

**Holy Family Catholic  
School Community Council  
Location: Holy Family Catholic School Library Meeting Room**

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January 15, 2020 @ 7:00 *Meeting called to order by Tim*

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**In Attendance**

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Blair, Amanda, Tim, Brad, Curtis, Connie, Karen, Bonnie, Sarah

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**Regrets**

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Tanya, Jason, and Carmen

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**Welcome & Opening Prayer**

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Led by Connie

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**Approval of Agenda**

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**The agenda was approved:** Bonnie

**Second:** Karen

**Carried: Yes, all in favor**

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**Approval of Minutes**

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**The minutes for November 6, 2019 approved:** Bonnie

**Second:** Karen

**Carried: Yes, all in favor**

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**School Report- School Report**

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**Please see school report in addition to the following notes:**

- Feast of the Holy Family Liturgy went well
- Christmas
  - o Advent liturgies, concert, all went well
  - o Choir performed at Market Mall and Keedwell Assisted Living
- Learning Updates:
  - o 6 new students registered after Christmas
    - Enrollment is now at 575
      - up 40ish from last count and now our school is up for 2 more portables for the Fall
      - How to project numbers
        - o Take the Health Region baby numbers and look at the number of 5-year olds that live in the catchment area
        - o Typically 2/3 of children in the area attend Willowgrove School and 1/3 go to Holy Family
    - May have 3-4 Kindergarten classrooms in addition to one more classroom for next year

- Teachers have been looking at reading data
    - o Examine where kids are at, what challenges there may be, and how to support the kids who are not reading at Grade level
    - o Will also be looking at Math data
  - Looking ahead
    - o Skiing
      - Trying Wapiti for the first time
        - Comparable price to skiing at Table Mountain
          - o Funding is available for students if needed
      - Only 70% of students participated last year
        - want more kids to participate and to include all students
        - reasons many students do not attend ski trip:
          - o fear of injury for those that play hockey, gymnastics, and dancing
          - o new to the school students do not always come as they have never skied before
      - It is still a school day for those students that do not attend the ski trip and there is an expectation to still come to school
        - Planning an alternative “in motion’ fun day for students who stay back
          - o Booked bowling and then have activities in the gm and then a movie at the end, may bring in a lunch
          - o Projecting around 60 kids will stay back
          - o There will be consequences for those students who take a discretionary day off and do not attend
            - Great deal of value and in these activities to build community
      - Every student that is skiing has to take a lesson
      - Some schools are opting out due to lack of attendance
        - As long as we have 40 students that want to go then we can make it work as that is enough to fill a bus
      - Looking into taking Grade 4s to Optimist Hill
        - Currently there are no lessons yet at this hill but may be able to do that in later years
      - Looks like 180-190 students will be coming
      - Do have weather guidelines which will be evaluated closer to the date
- Have been supporting the Kot family for years
  - Committee that is organizing event for “Kisses for Kayden”
    - Asked to bring bottle of wine or gift card or baking to help with the fundraiser
- Track and basketball are going strong
- Looking at Grade 8 transition planning
  - o parent evening will be around Feb 12<sup>th</sup>
    - St Joes staff will come here
- Next Tues at 7PM is the Kindergarten information evening
  - Will have an open house further into Spring
  - Will share info about our school
  - All staff are invited
  - Tim will attend and share some words on behalf of the council
  - Some students will also talk
  - Tanya will speak on behalf of Friends of Holy Family
- Kayla MacKay Grade 7 teacher will be leaving the school as she is opening an addictions center here in Saskatoon
  - o Josh Beauchamp will be replacing her for the remainder of the year

- Retirement plans for other staff discussed

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## **Parish Update- Blair**

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- Cat Chat Kids Club has been postponed due to lack of interest
  - o Will try again in the Fall
- Dates for confirmation and first communion still coming
  - o Potential dates: Wednesday April 15<sup>th</sup>, Thursday April 16<sup>th</sup> and April 20<sup>th</sup>
- Edge Retreat Feb 8-9<sup>th</sup> for Grades 6-8
- Youth choir still looking for more youth to join the choir
  - o Have performed a few times already

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## **Wellness Expo Topic - Blair**

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- Every couple of months St Maria Goretti school has Family engagement evenings
  - o Wellness Expo was one such evening
    - Provided a healthy meal and had speakers to promote public health awareness
    - Presentation from school wellness team which consisted of a K-2 primary health worker, Speech Pathologist, Occupational Therapist, and Nurse
    - Developmental info such as Occupation Therapy support and speech and language development
    - Presenters on screen time and the effect on children
      - Video game addictions
      - Healthy sleep habits
    - Health Bus
    - Karate every Wed at noon
    - Kindergarten open house also happened on the same night
  - o Next night coming up and the focus will be on coping with anxiety and stress
    - Looking at yoga, dancing and therapeutic art to manage stress
  - o Have booths in the gym that parents can circulate through and ask questions as needed
    - No formal presentations
    - Parents collect the info
    - Students also welcomed to attend as well
  - o Expo is typically about an hour and a half with the meal being included in that
    - may just need an hour
- Discussion around various topics and presenters that we would be interested in having at Holy Family
  - o Dr. Bruce Gordon, a psychologist, has a presentation on how to help your child when dealing with stress and anxiety
    - Wonder whether he may be able to come and do an evening here
      - Connie will talk with him
  - o Maybe even having a talk on connectedness
    - power of being connected with other people to reduce stress and build tolerance
  - o May be able to tie presentations into information about programs offered by the community association such as yoga, dance, etc
  - o Speaker to Grade 8s
    - Presentation about addictions
- May want to have a registration for parents to sign up in order to get an idea of numbers
- May be able to have it on the Thurs night of parent teacher conferences
- Maybe provide childcare?
- Potential presentation topics

