



Parent Council Minutes

Monday September 21, 2015

In Attendance:	Chris Hamilton, Heidi Flynn, Kristin Weening, Stacy Raposo, Trisha O'Connor, Lorraine Lee, Vanessa Saldana, Mr. Zulian	
Regrets:	Cindy Broschell, Mrs. Barkell (school rep)	
Item	Notes	Further Actions Required
Financial Update	Have \$1900 in the account.	NA
Major Purchases Last Year	Purchase and installation of water bottle filling station upstairs (\$2000). Replacement of 2 outdoor basketball nets (\$3000) school covered installation costs	
Technology	School board has purchased 1 iPad for every 3 junior students with carts for this school year. There are plans for repeating this for the senior students and then primary. The board also purchased laptops for each teacher. Also getting projectors in all classrooms over the next 3 years.	NA
School News	262 students this year. School board implemented a new email system - working through the kinks; Mr. Vullings has taken a position at the school board as a teacher coach with regards to numeracy and literacy. Mr. Pappas joining us from St. John Vianney teaching the 5/6 class. Mrs. Palombi grade 1 is taking over for Mrs. Benick who left for Collingwood to be closer to home. Mrs. Morash is still away on leave so Mrs. Beckett is covering the 4/5. Some grade 8 students will be available to watch children during the meeting if parents are unable to find a sitter. RSVP with the office before the meeting if you want to use this. Will do O Canada contest again this year Kindergartens are using the playground more because there is no during the day YMCA kids We received two trees from anonymous donors last spring. They may do this again next June. Open House - September 29th 6-7:30 3 way conferences November 19th & 20	NA



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Council Elections	Kristin & Chris co-chair (uncontested)	NA
	Heidi Secretary (uncontested)	
	Mr. Zulian contacted Aneta to see if she is interested in being Parish rep again this year, and she is not.	Need to find a Parish Rep
	Cindy has agreed to be treasurer via text messaging during the meeting	NA
Fundraisers Planned for this School Year	FALL FUNDRAISER - Big Box of Cards - Greeting cards \$30.00 for 30 cards (30% remains for school - \$9 per box) Instead of chocolates. - No objections form council will do the Big Box Cards instead of chocolates for our fall fundraiser. Will send out the forms that include options for families to donate without buying or opting out.	VANESSA will be lead on this fundraiser
	Will show samples on meet the teacher night with a table	NA
	Pointsettia in late November (church fundraiser)	
	Colts Fundraiser - school one (not parent council) - December 12th	
	Black Friday PJ Night dedicated to Breakfast Club this year pending availability of volunteers	
	Try bulbs next school year in the fall	Remember to plan out the bulb fundraiser at last council meeting next spring.
	Hot lunches will be other main fundraiser that will take place throughout the year	NA
Open House	Will have table for parent council at the open house to circulate info about the fundraiser and volunteer info for Breakfast Club	LORRAINE and VANESSA will man the table for the open house night to provide info about the fundraiser and possibly recruit more volunteers.
Volunteers	Breakfast Club 8-9:30 5 days/week - could use a few more volunteers	Connect with families at the open house.
	Hot Lunches Mondays 10:30-12:30 - start Oct 5th - going to keep them all in house - Chris will be offering more options - different meal each month throughout the year	
	Council has no objections to providing the kids of volunteering parents with free hot lunches - for the month the parent volunteers and when the parent commits to doing the full month	NA



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Confirmed/ Approved Expenditures for this School Year	Purchase mini sticks & tennis balls for primary (grades 2-3) - 40 sticks & 15 balls from Dollarstore.	Council has approved this expense - KRISTIN will purchase
	Council unanimously agreed to support busing costs up to \$10 per student (\$2,620) over the course of the year to encourage more off-site field trips. Council expressed interest in classes going together to share busing costs for out of town trips like Aquarium or Science Centre	MR. ZULIAN will address this with staff so they know that they can look into options.
	Conference for Chris and Kristin by People for Education \$60 each (\$120) - Approved by council	
Possible/ Probable Expenditures for this School Year	Price out magnets for families - have school name, logo, website, phone number, school day times	STACY will look into pricing - will come up with a couple of options for next meeting
	Could use 2 more tether ball poles - council is interested in this	MR. ZULIAN will get quote for purchase and installation
	Trees for backyard to create more shade!!!! 2 x 15-18 foot Harlequin and Scarlett Red Maples -	MR.ZULIAN will take care of the installation permission. STACY and KRISTIN will get quotes with installation from two different vendors
	Future replacement of other 2 basketball nets approx. (\$3,000)	NA
Brainstorming of other Expenditures	Outdoor play structure in big yard	NA
	Outdoor learning area	
	Painters who did the yards to come teach the teachers about how to play the games	
	Library Books to be purchased	MR. ZULIAN is awaiting a response if this is a permitted expenditure and will advise
Extra Curricular Arts Programs	Lunch time sign-up guitar program - last year had 25 kids grades 3-6, some purchased, rented, or borrowed from the school Council agrees to offer this again in the Spring (if available)	NA
	Art Innovators - last year was interest from students (after school) Council agrees to offer this again in the Fall	CHRIS will get in touch with the instructor.
Next Meeting	Tuesday October 27th @ 7pm	MR. ZULIAN please send e-blast to whole school prior to the meeting again.