**Holy Name Catholic School Council Meeting Minutes- January 16th, 2019**

**In Attendance:** Lisa McDonald, Nikki Irwin, Brad Duffy, Lindsay Bourque, Lesley Petras, Alisha Willing, Amanda Graham, Angela Warren, Jamie Cordeiro, Alana Todd, Malissa Sheridan, Rosemary Prior, Nick Todd

Regrets: Jennifer Riddle, Kaitlin Greenlees, Tina Murphy, Francine Oosterman.

**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

**Treasurer Update-**

**Staff Room upgrades**- School council replaced both the stove and the refrigerator in the Staff Room. $800.00 was donated from the Holy Name Catholic School Council.

**Donation for Yearbooks- CUPE 109**

Jamie Cordeiro has set this up as a scholarship, which means that Holy Name can receive this money every year. Jamie will present this request to the CUPE 109 yearly for the yearbook should the council approve. The Logo will be sent by Jamie to Nikki Irwin for inclusion in the yearbook. February 1st students will be asked whom would like to be involved in the production of the yearbooks.

**Donation for Phase 1 Playground Enhancement Project**- was received from Chynthia Vigneswaren (Esso Hwy 15) - $500.00. A thank you note will be sent by Nikki Irwin.

**Fundraising Report-**

**Hot dogs-**

We will have an update on the finances in February.

**Mabels Labels campaign**- This campaign is open ended, and 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. The Primary teachers will include this in their upcoming newsletters.

**Christmas Event-**  School council raised a total of $408.00 from Santa Clause photos and Silent Auction items.

**Chilifest**- The Holy Name Catholic School council is holding a Chili competition Family Fundraiser and bake sale to be held on January 31st, 2019. The event will be called Chilifest and it will be held in the school gym with a focus on fostering community togetherness and involvement, connecting Holy Name families and building relationships. This fundraiser will be open to the families of Holy Name and the Holy Name parish. The cost is $5.00/person tasting chili. Council will also be selling hot dogs at $2.00, baked goods ($0.25-$1.00) and Juice/Pop for $1.00.. Goal $500.00, Money raised will go to the Playground initiative phase 1.

The vent will run from 5:00-7:30pm. As of meeting, there are 9 confirmed entries and the council welcomes more.

**Teachers report- Mrs. Graham**.

Mrs. Graham reported on a book (Number Talks, Whole Number Computation.- authored by Sherry Parrish) that all teachers at Holy Name are using to teach the fundamentals of math to out students. The ministry has indicated that all students would benefit on going back to the basics and working particularly on mental math. This is for students of all grades at Holy Name. Typically math sessions in the classroom begin with a 5-15 minute warm up, starting with an easy problem that most students in the classroom can answer. After student participation, time is spent talking about the strategy of how a student arrives to an answer. The class discusses the strategy used to do the mental math concentrating on naming strategies and using the language consistently.

**Principal’s Report: Mrs. McDonald**

Happy New Year!

Once again I have organized my report around our 3 School Improvement Pillars:

1. **DISCIPLESHIP**

There were many examples of **Faith in Action- Make a Difference** throughout the month of December. Many thanks to all who donated food to the St. Vincent de Paul Society as part of the **Jingle Bell Walk**. As well, many families donated items for Gr. 8 student Avery Hull’s collection of needed items for Home Based Housing. The **Advent Family Evening Mass and Christmas Activities** united our community as well as provided more donations for **St. Vincent de Paul**. Mrs. Guindon and school volunteer Gayle Woolley organized a **Wilton Cheese Fundraiser** with over $450 raised to go toward extra school supplies (E.g., bussing, sports equipment, special events). So many faith-filled people and actions!

Staff and students said good-bye and wished Madame Alves well on new endeavours, prior to the Christmas holidays. We have welcomed Madame Meghan Summers to the Holy Name community.

**Yard** – Safety; areas – constantly monitoring…areas closed as necessary if ice/snow requires.

**First Confession and First Holy Communion** as well as **Confirmation**– parent preparation meeting coming up on Jan. 23/19 @ 6:30 in the LLC with Fr. Wes.

1. **SCHOLARSHIP:**

**Family Literacy Week-(Mrs. Selkirk and Nikki):** Flyer of events went home on Monday. Looking forward to Dr. Seuss Day! The CSC’s Chili Cook-Off fit in well with the week of events!

**E-portfolios with FreshGrade and Twitter:** more ways to keep communication between current between Home and School.

**Middle Development Instrument (MDI)** – survey for Gr. 4 and 7 students to gather student voice on their thoughts, feelings, and experiences in school, home, and community. Will occur between Jan. 28th and Feb. 13th. The survey will take approx. 45-90 min. to complete. Results will be forwarded to schools in late April/early May. Data will help to determine next steps where needed.

**Sports Update** –Basketball Board Team Tournaments take place in February and teams tryouts and practices are underway! This Friday, the Knights to Columbus are offering students ages 9-14 to participate in their Free-Throw Tournament this Friday Jan. 18th .

**Ontario** **Prov. Report Cards** – to go home Feb. 20th

1. **STEWARDSHIP:**

* ECO Club continues to meet and create interesting challenges. Staff are aiming to reduce copying.
* New appliances are Energy Savers!

**New Business**

**Hallway Floor Ideas**- Nikki Irwin put forth an idea to place games (ex. Hopscotch) in the halls of the school to help with body and mental breaks for students and staff. An Occupational Therapist will be in to meet with Mrs. McDonald Thursday January 17th, 2019. This idea will be discussed with the OT. Areas discussed to implement games on the floor were both outside and in the gym hallway.

**Phase 1 Playground Enhancement** – The committee will meet soon to start pricing out what items will be purchased and installed in Spring 2019 for Phase 1. 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.

**Pittsburgh Community Benefit Fund PCBF-** Nick Todd suggested applying for funds for the playground enhancement project at the school. The application is due electronically as well as by mail by February 8th, 2019. Lindsay Bourque and Lesley Petras volunteered to put the application together and will be meeting with Mrs. McDonald the week of January 21st, 2019 to discuss.

***Upcoming Meetings:***

27 February 2019 at 6:30

24 April 2019 at 6:30

22 May 2019 at 6:30

**Meeting Adjourned at 8:00 pm.** Thank you to all in attendance.

**Next Meeting: February 27th at 6:30pm in the Holy Name Catholic School Learning Commons.**