

École Catholique Cathédrale School Council

Minutes for October 20, 2016

In Attendance: Tiffany Emery, Katie Layman, Mike Arsenault, Leslie Kelly, Jenn Sawyer, Rachel Burnett, Catherine Bohn, Laura Costello, Nadia Gundert, Christine Ferguson, Scott Benn, Andras Lasso, Helen MacIntyre

Regrets: Christine White, Sandra Chaykowski, Dana Deasy, Ruth Bakewell

Opening Prayer: Mike led a prayer.

Review and approval of September 2016 minutes

Katie requested a review and approval of the September 2016 minutes.

Scott moved and Jenn seconded.

All in favour.

Review and approval of October 2016 agenda

Katie requested a review and approval of the October 2016 agenda.

Remove: Group photo.

Tiffany moved and Helen seconded.

All in favour.

Treasurer's Report

Lesley gave the treasurer's report on behalf of Dana. There hasn't been a lot of activity. Most of the income activity has been from hot lunch orders. A portion of the income (approximately \$4000) belongs to the milk program and will be paid to the school since this is a school-run program. Expenses from hot dog day were \$108. The closing balance is \$17254, however, hot lunch expenses still need to be paid.

See full financial report for more information.

Leslie made a motion to approve Mike to pay expenses for hot lunch and hot dog day from our account. Tiffany moved and Helen seconded.

All in favour.

Teacher's Report

Mike reported on behalf of Sandy.

1. Volleyball has started for grades 4-8. Tournaments will be held early November.
2. Progress reports will go home November 8. Interviews will be held after reports go home.
3. Picture day is October 21.

Principal's Report

Mike reported the following:

1. Mike shared the school improvement plan (SIP) with council. There are three sections: Discipleship, Scholarship and Stewardship. The plan needs to connect with the Board's Improvement Plan (BIP). Mike's goal was to make the plan easy for students to understand. He asked grade seven and eight students for input on how to measure success. Since we are a French

Immersion school, there are sections of the document outlining ways to improve the French and the amount of French spoken at the school. There will also be an emphasis on Math. For Stewardship, the school is aiming to become a Gold-Status Eco School. Classes will still be involved in mission work. Two classes are participating in "Roots of Empathy". Other classes are participating in circle groups. Mike will post the SIP on the school website for parents to read.

2. Mike told council the staff has developed an assessment tool to be used four times a year to assess each child in French. He told council the Fall assessment was positive with 40% of students in most grades at a level teachers would like to see by June.

Goodwill

Jenn is the new Goodwill representative on council. No cards were sent in September.

Family fun dance

The dance will be held October 27 from 6 - 7:30. Tiffany reported that a DJ has been booked. On behalf of Christine W., Helen requested volunteers to assist with the dance.

A request for treats to sell at the dance will be emailed to parents.

Childcare

Tiffany reminded council to contact her if childcare is needed during council meetings. She asked members to let her know if there were older students who would be willing to babysit at council meetings.

Communication

There was discussion about whether or not to start a Facebook page for parents. There was concern about privacy and monitoring the comments. There was also discussion about the purpose of the site. It was decided that the page would be redundant because most parents have signed up for email and receive information through this channel.

Christine F. mentioned that it was difficult to access the homework page on her mobile. She suggested using the "Remind App". Mike explained because of the new website there have been delays in getting homework sites active. He is still working on making it easier to get notifications on mobile devices.

Lego Robotics

Helen gave an update on the robotics club. There are nine members who meet once or twice a week. The local tournament will be held November 19. Last year's team will present their innovation at the Toronto Audio Visual and Electronics Show (TAVES) in Richmond Hill on October 29. Helen shared a letter from the team asking council to donate \$500 to cover the registration fee and the cost of the kit for the mission table. Leslie invited the team to the next meeting to demonstrate their robot and talk about their team.

Lesley made motion to donate \$500 to the team and Catherine seconded.

All in favour.

Breakfast Club

No report available.

Other:

Catherine expressed concern about students not being able to afford field trips and suggested creating a fund. Mike told council there is a fund already available at the school to address this need.

Meeting Adjourned by at 7:55 p.m.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, November 23 in Art Room.