

Catholic School Council Meeting Minutes

St. Jude Catholic School

Tuesday, November 28, 2017

The Learning Commons

Members in Attendance:

Norma Wheeler, Paula Chin, Pauline Demello, Dawn Green, Denise Callaghan-Walsh, Nancy Aldred-Chimienti, Olivia Jenner, Ken Lyons, Jennifer Thompson, Nathalie Gallant-Fraser, Rose Piligra, Pam Wallace

Opening Prayer – A Reading from the Scripture

Review of Minutes

- Approved by Jennifer Thompson and Pauline Demello

Principal Message

- Letters were sent home in regards to the Bus strike. Blue letter for the 55 students affected by the strike. Orange letter for children whose bus is not affected, just informative about how busy it will be. Pink Letter for children who do not take the bus

Canadian 24 hour Movement Article (Ready/Set/Move Durham)

- Children should have 20 minutes a day to Move
- “Move” poster was shared and discussed with Staff on the PA Day
- Staff are encouraging children to move during the day during instruction time.

Catholic and Caring Schools

- First week of Advent – Grade 8’s will be creating a human wreath and leading the Liturgy the first Friday
- St. Jude is supporting our many Catholic Partners
- Our Christmas Mass will be at St. Francis de Sales Church on December 13th @ 10am. All are welcome! Children are being bussed to Church
- Primary Christmas Concert is on December 21st @ 9:15 for Kindergarten and 10am for Grades 1, 2, 3, parents are welcome. For parents who can’t make the concert, there will be a dress rehearsal on December 20th @ 1pm.

Numeracy Initiative

- Review of EQAO Categories of Achievement
- Students are great at Knowledge and Understanding questions, however, working on the Application questions....teaching students how to think
- Thinking question – break it down

Report from our CSC Co-Chairs

- Denise and Nancy went to the Commissioning Mass at the Durham Catholic District School Board on October 25th
- Reviewed the Catholic School Council Resource Binder and talked about the contents.
- Talked about getting a Sub-Committee to review Grants and other volunteer in school programs. How can we get more parents involved.

Angel Sale – Renamed MRS. DINGWALL’S ANGEL SALE

- We are doing strictly Gift Cards this year. More discrete to respect the privacy of our families when organizing pick up.
- Supporting 11 Families this year with 46 individuals.
- To date we have received 170 requests from our Community and have had 52 Angel Gifts returned.
- Monday, December 4th is Mrs. Dingwall’s Angel Sale. Items range from \$1.00 to \$5.00.
- We will purchase an Angel and have it blessed and dedicated in honour of Mrs. Dingwall.

School Fundraiser

- Last year our school fundraiser supported Technology at St. Jude
- Students will be polled on suggestions for this year’s fundraiser.
- Discussed a tentative fundraising calendar
- We will be selling Laura Secord again this year
- Asking for delivery of Chocolates on January 15th with a kick off assembly on Thursday January 18th. Final collection of Chocolate money on February 2nd and wrap up assembly on February 5th.
- Same prize series as last year.
- Parents who do not want the chocolates, can make a monetary donation in lieu of a box of chocolates.
- We will set a date for sub-committee meeting for fundraising.
- We will have goal prizes ie: emoji key chain for every student when a monetary goal is met.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 with a Glory Be.

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING IS TUESDAY, JANUARY 30TH @ 7:00 PM IN THE LEARNING COMMONS.