

## Minutes from Parent Council Meeting - October 19, 2017

In Attendance: Mrs. Healey, Mrs. Carriere-Roth, Jillian Perrault, Ray Callery, Laura Clair, Aileen French, Erin Brown, Kristen Wilson

Regrets: Mrs. Hulton, Mrs. Hobin, Tammy Bowen, Melissa Cassibo, Ashley Baldwin

Meeting Commenced at 6:10p.m.

1. Call to Order, Prayer (by all) - R. Callery
2. Approval of Agenda - C. Carriere-Roth, seconded by Erin Brown
3. Adoption of Minutes - A. French, seconded by C. Carriere-Roth

4. Pink Shirt Update - C. Carriere-Roth checked into it and will keep checking on it, ordering will be for 2018, parents would go through Pink Shirt Campaign to order online, reasonable prices. Any local connections?

5. Head Lice Info for Parents - used to have company come early in yr to share info, last yr recommendation was for kinder families to have this info presented; issue is who? Health Unit doesn't anymore

Ideas: paper handouts to parents, video played for students to help reduce stigma, send out letter still or put out announcement on facebook, email, website at least informing parents that there is a case in the school

6. Treasurer's Report - bks still not been transferred to new treasurer, importance noted of this happening soon as money/cheques will need to be sorted and Donna Craigen doesn't have invoices or want to be playing this role. Mrs. Healey noted school generated funds at a glance, snapshot of funds as a whole are submitted to Mr. Drew, Superintendent.

Revenue discussion postponed til Nov mtg.

7. Fundraising Suggestions brought forth by A. French -

- Kernels Popcorn: we do already sell popcorn
- Mabel's Labels: have an acct, Aileen will check into re-activating it, parent quotes school name online and follows link, post link on website? \$50 earned, they send a cheque.
- JustFundraising.com has options incl. beef jerky, Otis Spunkmeyer cookie dough, Victory Scratch Card
- Parents' Night Out: parents pay high-school students who get vol hrs by watching kids at school; Liability? Key would be organization, what are they doing with the kids? Movie night requires licence...
- Pancake Breakfast: kids pay for pancakes before school; Knights usually help cook on Shrove Tues, otherwise who will volunteer to cook pancakes or it can't happen
- School Sleepover: too many insurance and other issues to further consider this interesting idea

Ray commented how successful the ball tournament turned out.

Kristen mentioned gift basket raffles: board now requires licence for raffles but not for silent auction, in the past latter did better anyway; would need an event (possibly wreath p/u, musical in March, Advent concerts in Dec), need to give class theme and promote it on School Facebook/notes home, give enough time to collect items

Vendor Marketplace mentioned; last yr was a success but a lot of work to set-up/take-down, we were going to have to pay janitor fee but that got paid after strong objection on our part (Kristen will consider doing one this yr)

Erin mentioned Mom to Mom sale: similar to vendor market, clothes on consignment

Jillian mentioned doing student portraits with the older grades and selling them to parents

8. Christine organizing Fresh Farm Fundraiser: \$510 was raised, Nov delivery not sure exact date but will know 2 wks ahead and will let us know, we need help sorting!

Hot Lunches: Spaghetti Days and Pizza Days coming up, will need to line up with \$, not conducive to younger ones, will see how these go, will still need volunteers to help!

Sub order forms now to include the option of gluten free, for an additional \$1.

Greenery Sales: no firm info on sales at this pt; these will be huge and need space in gym to sort, also need volunteers on Nov 27th 3-4 people for ~4 hrs, Kristen and Laura offered to help but only around 4:30

9. Faculty Shortages: becoming a growing issue that needs to be addressed, mentioned for info sake

10. Church/School Music: no music at 9am Mass, Ray knows sound engineer who for \$300 would record and digitize music to be used at both school and church; idea to have Mr. Kennedy get kids involved to be on recording along with organist Shannon, Fr. Marek would pick the songs and feels that children involvement might inspire young families to attend Mass/hear their child...anyone interested in helping out?

11. Review of Positions: not much to go on at this pt, Ray reminded we need to sign Confidentiality Agreement and have up to date Police Checks, possible that Jackie Perry would do an evening for checks done on spot?

12. Online Spirit Wear Clothing: it's up and running, Nov 15th due date, Dec 13th delivery? Sizes possibly available night of interviews.

13. Parish Council: Altar Server Training - Flora works so hard but attendance is very low, becoming more school driven may help; Jillian is offering to assist, older kids 'retiring' perhaps current servers can visit classes and discuss/drum up interest

Mrs. Healey mentioned at St. Pat's in Erinsville it's viewed as a privilege not just a right, maybe it's a window to get kids to church

Emphasis on being fun, not that Flora hasn't worked hard. Christine wondered if Gr 2s finishing 1st Communion could carry excitement over into serving...

Confirmation class this yr is for Gr 7s and 20 out of 28 are involved. Suggested even more info go out about confirmation prior to enrollment.

14. Principal/Vice-Principal Report: email sent around, secretary had to leave by 7:30 so no further notes made

15. Future Meeting Dates: ??