

St. Francis de Sales Catholic School Council Minutes

Monday, October 2, 2017

Attendance: Cathy Haynes, Tammy Acquaviva, Tanya Element, Tanya Deonarine, Valerie Cappuccitti, Damian Julien, Angela Humphrey, Mary Ellen Douglas, Cathy Brookman, Mary-Anne Godfrey, Shannon White, Ewa Santos, Roxanne Francis, Jennifer Karagiannis

Approval of Agenda: Mrs. Cappuccitti

Principal Report:

Faith Development: Walking Forward Together

- 'A Discerning Believer/Faith' is October's Catholic Graduate Expectation and Virtue
- 'Service' is this year's focus
- Food donation began and will continue until mid October
- 1st mass on 2 October with Father Joseph
- The Rosary Apostolate will be this month visiting classrooms once a month until May
- Eco-celebration with Mrs. Godfrey coming up on Oct 11th – Gold certified school again
- Frozen Friday and Staff Dress Down day raised funds for the Canadian Red Cross (Hurricane Relief)
- Grade 1 – 8 naming the schools hallways

Safety/Wellbeing

- Student participated in drills for emergency planning during Safe and Caring School Week
- 1st Health and Wellness student session with the public health nurse focussed on daily physical activities; dedicated bulletin board "An Attitude of Gratitude"
- Grade 4's attended the Watershed Festival
- Meet the Teacher Night and Terry Fox Day in Sept – well received

Staff/Training

- Staff involved in PA Day activities focusing on Numeracy and EQAO data
- Capacity Day with math lead – focused on Renewed Math Strategy
- FDK staff involved in Communication of Learning session
- 1st planning session with the School Improvement Team to set goals for upcoming year
- EQAO scores out

Sports

- Cross-country – 6 students to move on to SUPER 60 meet
- Triple ball for juniors coming up
- Daily Physical Activity is 20 minutes a day

Chair's Report:

School Improvement – Fundraiser strategy & proceeds allocation:

- Learning Commons 'hub of the school' to revamp the library to be more relevant to digital age and more versatile with mobile shelving and seating, new technology for group work, charging stations, LED screens, head phones, etc.
- Mrs. White's class requires a new 'smart board' (appr. \$4000)

Activities

- 9 Nov 2017 – parent teacher conference night, will have the pot-luck for the teachers
- Christmas feast – 1st/2nd week of Dec (date TBD)
- 14 Dec 2017 – Christmas concert
- Italian Feast in early 2018
- EQAO BBQ
- End of the Year Picnic
- Science & Math Night - Scientist in School event (1-2 adults and 4 student volunteers req'd)
- Online payments should be up by Jan 2018

Fundraiser

- Chocolate sales are on the way (spoke about getting families together and selling chocolates outside stores, plazas, etc for next year –look at scheduling in the summertime for the upcoming year)
- Terra Cotta to sell cookies dough around the holidays as a possible targeted fundraiser
- Terra Cotta also have a cookie and milk program that would replace pocorn/milkshake Fridays that can be assisted by grade 8 volunteers through the year

Parish Rep Update:

- Oct 13th at 7pm is the 100th Anniversary of Fatima for Candlelight Rosary Procession
- Oct 14th at 9am to 6pm 7th Annual Retreat St. Andre Bessete located at Brother Andre School (adult \$20/youth \$10)
- Bible Study every Monday and Wednesday 7pm-9pm
- Oct 21 & Oct 22 – 1st Communion will receive Blessed Cross and song sheets

27 Nov 2017 at 6:30pm – next CSC meeting date