

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

April 3, 2019 @ 7 pm *Meeting called to order by Jenn*

In Attendance

Jenn (President)

Tim (Vice President)

Amanda (Secretary)

Carmen (Member at Large)

Jason (Member at Large)

Blair (Parish Representative)

Curtis (Vice Principal)

Wayne Stus (School Division Trustee). Wayne is here to represent the school. If there are any concerns, please talk to him.

Regrets

Bonnie (Fundraiser Representative)

Karen (Member at Large)

Connie (Principal)

Anthony (Guest)

Yvette (Guest)

Sarah (Guest)

Brad (Member at Large)

Welcome & Opening Prayer

Mission and vision statement led by Curtis

Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved: Carmen Second: Jason

Approval of Minutes

The minutes for March, 2019, approved: Carmen Second: Jason

School Report- School Report

Thanks:

- For the remarkable support for the school initiatives. We are a truly blessed school and community.

- Thanks for the wonderful treats last week! We were spoiled rotten! Our staff feel so blessed to serve in such an awesome community. Great timing!

Discussion:

Caretakers- 3-9pm staff- want to do something for them as they missed out on the Teacher Appreciation Week. They have a lunch break at 6:30pm. Will do something for them. Carmen to connect with Curtis and Connie. * Note to do this the same week with teacher, after parent conferences.

Email from Bonnie, as she was not able to attend: staff appreciation week went well. It was a bit confused this year (people bringing their items a week early, forgetting which child's classroom they were the room parent for, misreading the list, room parents not RSVP-ing or email bounce backs).

We will keep the teacher appreciation at this time please!

Looking Back:

- Our Lenten journey has been filled with opportunities for reflection and prayer. Many classroom liturgies are taking place.
- Our students and staff have been very supportive in our fundraising efforts for Tete Frances and her family from Sudan. Fundraising efforts will continue until the Easter holidays.
- Skiing to Table Mountain was great; however, we only had 75% participation (~80students not attending). We are considering a number of options for next year.

Discussion:

- Ski- Grade 4-8. Discussion of location of event, costs (could it be cheaper going to Optomist vs. Table Mountain or Wapiti). Optomist could be a good introductory hill for the younger years. Could school send survey to families where students who did not go and stayed a home.
- Report from Wayne- Discussion at other schools regarding the ski program, Warman and Martinsville School. Rescheduling due to weather. To have enough students participate in ski trip, some schools worked with families. Parent involvement being key, and safety concerns. Optomist to connect with schools on how to get student involvement.
- Question of connecting with parent regarding ski trip. Ski trip considered extra circular.
- Could do an alternative activity if students cannot do ski trip? Concerns of cancelling ski trip due to weather
- **Plan: Curtis will create a survey and send to parents where students did not come to school.**
- The staff was blessed with a faith filled retreat on Monday. This is indeed a gift!

Learning:

- The second term reporting period with 3-Way Conferences, Progress Reports and Portfolios is complete. We are looking forward to the “home stretch”
- Building an inclusive culture through education and school spirit. Examples: Pink Day (Anti Bullying), Crazy Sock Day (Down Syndrome) and Blue Day (Autism)

Looking Ahead:

- *A Midsummer's Night Dream*, the musical, is coming to Holy Family School this spring! All interested students from Grades 4-8 are invited to participate in our spring production which will be held on **Wednesday, May 8th at 7PM** in our school gym.
- Are we interested in Lifetouch for photos next year?
Discussion: Do we have other options available? There is a process for ordering, time spent with students, and retakes. The quality is not the same. It is booked through the school. SCC would like to look into other companies. Curtis will talk to Connie about this.
- Are we providing a basket for the GSCS Foundation? If so, who would like to prepare it?
Discussion: Are we providing a basket for the GSCS Foundation? Fashion Show (at Prairieland) is the fundraiser for the Catholic Foundation to address some inequities to help with some funding within schools ie- helped Holy Family School with chapel. May 16, 2019. Tickets are 75\$/person. Early bird draw for those who buy full table. Golf course is another fundraiser. This was done through the fundraising committee in the past. A gift card was provided last year of 150\$
Motion: Carmen to approve 150\$ for fashion show for GCS fundraiser. **Second:** Tim second.
All in favour.
Motion carried.
Carmen will work on getting gift card to Connie.
- We have not been approved for portables for next year. If our enrolment increases, we will be challenged to find a space.
Discussion: Enrolment at 550. At 18 classrooms and every room is filled. Projection for next year: 42 enrolled for K, will have 3rd class. Enrolment throughout the year increases. Over 1000 more students in the school division from first projection through GCS. Catholic system open up new schools? Some money came from ministry for planning for St. Francis School.

