

**School Council Meeting Minutes**

**Monday, November 27th, 2017**

**6:30 pm - Learning Commons**

**Attendance**

Angela Alderson, Anna Coe, Brent Cook, Ana DeSousa-Rand, Alida French, Tanya Knapp, Melissa Markotich, Julie Mckeown, Carmine Minutillo, Nancy Moniz, Shyla Paterson, Natalie Strand,

* **Regrets:** Shelley Cabral, Tanya O’Quinn, Amy Pullaw-Stevens, Shelley Rizzo, Lisa Thibeault, Heather Toffolon, Kim Wallace

**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**

* **Eco Presentation**
  + 4 Grade 8 students did a wonderful presentation this evening
  + Cutting down garbage (boomerang system), using reusable containers (eliminating waste), making props out of containers
  + In January, we will start to cut down
  + Will be encouraging the boomerang system (parents)
* **Spirit Wear**
  + Website <http://www.multideas.ca/showroom/46048> password : smb

Hot Pink, Grey, and Gold colours added

* + It’s a bit costly so we won’t be doing the fundraising part in order to keep cost down
  + Order Spirit Wear from the above website and pick up will be at:
    - Multi Innovations

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* **Thank You Sherri LaDuca for organizing the Poinsettia Fundraiser**
* **Create a Special Events Committee – Pro Grant Evening**
  + We need a committee – asking members. Please send Ana R an email if you are interested
  + **(Jan. 17th)** – 5:30pm start, food will be provided
  + We have $1000 to spend as part of our grant. If the upcoming evening is closer to $500 in terms of cost, then a second parent evening could be organized later in the year.
* **Snowsuit Exchange**
* **(Oct. 26)** from 4:00pm-7:00pm
* We had about 50 snowsuits – good range of sizes
* It helped quite a few families!
* Left overs were donated to St. Francis of Assisi Catholic School.
* Hopefully we can do this yearly – We should be proud! Great contribution!
* Thank you Shelley Cabral for organizing such a worthy cause.

**Principal Report: Carmine Minutillo**

**Follow-Up Items**

* **Playground Equipment Update**
  + Playground planners – they do everything. Our playground was looked at and there were a lot of ideas for it
  + Parents could install cedar weed to help save $1000
* **PRO Grant Update** – See special events info above.

**New Items**

* **Elementary School Class Size Information**
  + There is provincial and board criteria that have to be met
  + All of our primary classes are under 20 students
  + We are one of the bigger schools
  + End of September, we met all criteria. Once classrooms are set – they are set: no changes
  + Board and School are in compliance with provincial guidelines.
* **Advent Initiatives** 
  + **Prayer Services**
  + **(Dec. 11th)** - **Jingle Bell Walk –** Collecting food. The goal is to get a kilometre of food. If we do, Costco will give a donation
  + **(Dec. 13th) - Advent Mass** – 6:30pm at St. Paul’s. After Mass, there will be cards & gift bags that students have made for purchase. All profit will go towards supporting a refugee family
  + **(Dec. 20th)** - **Primary Advent Concert** – 1:30pm. JK - Grade 3 performances. Gym will be packed!
* **EQAO -** Carmine went over last year’s EQAO results with the group, providing some information about the highlights. See the attachment accompanying the minutes for the complete public report.
* **School Improvement Plan for Student Achievement and Well-Being**
  + Broken into 3 parts:
    - Discipleship: ‘Renewing the Promise’ – we’re following all year around
    - Scholarship: Curriculum type of material. Technology is a strength for us
    - Stewardship: Health unit. Eco schools. Nurturing others
  + There was a follow-up presentation about this year’s School Improvement Plan for Student Achievement and Well-Being and what our school’s goals are for the current academic year.
  + This information is on our website under “About Us”, so parents can check it out
* **Upcoming Events** 
  + **(Nov. 26th)** - **A Day in the Arts** – a sneak peek of what is being offered at a high school level
  + **(Dec. 6th)** - **Hour of Code**
  + **(Dec. 6th)** - **Chapter’s Night & Sr. Boys’ Volleyball Championship**
  + **Swim to Survive** – Grade 3 students. At Queens. Can you get to shore?
  + **(Dec. 11th) - Jingle Bell Walk** – bring in food items up until **Dec.11th**

**Fundraising Committee Report: Angela Alderson**

* **Fundraising Committee formed** 
  + Angela Alderson, Sheri LaDuca, Tanya O’Quinn, Julie McKeown, Lisa Thibeault, Leslie Waddle, Natalie Strand, Shelley Cabral, Tanya McKerracher, and Ana Rand
* **Poinsettia Fundraiser**
  + **(Dec 5th)** – pick up is between 3:30pm-6:30pm. It depends on delivery when it arrives
* **Chapters Night**
  + **(Dec. 6th)** – 5:00pm-9:00pm
  + Pictures will be taken for the yearbook
  + $1200 was raised last year
  + We are the best at this fundraiser! ☺
* **SMB 4th Annual Family Fun Fair**
  + In June - date to be discussed
  + We need A LOT of volunteers!
  + BBQ – Knights of Columbus – hopefully they can do it – avoid June 22nd
  + Will continue to do the baskets with the Teachers (classrooms) again
  + Will leave out the silent auction and will have a thrift sale instead (will be asking families to bring in items for sale)
  + Bake Sale: only cookies this time
* **Other Fundraising Ideas**
  + Pizza books – Gino’s – put a ‘cause’ to this. Like new playground equipment. Thinking of doing this in January
* **Next meeting Monday, January 22nd at 6:30pm.**

**Parish Rep Report:**

* **(Dec. 3rd)** **Youth and Family Focused Mass**
  + At the church
  + Volunteers needed if available to help
  + Please contact the church (613) 389-8222 or stpaulrc@cogeco.ca
* **Christmas Craft and Bake sale**
  + **(Dec. 2nd)** 10:00am – 4:00pm and **(Dec. 3rd)** 10:00am – 1:00pm
  + At St. Francis of Assisi church
  + Free admission but an item for the food bank is appreciated
* **Holy Cross musical "Godspell"**
  + **(Nov. 29th)** – **(Dec. 2nd)**
  + Matinee performance on **Dec 2nd**
  + Tickets are $15
* **Nativity Exhibition in the Church Parish Hall**
  + **(Dec. 7th - 8th)** from 9:00am – 3:00pm
  + Featuring the Tony Vella collection

**Teacher Rep Report: Melissa Markotich**

* Started auditions today for musical
* They will have time over the holidays to practice

**Treasurer Report – Brent Cook**

* We have $9308.09 right now

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* In Learning Commons at 6:30-8:00pm