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**School Council Meeting Minutes**

**Tuesday, September 26th, 2017**

**6:30 pm in the Learning Commons**

**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 them that trespass against us.   
And lead us not into temptation,   
But deliver us from evil.   
Amen.

**Reports**

**Principal:**

* Welcome!
* **BIG** thanks!
  + Playground painting
  + Open House – it went smooth & clean up went well!
* Elections
  + Chair – Ana DeSousa - Rand
  + Vice Chair – Tanya O’Quinn
  + Treasurer – Brent Cook
  + Secretary – Shyla Paterson / Shelley Rizzo
  + Parish – Heather Toffolon
  + Community Rep – Vacant
  + Fundraising Rep – We’re going to organize as a committee instead of having a Rep this year

**Follow-Up Items**

* Pro-Grant
  + - $1000
    - Plan was to get a guest speaker
    - People who are interested in organizing this, please put your name forward
    - Money needs to be spent by May
* Butterfly Kits
  + Always fun for the Kinders, Grades 1 & 2
* (Sept. 8) Japanese Student Visit
  + Associated through The Sisters of Notre Dame
  + They find out how our school works, etc…
* Safety Practices (Fire Drills, Lockdown, Bus Evacuation)
  + **NEW** thing: Bomb threat protocol. Practice leaving the school. It’s a lot like a fire drill

**New Items**

* Future Playground Painting – we can pick a future date to do the remainder of the school pavement painting before the end of the school year.
* Balanced Day Pilot
  + If it works out then it will go to other schools. If not, then we will go back to our old schedule
  + Good reports so far
  + It’s been much quieter
  + This will help with outdoor transition times in Winter
  + Longer blocks for Math, etc and helps schedule Staff
  + Survey will be sent out to Staff & feedback will be sent out to parents
* Parents at Sporting Events
  + There have been multiple issues with unsportsmanlike conduct by our school’s parents at board sporting events that required principal, conveyor, and board intervention.
  + With this in mind: if you see these things happening, please politely ask them to ‘cool it’
  + A letter from the Principal will be sent out

**Upcoming Events**

* (Sept. 22) Kingston Frontenac’s SMB Night
  + Was a good turn out!
  + They won 3 to 2 ☺
* (Sept. 27) First School Mass with our new Parish priest, Fr. Sebastian Amato
* (Sept. 28) Terry Fox Walk
  + Last year raised a little over $6000 last year!
* (Sept. 28) See You At the Pole Prayer Service
  + With Mrs Bulmer
* (Sept 28) Kingston Writer’s Fest Author Visit – Kyo MacLear – spoke to our K-3 students.
* Soccer Tournament
  + This week it was cancelled because it was too hot
  + Oct. 2 – Senior Boys
* Bricks 4 Kids – Many Gr. 1-6 students participating at lunch time.
* (Oct. 3) Golf Tournament
* (Oct. 6) Student Eco-Conference – 3 students will attend on behalf of SMB at the Frink Centre.
* (Oct. 10) Picture Day
* Musical
  + Annie Jr.
  + 1st week of May
* Hot lunch
  + Will be during the 2nd Nutrition Break
  + Will start in October sometime. (We didn’t have the details at this time)
* (Oct. 11) School Bus Safety Patrol Training – student volunteers will receive bus patrol training to assist the bus driver.
* (Oct. 12) School Confessions
* (Oct. 19) French Ventriloquist Performance
* Parents with children who have ADHD – posters around the school
* 78th Annual Conference – AGM & Gala Dinner
  + (Oct. 13-14th, 2017) – Save the Date!
  + “Mental Wellness: Developing your God given potential
  + Key note speaker: Sara Westbrook
* Advent Initiative
  + Last year – Mari Family
  + In the past, kids have made bookmarks & cards

**Budget**

**Totals**

* At $11,279.61
  + Last funfair we raised $7362.22
  + Other - $2928.43
  + Soccer canteen - $1400
  + Poinsettias $1800
* We have spent $562.07
* We have approximately $10,000.00 to spend this year at this point.

**Ideas where $ can be spent**

* Lexia
  + It needs renewal
  + It’s $10,000 which is good for 3 years
  + A web based program that can work at home
  + License for 55 spots: 150 - 200 students can be impacted
* Smaller outdoor play structures for the Kinders

**Ideas**

* At the meeting, Shelley Cabral had an idea about a ‘snowsuit/winter jacket donation’
  + An evening where parents can come get a snowsuit/winter jacket for their child or something privately could be set up
  + Everyone who donates, gets a Sport Chek coupon (she has connections) as a thank you
  + Idea went over well & a letter will be put together

**Next Meeting:**

* Monday, October 23rd, 2017
* In the Learning Commons at 6:30 pm