

St. Francis de Sales Catholic School Council Minutes

Monday, November 27, 2017

Attendance: Tammy Acquaviva, Tanya Deonarine, Valerie Cappuccitti, Damien Julian, Angela Humphrey, Shannon White, Ewa Santos, Tracy Johnston, Ilze Jacko, Roxanne Francis

Approval of Agenda: Mrs. Cappuccitti

Principal's Report:

Faith Development: Walking Forward Together

- October/November CGE & Virtue: A Discerning Believer/ Faith & Creative, Reflective & Holistic Thinker
- EcoSchools Celebration – GOLD certified (AGAIN!) –going for Platinum
- Thanksgiving Food Drive – Good Shepherd Mission – great participation
- St. Francis de Sales EDGE group visit
- Rosary Apostolate visit
- Pumpkin Raffle – Sharelife
- Bible Presentations with Father Joseph – grade 4s
- Service Recognition Celebration – 15 recipients
- Veteran Speaking Engagement – gr.6-8 & Remembrance Assembly Recognition
- Reconciliation Workshops begin – gr.2s & Confirmation Enrolment
- Religion & Family Life in-service – Godfrey

Safety/Wellbeing

- Grade 7/8s enjoyed Ganaraska Forest Centre trip; very much enjoyed throughout
- Hearing Clinic – participating students
- Code of Conduct Assembly
- Healthy Kids Community Challenge – gr.6-8 & Oral Health presentations (JK-gr.3)
- Linton Farm Trip – JK/SK; Comic workshop gr.2-5
- Bus Safety/Evacuation Presentations – whole school
- Halloween Dance
- DOC & Homework Help visit (gr.7/8)
- Book Fair; raised a profit of \$600
- Bullying Awareness & Prevention Week & DPA Challenge Week
- Safe Schools Presentation with Dr. Craig – Nov.29th (look at School Climate data)
- Student to fill out survey about feeling safe at school, bullying, etc.

Sports

- Super 60 Cross Country Meet – 6 runners
- Jr.Girls Tripleball tournament – 2nd place; Senior Boys/Girls this week

Staff/Training

- Arts/Media Opportunity opening in All Saints shared with grade 7/8 students – auditions taking place
- Celebrated World Teacher Day, World Mental Health Day, ECE & EA Appreciation Day
- Capacity Building Session in Numeracy – focus on Patterning & Algebra
- 2 PA Days – October: Assessment; November – Numeracy
- Job embedded days – Gr.2/3-Gr.5/6 staff involved (training 4 staff members)
- Learning Session for Indigenous Awareness – October was the dedicated month
- Progress Reports & IEPs went home
- St.Francis de Sales Learning Visit – superintendent came for a visit (received a positive response)
- KEV training – Clements –roll out in December to pay for everything online

Fundraiser

- Our fundraiser raised approximately \$4,400. So far purchased 2 Apple TVs -\$400.00 (Mrs. White's class and the library)

Chair's Report:

Activities

- December 13 - Christmas Feast
- December 14 - Christmas concert (grade 1-8)
- December 15 – JK/SK Christmas concert at 1pm
- Italian Feast in early 2018
- Intergenerational activities suggested in order to bring together seniors/students under the Board's 'service' theme this year. Focal from CSC required; Tammy, Tanya D & Melanie volunteered.
- Parent Engagement Grant \$500 towards End of the Year Community Day (to include bouncy castle, music, ice cream, pizza)
- Pro Grant money will fund Scientist at School evening on Thursday May 10, 2018 (1-2 adults and 4 student volunteers) (will also have a book fair and pizza sale during the evening)

Fundraiser

- \$4400 raised from the chocolate fundraiser
- Commitment to fund at least 1 upgrade for the library/learning commons project per year
- Purchase protective cases for the 25 ipads (\$40/\$50 per case)
- New gym mats are needed
- Teachers to get instructional items for classrooms
- All donations have to go through the Board due to rules and procedures (items and cash), interested donors should contact Mrs. Cappuccitti

Parish Update:

- 1st Friday mass to be held on December 1st
- Evening Mass time has changed from 8pm to 7pm
- 1st Reconciliation, Communion & Confirmation Passports will be collected after all masses on Dec 2nd & 3rd and returned to the parish schools the week of Dec 4th-8th
- 1st Confirmation class to be held Sunday Nov 26th 4-6pm & Monday Nov 27th 7-9pm
- Advent Confession night to be held on Tuesday Dec 19th 7pm (many priests available)
- 2018 offertory envelopes are now available for pickup in the church foyer
- Children's Liturgy Christmas Party at the Christian Life Centre is Saturday Dec 16th 2-4pm (JK to Grade 1, older siblings welcome) \$5/child (register after mass on Dec 2/3)
- Knights of Columbus Bus Trip to Niagara on Sat Jan 20th \$25/ticket (departure at noon)
- Sheppard's Trust – established for retired priests to help them settle after retirement (\$10K raised in 2017)

05 Feb 2017 at 6:30pm – next CSC meeting date