

In attendance:

- Angela Wildish (Chair), Lisa Romano (P), Olivia Gorrell (SC Rep), Tracey Forgues, Cathy Pye, Chris Wright, Nickie Harrison (Teacher Rep), Graham Stuart (VP), Della Thompson, Madonna Howell, Angela Breau

Last Month's Minutes:

Motion by Chris Wright to pass last meeting's minutes

2nd by: Cathy Pye

3rd: Madonna Howell

All in favour and passed

Treasurer's Report: Madonna Howell

- Outgoing \$500 OFSSA
- \$900 for Student Council
- \$500 end of year trip (2016-2017 year)
- Remaining: \$2500.84
- Not accounted for: Parent Involvement Grant- goes into Board Account and as soon as we are ready to spend it, the money will be transferred over
- No reporting piece for this grant, but to be used to get parents in and involved.
- Pro Grant is a different piece of money and requires reporting for this one

Teacher Report: Nickie Harrison

- Dec 6 Co—op integration
- Nov 11- Joseph Garrett with drama classes, Remembrance Day Celebration, beautifully done
- Dual Credits are re-starting now that Colleges are back to work (students working on college and high school credits at the same time)
- Nov 1- Take Our Kids to Work was a success about 87% participation
- Nov 8 UIP 21 Universities @ St. Paul (hosted) and ENSS, THS and Marc Garneau also participated
- Literacy Continuum- 2 high school teachers and 7/8 representation
- Working on test taking skills and how to answer questions
- Each grade has a specific set of goals and this is embedded in the curriculum they are covering
- Nov 15/16/17-College and University presentations and application workshops
- Students are responsible for checking their marks and that they are accurate
- Nov 23- High school report cards went out
- Week prior- 7/8 report cards went out

- Academic Honesty Committee—creating documents for use with student and staff; this is a continuum as well, starting small with 7/8 and expectations for documentation grows as student progress in grades
- Grade 12 Council is being reinstated- this is to provide a forum to teachers to discuss curriculum concerns, ensure fair and consistent practices amongst grade 12 teachers and discuss any concerns that may arise with regards to this grade/practices, setting dates, etc.
- Grade 9 & 10 Visual Art classes went to the Art Gallery of Ontario on Nov 15th to experience the magic of art galleries. Students viewed work by Andy Warhol, the Group of Seven and Henry Moore. They also went to a special exhibit by Guillero del Toro known for his work on films like Hell Boy and Pan's Labryinth. Students created work inspired by del Toro in the AGO art space
- Grade 7/8 went skating and there is another skating day planned for December
- Mrs. Matthie's grade 8 class is putting on the play "A Christmas Carol" and presenting it to 7/8s the week before Christmas break
- Grade 7's are having financial literacy presentations in their classrooms (all day) Nov 29th.

Principal's Report:

FOOD FOR LEARNING:

- Civvies Day Dec 8th funds to go to the Food for Learning fund
- Some corporate sponsors (Danone, Giant Tiger- buy an ornament and \$2 goes to Food for Learning program, Feed the Meters program starts Fri Dec 1)
- Looking for Volunteers to work the Belleville Sens games and sell 50/50 fund as at the specific night the funds will go to the Food for Learning program

Vaping-

- in contact with the Health Unit- arranging a presentation for parents and students- Dec 12th (3, 1 hour sessions)
- Willing to stay after school and run a parent session as well, if there is enough interest around 4:00—Syner-voice will go out about this, flyers, tweet and put on the external calendar and the sign, Facebook page, Instagram
- Did ask if there are question in advance to put forward- if there is anything you want to address, call or email and they will be forwarded to the Health Unit representative

Quinte West Accessibility Committee—

- mandate educating public about accessibility—
- Have someone from the Base, Corporal Warren Brace- coming to speak on Friday; accessibility and his role in the Invictus Games

Christmas Sharing Baskets-

- Motion put forth to have \$200 available (from Parent Council \$) if needed, from Parent Council for the Christmas Sharing Baskets
- Cathy motioned and Chris seconded it
- All in favour-it was passed

Student Council

- Thank you for the money for the guest speaker- was incredible and really impacted the student body
- Terry Fox Run and BBQ- made over \$3000
- Going on through the whole year- Mental Health Mondays (last Monday of each month- therapy dogs come in; dogs are in the Learning Commons for high school students and second half of lunch they are in the front foyer for the 7/8s
- Looking at getting them in at exams too
- Pizza lunches are a big hit for the 7/8 and order extra for high school students is they can buy the day of
- Grade 9 are the biggest sales in the high school side (last year's grade 8s)
- October spirit week- went well
- Leading up to Halloween photo booth; candy jar guess, costume contest,
- Haunted House was a huge success- "Haunted Hospital"- over 600 people came out and raised over \$2000
- Jr. and Sr. teams went to COSSA and there was a COSSA buy-out (wear spirit wear and go to the game) \$ went to the United Way fund
- Bullying Awareness Week—Student council held doors, pink shirt day, think pink wall- students could write compliments or nice things on pink sticky notes
- Student Council members wrote nice things about every person in the school
- Last week went to St. Peters and ran an assembly to announce that St. Peters is changing from the Timberwolves to the Jr. Falcons—St. Peters was very excited and will be getting new uniforms to reflect this
- On-going breakfasts one time per month—make egg and bacon mcmuffins (\$3) everyone can come in and get breakfast. Dec 15th is the next breakfast
- This money will be used to purchase more furniture for the school; change of lunch (7/8 in cafeteria) need more furniture for students

Student Council...Coming Up:

- This Friday is our first dance of the year "Snowball" (9-12)
- Sign-ups this week and next week- auditions for the Christmas assembly
- Christmas spirit week- last week before the break
- Dec 22: Christmas dinner in the lunch hour the last day before the break
- Christmas Assembly- theme: 12 Days of Christmas

Additional Information:

Where to find the minutes:

→School Webpage

→Under Parents

→Community

→Catholic School Council

Top Up for Breakfast Club option for Food for Learning:

- Discussion about how to implement this
- There is a cost to do this, but discussion is happening as we move toward electronic payment
- This will likely will happen in the new year

- **EQAO**- Math dates are set—to be announced
- 7/8 Skiing on January 19th

PRO GRANT- *Parents Reaching Out Grant*

- Lisa has been in touch with Three Oaks (re: presentation on Human Trafficking for parents)
- They can do something for us, but looking for more direction on what we want
- Angela found an interesting organization called Voice Bound- out of Ottawa
- It was founded by a woman who was abducted and taken into the sex trade as a young person
- They have an educational program--- voicebound.ca
- They help victims, but also have an educational program and help others to understand
- They serve eastern Ontario (the 401 corridor is a highly impacted area)
- February 21st - later evening 6:30-7:00
- \$200 can be spent on food
- The balance can be spent on speakers, pamphlets, etc...
- Graham will contact Jennifer Patent (Detective)
- Watershed did a story on this issue, Alexis former worker (through United Way) can reach out to a few different people to get survivor stories
- Ensure we do a piece for the students as well to give them some information about this

OAPC Update- Chris Wright

- Will be attending local and provincial meetings
- Ontario Association for Parents for Catholic Education
- Discuss topics like curriculum, eqao, etc.
- Purpose to bring local issues to a higher level
- Parents can have a voice through this council, ideas, concerns etc. to the people in the Ministry who make the decisions
- Went to the conference in Sept- outstanding conference
- If you're interested, worth going
- If you have anything that you want him to share or questions, please let Chris know and he will take it to council

Next Meeting:

Feb 6th- 4:15 p.m.