

# **Catholic School Council Meeting Minutes**

## **St. Jude Catholic School**

**Tuesday, April 24, 2018**

### **The Learning Commons**

#### **Members in Attendance:**

Norma Wheeler, Pauline DeMello, Jennifer Thompson, Nathalie Gallant-Fraser, Pamela Wallace, Paula Chin, Rose Piligra, Dawn Green

Opening Prayer

#### **Review of Minutes**

- Welcome by Mrs. Wheeler, review and approval of minutes by Natalie Gallant-Fraser, seconded by Dawn Green.
- **Principal Message**
- St. Jude provided a Raffle Basket for the annual Children's Foundation Dinner. It was a Golf Themed Basket that was delivered to the School Board. St. Jude will be listed on the Program.
- Nancy was honoured at DPIC. Director O'Brien spoke highly of our Volunteers and about how invaluable they are to our schools
- **Home/School/Church Connection**
- Grade 2 students enjoyed a Retreat at St. Francis de Sales Church in preparation for First Communion
- Grade 8's will be performing the year end Mass and have begun preparing
- We will be having an ice cream celebration for our Grade 2 and Grade 8 students in honour of their Sacraments

#### **Updates and General Information**

- PicWaste will be doing a presentation for Staff at St. Bernadette on the April PA Day. Schools will also be attending Mass on that day. PicWaste has been booked to speak to the students during Catholic Education Week
- Carol Burke who runs the Kindness Program will be returning to St. Jude with Sadie her dog to visit classrooms.
- Students did well in the Tchoukball Tournaments. As always we are proud of how they represent St. Jude.
- Students have been working hard at Folk Dance
- Mr. Thompson led the Choir at the Festival of Choirs and they made the finale. They will perform at Pickering Town Centre
- 5 Students attended the 1<sup>st</sup> board level Chess Tournament and we are pleased to say that our students did extremely well
- We are in the process of preparing for EQAO for our Grade 3 and 6 students. Dates will be determined soon.
- We will welcome our new JK Students with their parents on May 16<sup>th</sup> to come in and spend some time in the classroom. JK night for parents is May 24<sup>th</sup>
- We are starting to expand numeracy centres down to Grade 1 and 2. Right now it goes from Grade 3. This provides amazing benefits by working in small groups with children.

- Looking at sending out a survey to parents via Office 365 to get feedback on a variety of topics. The goal is to have it out and returned by May Council meeting.
- We will host our annual Volunteer Luncheon. A date will be provided soon
- A letter will go home soon to parents and guardians with dress code reminders as well as other safety reminders. On the reverse of that letter, will be an invitation for parents to provide input for class placement for September.

### **Fundraising**

- We have purchased our Basketball Net for our Juniors, Triple Hoop for the Primary Yard and also a Scoreboard for the Gym. Awaiting installation on all the items. Hope to have them all installed before June.
- Benches are posing a problem as we would have to lay a concrete base first.
- Community Use of Schools list will have to be provided to the board outlining the dates that the school requires night use for next year
- 2018-2019 Council dates to be determined asap. Tuesdays seem to work for the majority.
- Annual Fun Fair/Outdoor Movie night will be June 14<sup>th</sup> . We have reserved M&M for food and we are looking at starting at 6pm.

### **Leading Safe Schools**

- Curb issues have been addressed and sent in to the board to make the Capital needs know.

**Meeting adjourned at 8:00 with a prayer**

**NEXT COUNCIL MEETING IS TUESDAY MAY 29<sup>TH</sup> @ 7:00 PM IN THE LEARNING COMMONS.**