**School Council Meeting Agenda**

**Monday, October 29, 2018**

**6:30 pm - Learning Commons**

**Attendance: Angela Alderson, Alida French, Tanya Knapp, Sherri Laduca, Lindsay MacDonald, Julie McKeown, Melissa Markotich, Meg Hicks, Kelly McDonell, Nancy Cordeiro, Shyla Paterson, Natalie Strand, Heather Toffolon, Kim Wallace, Leslie Wandell, Lori Bryden, Lisa Rolo, Carmine Minutillo.**

**Welcoming Prayer (Special Intentions)**

**The Lord’s Prayer**

Our Father, who art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy Name.
Thy Kingdom come.
Thy will be done on earth,
As it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
As we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil.
Amen.

**Reports**

**Chair Report: Ana Rand**

* The Ministry of Education has announced a schedule for local consultations with the Ministry of Education. The goal of this process is to engage all stakeholders in providing feedback on the education system in Ontario as stated on the website, “Our goal is to prepare Ontario students for success, improve their academic achievement and equip them with the tools needed to enter the working world”. Attached is a letter issued to Directors of Education providing details of upcoming Telephone Town Hall Sessions for our region of the province. I encourage you to participate in this opportunity to share your insights, hopes and aspirations to help shape the future of Catholic education for your children. All parents/guardians and partners in education are encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity. If none of the Telephone Town Hall sessions listed are convenient then online submissions are also welcomed at the website listed until December 15th, 2018.
	+ See attached for sessions.
* Last year Shelley Cabral initiated a Coat Exchange Program at the school where families donated new or gently used winter coats, mittens and hats for exchange with other members of the school community. We would like to continue those great efforts this year. We need a date and volunteers.
	+ Everyone was in agreement to continue this initiative. Ana will send out an email to solicit volunteers.
* Sherry LaDuca will again be organizing the Poinsettia Fundraiser this year.
	+ Electronic letter will be sent out on November 12. Orders will be due back on November 23. Parents can pick up on December 11, between 3:45 – 6:00 pm.
* Kelly McDonnell will be organizing the Indigo night this year.
	+ Indigo night will be on Wednesday, November 28 from 5-9 pm. Volunteers will wear SMB spirit wear. On top of the regular percentage from in-store purchases, SMB will receive 20% of gift card purchases and 3% more when the gift card is used. People can buy online and SMB will also benefit. Link will be distributed on the SMB page. Also includes a “donate now” button, if you don’t want to buy anything. Can keep fundraiser open all year.

**Principal Report: Carmine Minutillo**

* Thank you! (Open House/BBQ, New Play Structure)
	+ Kindergarten classes created a card as a thank you for the new play structure.
	+ Member of the Knights to Columbus (Hank) took several pictures at the BBQ and they were shared with the group.
* Hot Lunch
	+ Some concern over the prices of the hot lunch (pasta, sandwich). The quantity is significant. Spaghetti may be difficult for younger children to cut. Angela will ask that the pasta type is a smaller kind. We will evaluate in January after a couple months of orders.
* 20th Anniversary Committee
	+ Continue to form a committee along with teachers for this initiative.

**New Items:**

* Progress Reports/Parent-Teacher Interviews
* Distributed on November 6. Parent-teacher interviews can be scheduled online starting on November 2 for November 7 and 8.
* Parent Involvement Base Funding
	+ Received $500 for parent’s engagement with school.
* Relationships and Aggression in Youth Study (RAYS) by Queen’s University
	+ Five schools in area took part. Rates of bullying were consistent with rates across Canada. Exclusion (i.e.: emotional bullying) was high. Lots of conflict online that spills into school. 2/3 of students feel support from friends and teachers.
* EQAO
	+ Grade 3 and 6 testing. Results were pretty positive except in grade 6 math.
* Jingle Bell walk will occur again this year. Will solicit donations for Joseph St and St. Vincent de Paul.
* #JakeStrong raised $870.
* Regi presentation on November 6 “Best ways to help kids navigate the world”
* Donations for adult coats being accepted at HDH and St. Mary’s Cathedral and KGH volunteer desk.
* Upcoming Events:

Student Spirited Support Assembly (Oct 29)

* Peer helpers. All students received bracelets. Team members were given t-shirts.

Spook-A-Rama (Oct 31)

* Ms. Coppens class organizing. Kindergarten classes will go to Trillium.

Sustainability Kingston Presentations (Nov 2)

Bus Safety Presentations (Nov 5)

* Tri board to present with Buster the Bus for K-3.

Volleyball Tournaments

* End of November. Soccer teams also did well.

Remembrance Day Ceremonies (Nov 9)

* Mr. Griffin organizing. Parent member of the military will attend. 15 students from grade 7 and 8 will attend the wreath laying ceremony at Cataraqui Cemetery.

John Dunn Environmental Presentation (Nov 12)

Vision Screening (Nov 12)

* Lions club for K-1.

Photo Retakes (Nov 14),

Gr. 7/8 Immunizations (Nov 16),

Gr. 3/4 Kingston Police Internet Safety Presentation (Nov 19)

Gr. 8 Holy Cross Visit (Nov 20)

Confirmation (Nov 25)

Visit from St. Paul’s pastor on October 30. Will continue after each school mass.

**Parish Rep Report: Heather Toffolon**

* November 9. Fish Fry 3:30 – 6:30 pm. $15 adults. $10 children.
* November 7. Fam Jam. Dinner at 5 pm. Games at 6 pm. RSVP via the school.
* November 10. Christmas Bazaar. 10 – 2 pm.
* Edge November 14.

**Teacher Rep Report: Melissa Markotich/Julie Benevides**

* Would like to purchase some “Breakout education” kits. Agreed to order 3.

**Treasurer Report**

* $4,704.58 remaining.

**New Business:**

* June 7. ~4-8 pm for Fun Fair. Some exciting new stations!

**Next Meeting: Monday, November 26, 2018 6:30 pm in the Learning Commons.**