

Catholic School Council Meeting Minutes

St. Jude Catholic School

Tuesday, May 29, 2018

The Learning Commons

Members in Attendance:

Norma Wheeler, Nancy Aldred-Chimienti, Denise Walsh, Pauline DeMello, Jennifer Thompson, Paula Chin, Paula Papagni, Olivia Jenner

Opening Prayer - Our Lady Pray for us Video

• Principal Message

- This is our final Council Meeting
- Thank you so very much to our wonderful Co-Chairs and many Parent Volunteers who help with Breakfast Club, Lunch Days and many other school initiatives. We could not do this without you.

• Board Meeting

- At the board meeting, staff with 25 years of service at the DCDSB were recognized.
- Tianna Fernando was recognized and staff from St. Jude were there to support her
- Principal/Vice Principal movement was announced and Mrs. Wheeler will be returning to St. Jude in September

Updates and General Information

- Our numbers are high enough in September to allow us to open a new Kindergarten Classroom. This will be where Ms. Loomans class is currently. We will also be opening Portable 4 and getting another Portable. We therefore have another teacher hire. With these openings there will be fewer split grades.
- Our Sharelife contribution this year was \$1,350.00. We contributed \$5,459.43 to various charities over the school year. The Durham Catholic Children's Foundation made \$29,000 and Mrs. Wheeler shared a summary of allocation of the funds
- The Kindergarten Parent night was a huge success and very well received. There were Learning Carousels and mini presentations. Thank you to Denise and Nancy.
- The Knights of Columbus Soccer Challenge was piloted at St. Jude and there were about 20 kids who attended.
- Our annual Volunteer Lunch will be held on June 12th, Graduation Lunch on June 21st, Grade 8 Closing Mass on June 13th @ 10:00 and Closing Ceremonies on June 25th.
- Numeracy in the classroom-St. Jude is piloting an online Math/Gaming learning platform for FDK to Grade 3. The kids have been very excited and have enjoyed this new initiative.
- Implementing more movement breaks throughout the day in classrooms and outside.
- Superintendent Mullins has made 2 monitoring visits to St. Jude to see progress.

Pro Grant

- We will apply for \$1000.00 Pro Grant which Mrs. Wheeler will put together and share. We will focus on Mental Wellness, Resiliency and Well Being.

Community Use of School

- We have had to put in all dates for next year which included the Welcome back BBQ on September 17th (M&Ms providing food) and our Council Meeting Dates have been booked as well.

Fun Fair

- The St. Jude annual Fun Fair is fast approaching on June 14th. One of Parents will be bringing the police vehicle which is always a great success and this year will also be running an obstacle course.
- Pauline will be doing Candy Ke-Bobs and we will have our usual Henna, Nail Art, Tattoos, Cotton Candy, Popcorn, Soccer, Guessing Jars, Bean Bag Toss and lost more. The Ice Cream Truck will be here. We are sending out regular reminders regarding items for the Baskets

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 with a prayer

**FROM EVERYONE ON THE CATHOLIC SCHOOL
COUNCIL....HAVE A SAFE AND BLESSED
SUMMER.**