

JJ O'Neill Catholic School Community Council
Minutes from Wed. Oct. 9th @ 6pm

Attendance: Michelle H, Kevin D, Jess H, Erin B, Laura C, Michelle C, Cindy H, Tammy B, Stacey D, Jodi R, Beth C
Regrets: Jen & Bill R, Melissa D, Ashley B, perhaps others I'm not aware sent regrets

Opened in Prayer - 'Hail Mary'

Approval of the Agenda

Adoption of the Minutes from Sept mtg 'Business Arising': only 4 signed up for volunteering night of Open House, few more gave their email, positive comments about families enjoying photos Beth put together

Treasurer's Report - Current balance \$18, 878, or slightly less with minimal expenses so far this yr
We will look into having the four buckets for fundraising distribution again. If we continued with the same allocations in each 'bucket' it would be as follows (I rounded our balance to \$18,800)

- 1)Technology/Learning Commons - 50% of fundraising allocated here (\$9,400)
- 2)Outside/Yard/Sports - 30% (\$5,640)
- 3)School Trips/In Classroom - 10% (\$1,880))
- 4)Grad Events/Sacraments - 10% (\$1,880)

Kevin informed us the school is given a parent involvement grant each yr (\$500), used for open house BBQ

Admin Report

- 273 students in total this yr
- Buster Bus Safety was here today
- Gr 6 went to a witness Faith Day in Kingston
- Mass was attended by whole school earlier this wk
- Cupe resolved, things are slowly getting back on track, soccer tournaments postponed to Spring
- Picture Day tomorrow
- Terry Fox Walk, asked for toonie, ~\$1700 raised, might do similar 'toonie' for United Way
- Choir started up under kinder teacher and M Pyatt (organist), Thurs lunch practice, open to all
- Knights ran successful BBQ for open house, positive comments about the grad pics now hung
- Unfortunately no further info on history of schools committee
- Parent/teacher interviews Nov 6th, ideally communication should be ongoing throughout yr
- Dec 18 - Mr. Dorey is hopeful to confirm this date with staff for a Christmas concert, perhaps just K-6, figure out 7/8s, look at holding matinee & evening, bit of discussion: last yr tree decorating

Parish Report/Teacher's Report - still up in air who may fill position

New Business

- Hallowe'en Dance: date approved for Oct 24th, 5:30-7:30; last yr was successful, made ~\$2000, parents pooled resources for decorations, can **Ashley** check what was left here from last yr (Erinsville storage? Just Fun Fair stuff?) Gr 8s helped w/ set up, at night relied on grads getting volunteer hrs, if we have bake sale again (needs to be commercial), no door charge, sell popcorn/pizza/pop, **Melissa** will do the music (popcorn sold wkly last yr was a good fundraiser)

In school dance on 31st run by students during the day, just black/orange dress, no costumes

- Christmas Dinner: date set for Dec 20th, food gets donated, Morningstar Mission cooks the turkeys donated by Dowlings, set up in gym, classes come through in a line, many comments re: joy it brings, only turkey dinner for some students, **Jodi** offered to help

- Elf Shop- **Beth** took over few yrs ago, donated items to gift for ladies/men, tentative date set for Dec 4, will announce start of Nov, start collecting mid Nov, money we collect goes to Morningstar, \$1 a gift
- Christmas Planters: 2 other gps already selling planters right now, Pointsettias? Vendor fair now too late for Christmas..maybe Spring
- Volley-ball Tournament - info passed through Cindy, Nov 23 or 30, \$250, 8 teams = \$2000, minus insurance \$1400 profit , need incentive/prizes? **Beth** offered to help. Exactly how much will it cost us? **Melissa** requested to come up with a proposal in writing, we can vote by email
- Cheesecake in jars, Stephanie Newman owner, **Tammy** will contact her and get back to council
- Other fundraising ideas: chocolates? chuck-a-puck? Kevin explained that pucks are sold at the game then chucked on ice at half time, puck closest to centre ice gets 50% raised, possibly Raiders/ Frontenacs/Senators Game, **Beth** will look into school tickets to go to the game

Any purchases needed?

- Lexia reading prog (seen lots of progress for struggling readers) we have 20, would like to add 10 more, would be \$2500 for 3 yrs for 30 licenses, Tammy believes council's goal last yr was to fundraise for this. Erin made motion to give full amt of money for licenses to be purchased. Approved by council.
- Few I pads have been stolen, broken, money will probably come from school budget
- Reading A-Z (Emily, SERT teacher) would like \$150/yr to pay subscription, more for primary students, Michelle H made motion to approve paying the fee. Approved by council.
- Apple T.V. request for \$200 for the tool that allows Ipad info to be displayed up on t.v, French class only one without and needs one. Motion made by Jodi to purchase. Approved by council.
- Soccer nets on older yard: request made by parent ~\$5000 to purchase? **Kevin** will get some quotes, students would see where fundraising \$ goes, some \$ may come from school budget
- Jess implored us to start thinking of fundraising ideas now for Spring, ie. rent the arena for skating?
- Date for next mtg Wed Nov 27 @ 6:00pm. Adjourned at 7:13pm.