

Blessed Sacrament Parent Council Meeting Minutes March 27th, 2024

Attendees: Mr. Finochio, Melissa Magda, Paula Purvis, Marcia Cronkwright, Ashley Kloepfer, Lisa Henrique, Alicia Givens, Victoria Laurie, Crystal Zdriluk, Alina Olejniczak, Nancy Spierenburg, Courtney Montgomery, Marcie Hensen, Matt Hensen, Alisha Peters, Jessica VanDyk

Regrets: Sarah Kloepfer, Kailey Keresturi, Zoey Heltner, Sarah Schultz, Erin Smith

Welcome, land acknowledgment and opening prayer

Approval of previous minutes (January 2024). Nancy motioned, Mark seconded.

Principal's Report: One more classroom will be added this coming September. Trying to get at least one portable for the new school year.

The JK/SK yard area is going to be expanded towards the back. There will be an extra paved area at the back. This will be completed over the summer.

A new septic system is projected for next summer (2025). This will be a big job with most of the large school yard ripped up.

May 27-30th is the Gr. 8 trip to Camp Celtic. Gr. 8 Graduation set for June 20th at the Church and Hall. April 28th is First Communion.

A new wrestling team has been added to school events. Practices being held in Simcoe at the wrestling club for Gr. 6,7 and 8's. The meet is May 1st.

Track and field for the school this year will take place May 23rd at Holy Trinity school as they have a decent track. County track and field date is set for June 17th at PJ.

A flag football team is being organized for May. Date TBD. Mr. Ernst will be coaching.

EQAO is coming up in May/June. Mrs. Greenwood has been in the school as an extra math support/teacher for the Gr. 6's.

We have a new librarian. She is asking for volunteers to help set up for the Book Fair during week of May 6th which is during Catholic Education Week.

Funds that we can use from the Parent Involvement Committee were discussed. These funds are quite specific and can be used towards events such as guest speakers, STEM games, VR units etc. Lots of great ideas were mentioned and TBD.

Teachers Report:

Confirmed that class baskets will be needed/donated for school year end raffle. Discussed if council will be contributing towards year end trips for bussing etc. The answer is yes, cost TBD.

Financial Report:

Bingo account: \$7,316.85. General account: \$5,269.27. Greenspace: \$201.94

Discussion Topics:

Kids Bingo: Will need volunteers night of. Discussed increasing the budget from \$135 last year to \$300 for this year as attendance increases and need more prizes. All in favour. Approved. A form will be sent home with one student from each family to confirm how many people in their household will be attending. This will be easier for council to plan accordingly as schoolcashonline is limiting for obtaining this type of information.

Raffle: Sarah K. and Lisa H. to lead. Discussed whether to hold this event with the year end BBQ, have it during the day or evening, and if we open it up to outside the school community. Consensus was to keep the BBQ to just the school community. Mr. Finochio will discuss with the staff if better to hold the event during the day or if they can do the evening. Tickets will be sold prior to BBQ and at the BBQ. Prizes will be on display at the BBQ to hopefully attract more sales. The draw will take place the week after the BBQ. All in favour to have actual tickets printed. Lisa will talk to Kailey about her ticket connections and Marcia to ask Brittanie. Freezies to be sold again and funds raised will be donated to places like the Lions Club. Discussed how to appropriately increase the cost of tickets. All in favour of \$10 ticket/ \$100 booklet.

Lego Club: Mrs. Savard requesting \$750 towards Lego sets. Many different varieties for boys/girls and robotic sets as well. She is also requesting for some Domino sets. A total of around \$1000 for Lego and Dominos was motioned by Lisa, Courtney seconded, approved.

Further discussions regarding having to spend \$7,000 from our lottery account prior to the next raffle. Looking to spend on Scientist In The Classroom. Mr. Finochio to check with Mr. Moulton and other staff of ways they could benefit from these funds.

Grad Gifts: Discussed purchasing necklaces for each graduate. \$25-\$30 per student. Around 17 students. All in favour. Approved. Shelly will order.

Staff Appreciation Lunch: Marcia to lead. Greenwoods went over very well last year with beef, chicken and a potato salad. Last years date was June 1st. Budget was \$275. Greenwoods cost was \$176. Budget increased to \$300. All in favour, approved. Marcia to make a bean salad and make/get a variety of desserts. Kailey to provide fruit kabobs, vegetable tray and teacher themed cookies. Gluten free options available as well as water, bubbly, and lemonade. Around 24 staff? Parent volunteers needed to help cover yard and classroom duty so staff can eat together.

Next Meeting: Wednesday May 1st at 5:30pm