- New math
- Stress and mental health
  - Coping strategies
- Screen time
- Bullying
- Newcomers society – Open Doors
- WUHCA board to present various activities that the community offers
- Idea was suggested to start out with an evening of mini booths within the gym and perhaps work up to having a keynote speaker at a later date

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### **Staff Appreciation - Bonnie**

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- Last year it was done the end of March
- This year will be first week in March – 2-6<sup>th</sup>
- Have the formula and schedule from previous years which can be used again
- Treats in mornings, with a theme for the day
  - Lots of food last year and adjustments will be made for this year
  - Supervision provided on the Friday so staff can enjoy a lunch together
  - Will have food for late night caretaker staff
  - Last year had a parent give 10 min massages to the staff

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### **Friends of Holy Family Update - Bonnie**

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- Hot lunches posted up until the end of May
  - May do Food Trucks for June
- Moms Pantry did over \$2000
  - Hopeful that next year this fundraiser could be even better as more people will know about it
- Trade Show went really well
  - Large attendance
  - Venders and shoppers were happy
- No Bingo
  - Do not have enough volunteers to run and organize this large of an event
- Movie night this Friday
- Can use the movie caster to provide information about the events
  - Looking for more volunteer involvement
- Going to do the Citrus fundraiser Jan 27-Feb 10<sup>th</sup>
- Aunt Kathy's fundraiser Feb 24-28
- Purdy's Chocolates March 11-25 with delivery for April 6
  - This is the last major fundraiser for the year

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### **WUCHA Update - Bonnie**

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- Registration night was last Wed Jan 9<sup>th</sup>
- Facing challenges around communication
  - needing volunteers for board members
  - looking for instructors to teach specialty classes
    - ex kids' yoga,
- Also a challenge to get people to register
  - A paper newsletter was sent out but delivery timing was off
    - People did not know about registration dates

- May be able to have it attached to Holy Family and Willowgrove School newsletters
- 2020 calendar of events was sent out in newsletter
- Can rent the rink for birthdays, teams, etc
- Starting to use an App called “CommuniBee”
  - Able to house the registration program as well as be uploaded on the phones to allow push notifications for cancellations, etc

### **Parent Council Email & Mail Report - Karen**

Nothing to report

### **Parking – Update regarding “No Left Turn” signage**

- Connie did ask school division for signage for no left turn but still waiting to hear back –
  - will follow up with this
- Idea of encouraging a staggered pick up
  - Blanket statement to parents that if some parents come at 3:40 and leave kids to wait in school that may ease the congestion
- Concerns from daycare parents that are unable to park in the daycare parking
- Will have a blurb sent out in the newsletter

### **Deacon Fund Education**

- Monthly donations may be difficult for Friends of Holy Family to provide for due to lack of continuity of funds throughout the year
- May be better to have a donation at the end of the year once funds are evaluated
- Will re-address this issue in May or April once the funding numbers are in

### **Old Business**

- Follow up regarding Social Media Acknowledgement of Jen
  - Bonnie will follow up with this
- Follow up regarding conference attended by Connie and Carmen
- Discussion around Parent Readers within the classroom
  - Classroom specific in regards to how parents are utilized to provide reading support
  - Some of the readers that are struggling can and sometimes do get support from other resources in the school
  - Teacher use reading data to help make decisions of how to use the parent help to the best advantage
- Information provided by Connie regarding the Student Learning Model
  - Different levels of support are provided for students depending on how they are identified
    - 80% of students are at the Core Level, some at Plus Level, less at Focused level, and less at Specialized level with more intensive supports provided at the specialized level

### **Adjournment of Meeting**

Motion to adjourn @ 8:34 PM

**First:** Amanda

**Second:** Sarah

Next meeting will be in February 5, 2020, at 7:00pm – 8:00 \*\*

**Holy Family School**  
**School Report**  
**January 15, 2020**

**Thanks:**

- Again, the level of support and encouragement continues. The phone calls, suggestions and donations, but the quiet and 'hidden' signs are every bit as great. We are blessed in so many ways.
- For the specific support of our community council who walk along side with humour, good cheer, support and encouragement.
- To those of you who attended our meeting on this cold night - your presence is valued and your input into the decision of the school is greatly appreciated!

**Looking Back:**

- Our Christmas concert as well as Advent liturgies and classroom activities was a wonderful event highlighting the birth of Jesus!
- Our choir did an incredible job performing at Market Mall and Keedwell Assisted Living. We are so proud of them. Thanks to Mrs. Sparling and Mrs. Smart!
- Our Feast of the Holy Family Liturgy that was held on Jan. 8<sup>th</sup> was wonderful thanks to Mrs. Ostertag's class.

**Learning:**

- We are looking forward to the instructional opportunities that the New Year will bring.
- We have had 6 new students register after Christmas. We are one BIG happy family! Enrolment 572
- Our teachers will be reviewing our reading data and discussing, *What catches our attention, what does the data tell us, what does the data not tell us, what good news is there to celebrate, what are the possible challenges, what are the key conclusions.*

**Looking Ahead**

- Track and Basketball have started!
- Gr. 8 transition planning to high school has begun
- Kindergarten Information evening on Tues. Jan 21<sup>st</sup>. Could we please have a volunteer to do a brief welcome?
- We bid farewell to Mrs. Kayla MacKay (Gr.7 teacher). Mr. Joshua Beauchamp will be assigned for the remainder of the year.
- Retirement



# Happy NEW YEAR

*You crown the year with Your goodness,  
And Your paths drip with abundance.*

PSALM 65:11