

St. Francis de Sales Catholic School Council
Meeting Notes from 15Oct2018

Agenda Approval – Tanya Deonarine

Principals Report

- Year of Joy, so there will be 'Joy' board in the office
- 50th Anniversary of the schoolboard
- 15Nov2018 is the 50th day of school; children will be able to dress in any of their favourite decade costumes as a 'spirit day'.
- Renewing the promise document was discussed at staff meeting in addition to the following three concepts;
 - Catholic school culture
 - Safe and accepting schools weeks
 - Fundraiser
 - 3 fire drills, lock-down, bomb threat
 - Anti-bullying presentation
 - Second steps, steps to respect, zones of regulation discussions
 - 1st communion has started
 - Mrs. Henry did an Edge presentation to the grades 6-8
 - Grade 4's went on ground festival trip
 - 28Sep2018 was orange shirt date
 - Cross-country meet
 - Grade 4 Bible presentation
 - Grade 7-8 Claremont trip
 - Food drive for St. Vincent
 - Kindergarten pumpkin patch class trip
 - Arts & media presentation for the Grades 6 & 8
 - 25Oct2018 will be the fundraising ceremony and selected students will also receive a catholic graduate certificate
 - 31Oct2018 is Halloween dance
 - Christmas feast (date to be decided)
 - Child and youth counselor provided small presentation
 - Christmas concert will be 13Dec2018 (for 1-8) and 14Dec2018 for kindergarten
 - 24Oct2018 was DCPIC commissioning
 - Teaching & Learning
 - PA day, 22Oct2018 – EQAO analysis, job-embedded days on school improvement plan
 - Pathways
 - Guidance counselor for grade 7-8
 - Career cruising
 - WeDo2 - \$219 per kit, need to order 1 pad through the schoolboard – about \$500, will need to know the budget to determine how many of these kits we can get.
 - Kits will be kept in library likely and signed out by each class who would like to use them
 - X-movement has been delayed until the Spring noting the Pro-grant and parent engagement grants have been delayed
 - Kindergarten playground upgrades – principal to contact pavement painters and has also contacted schoolboard to determine if new pavement can be put out in the back, prior to the painting due to deterioration.
 - Sahir has volunteered to help with the grade 8 graduation

- 08Nov2018 parent teacher interviews with teacher potluck hosted by the parents, Jennifer will keep track of the food being donated, Tammy to send out letter to parent community. Need gluten-free food as well noting some teachers have allergies.

Jennifer brought up the fact that the voting cards received recently may be incorrect. She suggested ensuring that tax dollars are sent to the Catholic school system as opposed to Public system. Can contact MPAC to fix.

Parish Update

Sacrament Registration - Final date for First Communion and Confirmation registration is Oct 31. Registration forms must be submitted to the parish office no later than 5pm.

Parish Mission - "Homecoming: How to Bring Friends and Family Home to the Catholic Church" Delivered by Cale Clarke, Oct 15, 22 and 29 at 7:30PM (SFDS).

Bishops of Canada issued new national guidelines for the protection of minors on Oct 4. Document can be found at www.cccb.ca

Humanitarian Relief -Humanitarian relief for Indonesia and the Philippines - Can contribute online at www.archtoronto.org, by phone - 416-934-3411 through Development Office, Cheques payable to SFDS - 2018 Philippines/Indonesia - Disaster Relief

Chairs Report

Our meetings this year are as follows: Monday November 19th, Monday February 11th, Monday April 15th & Monday June 3rd

Chocolate fundraiser so far- our last day was Oct 12th. We received 184 carriers and all were distributed. We still have 6 outstanding, an insert to be sent home. A huge thank you goes out to our volunteers who have spent many of their days here collecting and distributing and keeping track of it all: Cathy Haynes, Sonya Nino & parents of SFDS graduates that graciously came back to help Cindy Brookman & Tanya Element. Their help with the fundraiser has been tremendous!

This year, depending on the amount of profits earned we would like the proceeds to be directed towards:

- New window coverings for the library (potential donation from grandparent)
- Continued development of the learning commons transformation. Under Val it was: 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. Ideas from Sheena: WeDo 2.0, a LEGO robotics & coding kits <https://education.lego.com/en-us>
- CSC would like to purchase a pop up tent to be used at school events
- Scientists in the school for all classes (\$205/ea)
- Do we need to host some targeted fundraisers? Tanya found some good ideas. Maybe one could even help with Grad?

Upcoming activities:

- Jan – Pasta Feast? Date TBD
- EQAO BBQ's (Tests are May 21-June 3) Dates TBD based on test finish dates
- Need to decide when we want to have the free school event at Laser Quest.
- Sheena wants to host a math night in May during Catholic Education week