



AOS School Council Meeting

January 25, 2023 ~ 6:00 p.m. via Microsoft Teams

In Attendance: Andrea Fraser, Shaun Tymchuk, Christina Rorabeck, Jackie Vincente, Deni Melim, Isabella Little, Brandi, Dan, Wendy, Kathleen Logan

Regrets:

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Approval of Minutes from November 23, 2022 School Council Meeting

Parish Report – Shaun Tymchuk

Father John is away on holidays. Shaun sent email but no response was given. Nadia responded about Children's choir. She said nothing has changed. She is still looking for members who would like to join. She provided information about Children's Choir and said it's in the bulletin.

Youth and family ministry. Did not get anything back from the leaders. Info in the report is in the Parish Bulletin.

A very successful basketball free-throw competition. Almost 50 children participation.

Next activity that Knights of Columbus will conduct is the poster contest. By the end of February there will be posters to pick up. Criteria for the poster to be re-sent to Andrea.

Old Business

- **Parent Involvement fund: Last years BBQ was June 14th. Looking at late May/ Early June.** Spring BBQ? Last year it was in June. Dates we want to avoid: cross country, track and field, trips and EQAO. The only trip we know about currently is Grade 7 and 8 trip will be June 1st. Andrea to provide proposal for dates. We need a committee of people interested in doing it. Contacts for blow up castles and the games and Andrea to provide. Coordinate kinder open house with Knights for cooking.
 - More food options: Bags of chips
 - Music
- **Family Literacy Day: Friday, January 27th, 2023**
 - Dan confirmed we have the number of speakers that we need. The speakers range from police services, fire department, paramedics, etc. It's starting at 10AM. There are 10 classes.
 - Kathleen confirmed 10 mugs, 10 flashlights and 10 pens.
- **Christmas Sharing:** 13 families that we assisted & 23 children. 14 families, 13 required turkeys.
- **Pro Grant:** Event held on January 19, 2023. One hour of socializing. One hour to ask questions and it went well beyond that. Less people came in comparison to those who signed up, but this allowed for more conversations with Dr. Phillip. Dr. Phillip would like to come back again in the spring and cover a different topic. The topic she spoke about was connection before correction. It was a successful night.

New Business

- **Graduation:** Andrea met with intermediate teachers. Last year they joined other schools and we did a boat cruise. In previous years, just our school went on boat cruise. This year we are thinking about holding a dance at our school and including the Grade 7s. The intermediate students will pick a theme for the dance.
 - Grade 7 parents may contribute some snacks for the evening. The dance and DJ in the decorated gym. The mini

gym could be used for a snack room or a quiet room.

-Intermediate teachers hope parents and school council will help with decorating.

- \$100 per student -> trip to Toronto for a Blue Jays Game-> reserved seats already & hoping fundraising will bring the cost of tickets down

BUDGET Update / Bingo Update

- Still in good standing. Spent some money. We were under budget for Christmas Support Giving and Sharing. Slowly chipping away at other categories. New category on Budget : "Miscellaneous"
- Just got a notification that funds are being deposited for December Bingo.
- We need more volunteers for Bingos.

Teacher Report

- Basketball is running right now for junior / senior boys and girls. Hockey practice is happening too. The free throw was great for the kids.
- Today is Bell Let's Talk day. There have been lots of messages going around, as well as the Café. There was a safe space for kids to talk about things.

Principal's report

- The Knights of Columbus Free Throw was something the students really enjoyed. It was for ages 9 and up and 50 children participated. The Knights were gracious and welcoming to the kids.
- The Wellness Café -> get together with a friend and have a cup of coffee. For Bell Let's Talk Day, classes could do quiet and fun activities and have hot chocolate. We read rules on the announcements. There was also colouring activities. It was a positive experience for the students. The Grade 3's and 4's helped with this. We will continue with messages for mental health and well-being.
- Formed in the Faith, our pastoral theme for the year. A powerpoint was created on how our students live in this theme. "I am a Believer" was focused on this year, as well as "Life Long Learner". The mission is that children are loved, inspired and successful at school. The number one largest factor is the adults in front of them. The powerpoint also included photos with aspects of faith in school.
- Spatial audit report -> help children to be self-regulators
- Kinder teachers and ECE's signed up for hand writing without tears workshop. The program is expensive to purchase but it's a great program. It's a new way to teach printing and letter formation. It's a program where the educator is involved. The educators watch, instruct and interact.

Adjournment

Next meeting: February 22, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.