

Blessed Sacrament Parent Council Meeting Minutes September 20th, 2023

Attendees (IN PERSON): Mr. Finochio, Sarah Kloepper, Erin Smith, Kailey Keresturi, Paula Purvis, Marcia Cronkwright, Lisa Henrique, Ashley Kloepper, Melissa Magda, Michelle Box, Danielle Langs, Nancy Spierenburg, Courtney Montgomery, Jessica VanDyk, Alisha Peters, Zoey Heltner, Alina Olejniczak, Alicia Givens, Victoria Laurie, Marcie/Matt Hensen

Regrets: Sarah Schultz, Gerberich Vandenberg, Karli Cass

Welcome, land acknowledgment and opening prayer

Approval of previous minutes (May 2023). Nancy motioned, Ashley K seconded.

Principal's Report: Welcomed new and old members. Discussed council positions and who was interested in certain roles. Melissa Magda kindly stepped up to be Co-Chair with Sarah K. Marcia Cronkwright to stay on as Secretary and Treasurer. Lisa Henrique to continue as our Social Media Rep.

The next boundary review meeting should take place sometime in October. Plans are still in place for portables. Assessing the septic system is ongoing.

So far school numbers and classes are good. 263 students enrolled.

The Halloween walk uptown will take place again this year.

Christmas concert is booked for Thursday December 21st.

Teachers Report: N/A

Financial Report: Bingo account: \$7,316.85. General account: \$4,580.81.

Father Report: Mr. Finochio spoke with Father previously. Father would like to see more regular attendance. Weekly masses have been planned, possibly for Thursdays.

Old Business:

Snack Program: Produce express did very well last year. It raised \$900 towards our snack program. Kailey and Erin to continue to lead this. It will still run 2 days/week this year. Budget set for \$168/month. Kailey and Erin will be doing the shopping this year and excited to try new things.

Greenspace: Sarah K. updated the playground was completed over the summer. We were slightly over budget with the logs at \$1800. Total cost of the playground was \$21,244.00. HST was part of the factor for going over budget but may get a rebate. Plaques/leaves are being

displayed to represent the donations made to greenspace. Setting up another greenspace committee and next plans will be discussed at a later date.

New Business:

Halloween Dance: The Halloween Dance was well attended last year. We discussed if we needed to book the Church hall for more space. Discussed maybe selling tickets for \$1 for entry so we have a better idea of numbers attending. Ashley K and Courtney to lead. October 25th or 26th are possible dates. Pizza will be sold again. Another meeting will be planned to firm up details on this event.

Spirit Wear: Council mentioned it would be nice to offer this throughout the school year. Sarah K. to look into a company called 'Schooltee'.

Hot Lunches: This is a work in progress between the principal and Shelly K. Council and parent feedback is hopefully there are better options then last year.

Turkey Lunch: This used to be held around Thanksgiving. We will hold this around Christmas again this year. Date TBD.

Fundraising Plans

In the past we have had 3 school council fundraisers. Discussed which fundraisers we want to do and what we are wanting to fundraise for. Deadline for submitting our fundraisers is Sept. 30th (with ability to submit more later).

Gr. 8 trip is not part of council fundraising. Courtney will keep us posted on what the Gr. 8's plan on doing and council will keep in mind to use the Gr. 8's for volunteering at events that could also help fundraise for them as well.

Christmas Planters/Poinsettia's/Winter Greenery: Plan is to send out information/flyer earlier this year. Sarah K. to lead. Dates TBD.

Popcorn: This fundraiser does very well. Erin S. to lead. Date TBD.

Big Community Event: Usually held in the spring. Pasta dinner was not well attended last year and we decided not to do one this year. We discussed either bringing back the Bingo or doing a meal with a raffle/auction. All seem to be in favour of doing an auction with some kind of meal offered. Obtaining a liquor licence is also an idea for this event. Also discussed possibly doing a chicken dinner like the Church used to host. All great ideas and will require further discussion at next meeting to firm up plans.

Other Items Discussed and TBD: Holding other events such as movie nights, kids bingo, a Christmas craft show/market and staff appreciation lunch.

Next Meetings: October 18th, November 15th at 6pm