

Blessed Sacrament Parent Council Meeting Minutes November 15th, 2023

Attendees (Online): Mr. Finocchio, Sarah Kloefer, Erin Smith, Kailey Keresturi, Paula Purvis, Marcia Cronkwright, Lisa Henrique, Ashley Kloefer, Zoey Heltner, Alicia Givens, Sarah Schultz, Gerberich Vandenberg, Jessica VanDyk, Victoria Laurie, Crystal Zdriluk, Alina Olejniczak, Marcie Hensen

Regrets: Danielle Langs, Alisha Peters, Michelle Box, Courtney Montgomery, Nancy Spierenburg, Melissa Magda

Welcome, land acknowledgment and opening prayer

Approval of previous minutes (October 2023). Marcie motioned, Mark seconded.

Principal's Report:

Parent-Teacher interviews are being held this week. All are encouraged to make appointments to see students work/progress.

The school is needing some more Christmas decorations. Discussed if anyone has any extra to donate that would be greatly appreciated.

A virtual reality program was just approved for the school. More information to come.

Teachers Report:

Mrs. Yurcich kindly asking again for \$500 towards the ingredients needed for gingerbread festivities. All in favour, approved.

Financial Report:

Bingo account: \$7,316.85. General account: \$5,524.40. Greenspace: \$201.94

Discussion Topics:

Halloween Dance: This was well attended again this year. The event made \$530. Around 75 families accounted for through school cash online, and approximately about 10 walk-ins. Pizza was great! Sold every slice and had to order an extra pizza. Around 13 party size pizzas were pre-ordered. We were happy to have the space at the Church hall. If events are being held after hours at the school, it now requires a permit and for a caretaker to be present. Mark will find out more information on this.

A few ideas will be discussed for how to improve this event even more for next year. The Church has asked for a small donation for use of the hall. We discussed what we would like the \$530 to go towards. Last year we donated to our school library. Other options could be to a food bank, school sports uniforms or towards virtual reality goggles. TBD next month to see where it's best needed.

Christmas Fundraiser:

Sales so far are lower than last year but that could improve over the weekend. The public school is also doing a similar fundraiser so that could be affecting our sales. Some new ideas for next year will be discussed at a later time depending on how our sales are.

Christmas Lunch:

Wonderful news to learn that all the potatoes are being donated. We discussed if we should keep the cost the same as last year at \$4/child, \$10/family. All in favour as this is a special lunch event from council to the students and staff.

Christmas Concert:

Council will again provide cookies and refreshments for after the concert. Mark would also like to try and sell off some of our remaining chocolate bars from the fundraiser. There will be an afternoon and evening show again this year. Discussed that we need to organize the flow for the treat and refreshment tables as previous years have been a bit chaotic.

Raffle Plans:

Still deciding on some of our options. All seem to be in favour of doing a BBQ and raffle. Raffle prizes and class baskets will be on display at the event. Sarah K. to lead and will be getting donation letters out to businesses soon.

Popcorn Fundraiser:

Erin confirmed this will roll out January 10th. Orders close on January 22nd with a February 15th delivery. Marcia motioned that funds raised from this should go towards more school sports uniforms that Erin has been advocating for. Sarah K. seconded.

Next Meeting: January 17th, time TBD.