Court appeal- Ministry had day in court, as did SPS division. Five judges took information and was a full 2 days of appeal hearing, and no indication of decision.
- New swimming guidelines – only Gr. 3-8 permitted. 1 adult-8 students supervision needed
Swimming- 1 adult per 8 kids, and 1-10 6-8 grade.
- April 17- Blue Day Autism Awareness Day.
- Green Day- May 8- Logan Boulet organ donation.
- Liaison meeting- school community council- George Vanier- truth and reconciliation May 7, 7pm.

Parish Update- Blair

- Have dates for communion and confirmation. May 21, May 22, May 28. 7-9pm
- Rehearsal May 15 and 16. 7-8pm
- Blair ordered prayer cards and medallions. Connie reimbursed Blair last year for his order. Connie wanted to present these gifts to the students sooner this year. 30 students are going through communion and confirmation.

- Email from Bonnie as she was not able to attend meeting:

School Start - contract has been signed and returned. We have until May to get changes to them but they also said we can make changes at any time. I think we should aim for May 31st at least anyway.

They will send some forms to the office (and a PuroPack for us to send them back) in case anyone doesn't feel comfortable with online ordering. All we have to do is put the forms in the pack so no counting, grouping, or double checking! **Do we still want to order a sample grade? If so, which one - grade 2?** Grade 2 has a pencil box, pencils, erasers, scissors, etc.

Also, School Start says if we set up a donation box to check off, we can put our own text there. We can donate that money to the school of our choice as long as they set up an account with School Start. Alternatively we can order for them separately if they give us a list. School Start seems very very easy to work with!

Discussion:

Sample Grade?: Do we want to see the quality, how soon. YES! Will order one grade, and suppliers do give us one for free. Donte to kid in need if needed? Set up desk last day of school, show sample, and help those who need to order. Perhaps a translated letter?

1) Are we ready to tell parents we are going with this company? May need to be a school decision, and communicated by Connie. We need a side meeting to lay out details, and how this message will be communicated to parents of school.

Next step: Teachers to decide what supplies they need to order. Jenn to message Bonnie regarding further details.

- Donation: Parents can give
- *Next meeting: Vote to motion- inner city school or to our own school to keep for students who may need it. Could we consider providing to our students at school and then look at donating what is left to inner city.*
- *Next meeting: Motion to consider St. Geretti School.*
- George Vanier will be using this company, reports Wayne. If have any other questions or concerns, please consider reaching out to them if needed.

Fundraising

- April 8 is next fundraising meeting- Monday.
- Recommendation: Bingo earlier in the year.
- Recommendation: Can we work on informing parents of the role of fundraising committee? Could there be a fundraising newsletter started so parents become more knowledgeable of where funds are going?
 - * People more willing to provide money when they know where the money is going. What is the cause?Can we work on Friends of Holy Family writing up a general newsletter, and Connie to send out, and we will start sending out with social media posts.

WUHCA Update

- Motion lights to be used at rink.
- Supervision- Can't have another teacher out, as limits supervision of play space. Shack is locked for this year.
- Rink fixing path- Can't be done until May, when things are dry and will remove wooden planks so things are not wrecked, fix land, seed and mark off so it will grow.

Other Business

N/A

Adjournment of Meeting

Motion to adjourn @8:48 pm: Carmen Second: Blair

Next meeting: May 1, 2019 @7pm HFS.