

St. Francis of Assisi Catholic School

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St. Francis of Assisi School Council Date: November 1, 2017 @ 4:30pm

1. Prayer – to be recited together

Catholic School Council Prayer

God, the source of every good gift, let us pray that all of us will experience a sense of warmth and welcome, and that there will be a rich sharing of ideas, talents and enthusiasm as together we go about our work of helping our children to grow and learn.

Help us recognize your presence in one another. Inspire us to listen with attention and patience, to share with courage and generosity, and to welcome the ideas of all. May this meeting of ours strengthen our friendships, build our communities, and increase our confidence in ourselves and our schools. Amen

2. Acceptance of Last Minutes/ Acceptance of New Agenda

Motion: Paloma

Carried: Marie

3. Correspondence & Misc Notes (if applicable)

4. Old Business (if applicable)

a. Hot Lunches

i. What were the responses for cost from outside locations (i.e. Pita Pit)

- Tom W. said that he will speak with Subway (Montreal Street)
- Paloma will check in with Mr. Sub
- Janet will look into Little Caesar's
- Dan and Chris will look into health regulations to prepare food for our students

ii. Cost of doing chicken nugget and veggies with dip

b. School "wish list" for fundraising purposes

- iPads was a consistent request
- Higher technology (robotics)
- Lower technology (Lego boards)

- Potentially more equipment for the gym
 - c. Final decision on Fundraisers
 - Based on what our “wish list” for the school is.
 - Melissa shared the MacMillan's fundraiser, and everyone agreed that this provided a variety of options for families
 - Tom, Maggie, Chrissie and Melissa to organize the orders on December 19th. Usually the items are delivered around 12, and then we have approximately two hours or so to order.
 - Paloma and Melissa suggested 3 fundraisers (MacMillan's, Pizza, and Popcorn). These will be spread out over the course of the year.
 - Paloma put the motion forward to have three fundraisers
 - MacMillans (November)
 - Little Caesar's (March Break)
 - Popcorn (End of the Year)
 - Marie seconded the motion
 - All agreed
 - d. Sub Committee update
 - Have not met yet but are in the process of setting a time to meet.
 - e. What was the result of renting the gowns for our students for confirmation?
 - All agreed that gowns would be great for our school community.
 - Motion (Janet): We ask families of students being confirmed to contribute \$3. The difference will be split between the council and school funds.
 - Seconded: Marie
5. Treasurer's Report
- a. Summary of Accounts/Balances
 - At this time, we don't have information regarding our accounts. We will have an update at our next meeting.
6. New Business:
- a. Frequency of our school Mass, is there going to be a reduction in frequency of our Masses? If so why?
 - We attend twice per week. We discussed the reasoning behind why that decision was made:
 - Attending mass is an important component of faith formation, but not the only component
 - Learning communities develop faith formation in our students through social justice committees, regular visits by Friar David, daily prayer and community liturgies, religion curriculum, etc.
 - b. Non technology related items for the school. Wouldn't it be best for our students to have it on hand?

- Paula shared that we are stocked as we have approached Food Share and we are stocked with resources.
- c. Handicap Parking: What can be done to stop people from parking there (workers) School/Church parking in general
 - Dan and Chris agreed to discuss with individual parents who park in the handicap parking, to please respect the sign.
 - Dan and Chris will also send out a Synervoice call to families to remind them of parking at school.
 - Dan and Chris will reach out to Bryan Davies to see if there are signs to be placed at the Church to reserve parking spots.
 - We will ask our secretary to touch base with people as they enter the building to ensure they do not park in church parking spots.
 - d. Update from Danielle regarding an email sent to teachers asking for any wish list items for the school/children
 - Covered above
 - e. Community Partnership and Programming (update from Paula)
 - Paula shared an update with the group regarding all of the programs we have in place to support our students' mental health and well-being, to help build positive relationships amongst and between students, and provide them with the necessary skills to navigate various social situations.
 - f. Scholastic Fair
 - Need volunteers for Set Up, Wish List Day, Parent/Teacher Night and Take down (after Parent/Teacher Night or next day)
 - Pushed to January
 - g. How do we get into the building when picking up your child after school and no one is there to open the door?
 - We will ask Holly to put a sign at the door to contact her if they can't get in.
 - h. Request to have confirmation cake purchased by council.
 - Deferred to a later date.
7. Principal's Report (Dan)
- Please see Principal's Report below.
- a. Emergency Response Procedures
 - Due to time, this item was postponed to next meeting.
 - b. Financial Report
 - An update will be provided at our next meeting.
 - c. 2017-2018 School Improvement Plan for Student Achievement and Well Being
 - Due to time, this item was postponed to next meeting.
 - d. STFA Spirit Wear
 - Forms have gone home and the online store is now live.
 - e. STFA Bingo Volunteers
 - New volunteers have been trained, which means we have increased the number of volunteers for St. Francis. We always welcome new volunteers whom wish to be trained.

8. Motion to Adjourn

- **Motion: Paloma**
- **Carried: Tom**

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Principals Report - November 1, 2017

Rotary Grant News from Mr. Gencarelli

October - November - Kingston Cross Fit Visits - Grade 6-8
October - November - Go Girls Game On

October 10th - Ottawa Catholic District School Board Tour of St. Francis
October 11th - Bus Patroller Training - Shriners Club Collins Bay
October 11th - Health Unit Visit - Grade 6-8 Hygiene
October 11th - Milk Shake Day
October 12th - SIPS AW Planning meeting with Students
October 12 - Camp Outlook - Grade 7/8
October 13 & 17 - Kingston Portrait Prize - Grade 7/8
October 13 - Mr. Garrett attending Team Building Course Training
October 13 - Boys and Girls Club - Play On Grade 6-8
October 18 - Author Visit - Caroline Pignat - Egghead
October 20 - Bus Safety Presentations K-8
October 23 - Mobile Maker Lab Visit - Holy Name Catholic School
October 23 - 26 - Aboriginal Dance Group 3 - 8
October 24 - Paws for Stories
October 25 - Milk Shake Day
October - November - Rebound Program with Youth Diversion
October 26 - Regi Reading Buddies - Runs till the end of Term 1
October 27 - P.A. Day - Faith Day - Sacred Heart Wolfe Island
October 28 - Catholic Education Foundation Grant - \$1000.00
October 30 - Lockdown Drill - Cancelled due to weather
November 2 - Rube Goldberg Presentation - Queens U. - Grade 6-8
November 3 - School Visit - Fielding and Nair & Jody DiRocco
November - December - Project Envision - Queens Commerce Students
November 8 - Junior Boys Volleyball
November 8 - 9 - Parent Teacher interviews
November 9 - Junior Girls Volleyball
November 10 - Picture Retake Day
November 10 - Remembrance Day Service 10:30 a.m.
November 14 - NED Show Presentation JK - 5
November 20 - Lockdown Drill
November 24 - P.A. Day

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