

St. Francis of Assisi School Council
Date: Tuesday November 14, 2023

Time: 5:30pm

In Attendance: Amy Cuthbert, Makenna O'Neil, Paloma Turnbull, Mary Koegler, Sarah Fraser, Katrina Boone, Denise Kirby-Bello & Kimberley Scott

Regrets: Melissa Carroll & Chris Gencarelli

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. Good New Sharing'

3. Acceptance of Last Minutes/ Acceptance of New Agenda

- September Minutes were accepted by Paloma and members as well as ensuring everyone received the agenda and was aware of all items on the agenda.

4. Correspondence & Misc Notes (if applicable)

a. OAPCE

i. <https://oapce.org/>

ii. https://oapce.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/Navy-Modern-Technology-Newsletters-3_compressed.pdf

Paloma encouraged members to review above links for people to be more familiar with and will pass along any further communication.

b. CSCA Meeting October 18th, 2023

i. Attached minutes and Family Math Night PDF

- Members are encouraged to review minutes when able to as well as review the Family Math Night Activities.
- Sarah discussed previous nights held by Queens however it was not a great turn out. Other ideas brainstormed were:
- Utilizing the games from hand out and implementing a Math themed week by creating take home math kits that families could do together.
- Amy brought up the possibility of a game night in the gym with prizes of different board games that families can win and take home or gift basket type options.
- Paloma will be attending a meeting tomorrow and will be seeking out other ideas from other schools.
- Parent Involvement Grant was discussed to utilize to put some of the plans discussed into action.
- Pro Grant was discussed and explained that it is a possibility however there it's more steps and details to be completed for it to be used.
- Amy brought up the Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program that could be used to set up for families to be engaged with booths and activities.

5. Principal's Report:

- Eighty snowsuits have been purchased for families in need. There is a need for six more. Council was asked if they would consider providing money for the remaining snowsuits.
- Paloma put forward a motion for \$600.00 to be used for snowsuits. Mary seconded the motion.
- Amy discussed PA Day items that were reviewed with literacy enhancements throughout all grades and explained that staff have been noting what is working and what can be improved upon.
- Resiliency plans are discussed and carried out throughout the school and focus monthly for each grade.
- Upcoming Dates or changes:
 - Mass has changed from November 17th to November 24th.
 - Holly Jolly Craft Sale - questioned what the difference was between other listed items. This event is held at Regi.
- Santa's Workshop - if anyone has any gently used items that can be passed on please donate.
- Paloma mentioned checking our supply of items such as tape, bags, tissue paper etc.
- Paloma put a motion forward to pay \$150.00 to start to purchase items needed for Santa's workshop. Kim seconded the motion.
- Amy brought up the discussion of Giving Tuesday, explained their purpose and asked for support from the Parent Council. Council discussed and Paloma put a motion forward to offer \$150.00 to Giving Tuesday. Mary seconded the motion.

- Paloma will ask for Parent Council Helping Families to be raised from \$250.00 to \$500.00.
- Spirit week - asked to happen the last week before Christmas break. Interest was shown to do candy cane grams and ensure all students are included.

6. Community Representative Report

> Katrina noted an event put on by the Salvation Army on December 9th, which includes a Santa visit photo and gift for children. She will go and get a flyer with more information for the community.

7. OECTA Representative Report

Nothing to report.

8. CUPE Representative Report

Nothing to report.

9. Parish Representative Report

- Confirmation is being held on November 26th, 2023, starting at 2:00pm located in the church.

10. Old Business (if applicable)

~ Paloma expressed there has been a few hiccups with the wreath and planter sale partly with it being made public and some people buying from our school but not realizing it's from St Francis vs their school because of the pricing. She will be calling families to straighten things out and keep us updated.

~ Amy to email and ask about wreaths and planters for the church.

**Update: they have asked for 3 wreaths. Council will provide and pay for these from council funds. **

11. Treasurer's Report

a. Summary of Accounts/Balances:

- We are in good standing with current expenses decided as a council. Mary will ask for another breakdown of things after the fundraiser is complete and things are settled.
- Members discussed thinking of new fundraising ideas to use for the new year and how they can be implemented.

12. New Business

a. Kevin Wells Annual Christmas Luncheon

- Discussed the date and time again for members asking who is available. Unsure if it will be Ramekins again and buffet style or individual meals. Amy will check prices and report back.
- Parent Council members asked if other parents could come in and help.
- The Parent Council has provided things in the past such as tablecloths, cutlery, napkins etc as well as something small for a dessert. Thinking possibly of a lollipop or Hershey kiss. Will check supplies and report back.
- Grades 7/8 are planning on making centrepieces for decorations.
- Paloma put a motion forward to purchase all cutlery and other items for the dinner. Kim seconded the motion.

b. What needs to be done.

b. Fundraising ideas

- Looking for new ideas but also the breakdown of how it would play out price wise and if it is feasible for the community.
- Amy brought up the idea of meat sticks as a possible fundraiser. Previously done they were sold for \$2 each and made \$1 profit per meat stick.
- Thinking of doing candy cane grams for before Christmas but ensuring enough for every student is provided.

c. Hot Lunches

i. Ideas

- Thoughts of a spaghetti day, chicken finger and veggies. More information needed to make a better decision including prices, delivery etc.
- Katrina will reach out to Paradiso Pizza to ask about their pricing.
- Would prefer to stick to Thursdays as it seems to work better for the schedule.
- ii. Availability

13. Next Meeting: Wednesday February 7, 2024 at 5:30 pm

14. Motion to Adjourn.

- Paloma moved to adjourn the meeting. Kim seconded.