

École Catholique Cathédrale School Council

Minutes for November 23, 2016

In Attendance: Tiffany Emery, Sandra Chaykowski, Mike Arsenault, Leslie Kelly, Dana Deasy, Helen MacIntyre , Scott Benn, Csilla Lasso, Christine Ferguson, Ahdy Guirguis

Regrets: Christine White , Jenn Sawyer, Ruth Bakewell, Catherine Bohn

Opening Prayer: Mike led a prayer.

Review and approval of October 2016 minutes

Tiffany requested a review and approval of the October 2016 minutes.

Lesley noted an error in minutes - Change Dana to Ahdy in Financial Report section and attendance.

Lesley moved to accept the amended minutes. All in favour.

Review and approval of November 2016 agenda

Tiffany requested a review and approval of the November 2016 agenda.

Sandy moved. All in favour.

Lego Robotics

Helen introduced the Comet Warriors and told council about their successful day at the regional tournament on November 19 . The team won the Champion's award and the Robot Performance award. They will compete at the Provincial East championship in Oshawa in January. The team presented their skit explaining their research project - a drone that combines an infrared camera, a range sensor, a GPS, a digital camera and machine learning to help count animals in the wild. They also shared a video of their robot completing some of the missions for this year's challenge. The team thanked for their generous donation of \$500.

Treasurer's Report

Ahdy presented the financial report. There is a balance of \$21241.11. The Family Fun Dance expenses and income are not included in this statement since the dance was at the end of October. This activity will be included in the November report. See full financial report for more information.

Hot lunch and milk sales are the highest they have ever been.

Sandy moved to accept financial report. All in favour.

Teacher's Report

Sandy reported

1. Volleyball has finished and all teams did very well. Junior boys won, junior girls were second and the senior boys finished third. The senior girls will play in the finals on December 5 in the evening. Our school is considered a 'B' school because of the lower number of students in grades 4-8. Mike commented that as the large population of students in the primary division moves into these grades our school will be moved to the 'A' division.
2. Beauty and the Beast auditions have started for grades 4-8. Grade 3 students will audition for the chorus. The musical will be performed the end of April.
3. The Christmas Bazaar will be held Wednesday, December 14 from 6 - 7:30. Each class will donate a stocking filled with items based on a theme chosen for them. Classes will also have other items to sell such as cookies or ornament. Council agreed to donate a stocking to the event.

Goodwill

Tiffany reported on behalf of Jenn that four thank you cards related to the Family Fun Dance were sent as well as one sympathy card.

Principal's Report

Mike reported the following:

1. Friday, November 25 is a PA Day. Half of the day will be spent on Math and the second half will be learning about an initiative from the board for a "digital portfolio." This initiative is in response to a Ministry of Education program called *All About Me* for grades K-6. This program, in addition to collecting work in a portfolio, teaches students to reflect on their work, set goals and develop self awareness of who they are and their future goals. Permission forms will go home next week to allow teachers to collect data from students. Mike told council the information gathered from students won't be shared on a website, but it will be collected and stored to move with the child from grade to grade.
2. Lesley asked about bringing technology from home. Mike reported that the upper grades are given opportunities to use their own devices. He also mentioned that having students bring their own devices can create some challenges, but he uses these events as learning opportunities. i.e., When and where it is appropriate to take photos and share them online

Follow-up Items

Family Fun dance

The Family Fun dance in October was very successful. Lesley reported that 80 individuals and 55 families paid admission for a total of \$1220. The treat table brought in \$568. Helen reported the Toonie Toss made around \$90 and the photo booth made \$109 for the Robotics team.

New Business

Christmas Cards

Tiffany suggested Christmas cards be sent to people and businesses in the greater school community. She asked for suggestions of people. Some of the names put forward were: Father Stefan, Roberta, and Reid's Funeral Home. Other suggestions should be forwarded to Jenn.

Jenn will look after sending these cards.

Council booth at Bazaar

Council will have a booth at the bazaar with coffee and the stocking they will donate as part of the raffle. Tiffany will ask Lisa about donating coffee.

Council brainstormed ideas for the theme of the stocking. The theme "Parent Survival Kit" was chosen. Sandy moved that \$50 be used to buy items for the stocking.

All in favour.

Tiffany said she will donate a stocking and Helen will donate a bottle of wine.

Helen and Dana volunteered to shop for the stocking.

Gym Refurbishment

Helen suggested council take on a big project to improve the school and build community. One suggestion was to refurbish the gym starting with a new floor. Mike said he will bring prices of floor options to the next meeting.

Other:

There is no meeting in December.

Meeting Adjourned by Tiffany at 8:01 p.m.

Next Meeting: Thursday, January 19 at 7:00 p.m. in Art Room.