once a month. Please contact Nikki Irwin for more information. The following links may be of interest to you.

<http://www.adhdsupportgroup.ca/>

<http://www.pcmh.ca/>

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC-nPM1_kSZf91ZGkcgy_95Q>

Council recognizes that children’s mental health in our schools and homes is a significant topic to understand and one that is growing at rapid rates. Support in both environments is crucial to help all children succeed. Council is considering holding an ADHD information panel at the school in 2019.

**FUNDRAISING REPORT**

**Hot Dog Days**

Lesley Petras reported that Hot Dog days at the school are going well and operating efficiently.

**Mabels Labels Campaign**

This campaign is open ended. 20% of all sales through our campaign is returned to the school. Brad Duffy will help Mrs. McDonald to get this information into the next school newsletter &/or school webpage.

**Halloween Fundraiser Dance**

School Council raised $501.75 at the Halloween Fundraiser Dance, which will be directly forwarded to Phase 1 of the Playground Enhancement project. Great job Council!

**Advent Mass and Santa Photos**

School Council will be welcoming Santa to the school gym on Wednesday Dec 12th, 2018 following our School Advent Mass, scheduled to be held at Holy Name Church. Junior and Intermediate students will serve the ministries. At the end of Mass, there will be a narrated story of the birth of Baby Jesus. Students from both the primary and junior divisions will be the Angels, Shepherds, Wise Men, Mary and Joseph, etc.

The Holy Name teachers will be preparing a festive family fun event in conjunction with the visit from Santa. There will be a variety of stations in the School Gym and Library Learning Commons such as: crafts, games, cookies and juice.

Dana will be donating her beautiful vintage Sleigh to the school for our outside décor.

School Council will be taking professional photos of our Holy Name families with Santa for a fee of $5.00, which will go to support Catholic School Council initiatives. Each family will receive a digital copy of their photo with Santa and each child will receive a candy cane. Santa needs a CPIC, and the cost of his CPIC will be covered by Student Council.

Raffle tickets will also be available with proceeds going to Council fundraising goals.

There will be a Canada Post mailbox for any Santa letters the children wish to mail during our special evening, with a guaranteed response from Santa.

**Chilifest**

The Holy Name Catholic School Council proposed a Chili competition Family Fundraiser to be held in January 2019. The proposal was accepted by Brad Duffy, Rosemary Prior and Malissa Sheridan.

The event will be called **Chilifest** and it will be held in the school gym. All Holy Name families are encouraged to enter their chili for judging and to come and eat chili during this family fun event. There will be several judges, and awards. The fee for entry is to be confirmed and more information will be dispersed in early January.

***\*\*January 31, 2019*** was proposed and has been approved for our very first Holy Name Chilifest – **SAVE THE DATE!**

**Holy Name Family Cookbook**

School Council proposed designing and printing a family Cookbook, to be used as a Spring Fundraiser in 2019. Families will be encouraged to submit their favourite recipes and a photo of their family cooking together or a picture of the dish completed for a Cookbook to be created by Nikki Irwin and Brad Duffy. The sale of the cookbook will be in conjunction with Mother’s Day. More information of what we are looking for, timelines and cost will follow.

**NEW MEMBER**

The School Council and subsequent Fundraising committee welcomes Kaitlin Greenlees. Welcome to School Council Kaitlin and we look forward to working with you.

***Principal’s Report – Nov. 21, 2018***

*Once again I have designed my report around the 3 pillars: Discipleship, Scholarship and Stewardship.*

***Discipleship Pillar:***

***Caring and Safe Schools:*** *United Way – Gr. 6 students and Ms. Ross: Spirit Week- $300 goal achieved! Anti-bullying & Prevention Week events- organized by our YW, Samer Saade*

*Remembrance Day Prayer Celebration: Mrs. Selkirk and Gr. 7/8s for whole school community.*

*Halloween Family Fundraising event – great to have so many families attend.*

*Annual Advent/Christmas Evening Mass & Social: draft plan to date – explain: Mass, Nativity, social family time. Note going home Monday Nov. 26 with details.*

***Scholarship Pillar:***

***Sports Update:*** *Sr. Girls VB team and Coach Randy Archer are off to the Championship game on Dec. 5 @ Regi starting at 6:15 PM. Perfect opportunity for School Mascot’s participation.*

***PA Day –****coming up Nov. 30th: Prov. Mandated Math Focus PA day at the end of the month. - Mrs. Graham will be leading the Holy Name Catholic School teachers in a program called Focusing on the Fundamentals of Math.*

***Stewardship Pillar:***

*Sustainability presentations took place to reinforce the way and need to recycle various products.*

**NEW BUISNESS**

**Mascot**

Our Mascot needs a name! We are considering Spirit Knight.

**Yearbooks**

Jamie Corderio announced that her union CUPE 109, has approved a $500.00 donation to offset the cost of 2018-2019 Yearbooks. This year we will have an in-school committee and will be looking for students to contribute their personal touches to many pages. More information will be confirmed and will follow, in the new year.

**Staff Room upgrades**

School Council is looking to replace both the stove and the refrigerator in the staff room due to the age and inefficiency of the appliances.

**Phase 1 Playground Enhancement**

The School Council created a playground enhancement committee, whom will meet soon to start pricing out what items will be purchased and installed in Spring 2019. School Council will ask the entire student body what they would like (example, new basketball nets, new painted games on the tarmac, etc.) for their input in choosing what will be installed for Phase 1.

**The Playground Enhancement Committee**:

Nikki Irwin

Brad Duffy

Lesley Petras

Alisha Willing

Kaitlin Greenlees

Rosemary Prior

**Parent Feedback**

Council will create a survey on survey Monkey to be added to a future newsletter for feedback from parents in the New Year.

***Upcoming Meetings:***

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**

**January 16th, 2019 at 6:30 pm in the Holy Name Catholic School Learning Commons. All parents welcome!**