

Catholic School Council Meeting Minutes

St. Jude Catholic School

Tuesday, February 27, 2018

The Learning Commons

Members in Attendance:

Norma Wheeler, Denise Callaghan-Walsh, Pauline DeMello, Jennifer Thompson, Olivia Jenner, Nancy Aldred-Chimienti, Rose Piligra, Pamela Wallace

Opening Prayer

Review of Minutes

- Welcome by Mrs Wheeler, review and approval of minutes by Pauline Demello, seconded by Denise Callaghan-Walsh

Principal Message

- Update on parking lot situation. The by-law officers involved have asked for assistance from the Durham Regional Police Service to be a priority school. The message is safety above convenience.
- The Senior Girls basketball team are playing tonight at Notre Dame in a tournament led by Mrs. Collins
- The school has been focused on mental health issues, with staff having workshops. Approximately \$1,000 from pizza day profits was going towards this initiative.
- Through the month of February, Black History month was celebrated, with classes presenting to each other. We would like to move towards an ongoing inclusion of black history lessons throughout the year.

Home/School/Church Connection

- Thank you to the parents that made the Valentine/Shrove Tuesday celebration a success
- Recap of the Reconciliation service that was held at St. Francis de Sales

Updates and General Information

- Immunization letters were sent out to affected families from the Health Department
- The St. Jude Choir had a showcase at Notre Dame and is now preparing for Festival of Music held in Pickering every year
- A board level chess tournament is being planned to expand on the grade 8 lunch time club. St. Jude will host the Ajax schools. More chess boards will be purchased. Chess is a game that appeals to a wide variety of children.
- Jump Rope for Heart has started
- Looking to expand on Indigenous Education at the school. Have planned some presentations, looking at sponsoring an artist.
- Looking for ideas for Pro Grant. The grant is to be used on activities to engage parents in the learning process
- Fundraising ideas – money is to be used in the year it is raised. Looking at Friendship Benches, basketball hoop for the primary yard and outdoor items. Final tabulations to be completed to finalize profit amount.
- Questions raised about use of the baseball diamond. The diamond is not part of the school property and has bad drainage. Since the diamond is not on school property, there is no grounds to revamp it and make it more useful.
- Mrs. Wheeler left the meeting to allow parents to work on Community Leadership profile.

Leading Safe Schools

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Meeting adjourned at 8:00 with a Glory Be.

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING IS TUESDAY, MARCH 27TH @ 7:00 PM IN THE LEARNING COMMONS.