

# **Catholic School Council Meeting Minutes**

## **St. Jude Catholic School**

**Tuesday, March 27, 2018**

### **The Learning Commons**

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

Norma Wheeler, Denise Callaghan-Walsh, Pauline DeMello, Jennifer Thompson, Nathalie Gallant-Fraser, Nancy Aldred-Chimienti, Pamela Wallace, Paula Papagni, Paula Chin

“Were you there?” Hymn and an Our Father

#### **Review of Minutes**

- Welcome by Mrs Wheeler, review and approval of minutes by Jennifer Thompson, seconded by Nancy Aldred-Chimienti

#### **Principal Message**

- St. Jude would like to provide a Raffle Basket or item for the annual Children’s Foundation Dinner. Deadline for this will be the end of April – looking for donations
- This year the board extended the Youth Trustee Award to include Elementary Schools grade 8 students. Staff unanimously voted Tianna Fernando as St. Jude’s recipient. Ceremony will be held May 28<sup>th</sup>.
- Thank you to Council for completing the Community Leadership Profile. A copy will be emailed members.

#### **Home/School/Church Connection**

- Grade 2 students will attend a Retreat at St. Francis de Sales in preparation for First Communion
- Grade 7 students being Confirmed, will be bussed to church for a rehearsal the morning of Friday, April 20<sup>th</sup>

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

- On February 22<sup>nd</sup>, Mr. Thompson took our St. Jude choir to perform at the Showcase for the Arts at Notre Dame CSS. They did amazing. The choir is getting ready for Music Festival on April 24<sup>th</sup>.
- St. Jude hosted the Brett & Sarah Magic Show. This show focusses on finding your own magic and anti-bullying. It was completely funded through our Healthy Hunger Commissions and Nevada and was no charge to students who really enjoyed the show
- Mrs. Collins is taking a group of students to Fr. Leo J. Austin to a coding workshop.
- The DCDSB is offering a variety of summer programs that parents should be aware of. Please visit the board website at [www.dcdsb.ca](http://www.dcdsb.ca).
- On April 6<sup>th</sup>, a Lunch & Learn was attended by St. Jude teachers which focused on Numeracy.
- Enrolment numbers hold steady for next year. Approximately 27 JK’s currently registered for September 2018.
- Frozen Fridays to resume on May 5<sup>th</sup> and will run 7 Fridays.
- JK Parent Night is fast approaching and will be done carousel style. Public Health and Speech & Language Reps. Will be available.
- April is Autism Awareness month. The display case in the front foyer will be decorated “Light it up Blue”. We are holding a contest “Be Principal for the morning” with funds going to Autism Awareness.

## **Fundraising**

- St. Jude raised approximately \$9,000 profit from our Major Chocolate Fundraiser
- We are looking at purchasing a Friendship Bench for our Intermediate Area.
- Also looking at purchasing another Basketball net and repaint keylines around the existing nets.
- We are looking at sprucing up our front gardens

## **Leading Safe Schools**

- Lorraine Clarke from Facilities has done a walk around the school. We are looking at using our facilities budget to purchase another Water Filling station, approximately \$1200.00. We also need to FOB our Kindergarten door, which is a large expense. Washrooms are above industry standard. Some toilet seats will be replaced.
- Discussed the curbs and crumbling sidewalks – Mrs. Wheeler will be sharing concerns with Facilities

**Meeting adjourned at 8:00 with a prayer from Catholic Education Week document.**

**NEXT COUNCIL MEETING IS TUESDAY APRIL 24<sup>TH</sup> @ 7:00 PM IN THE LEARNING COMMONS.**