

JJ O'Neill Catholic School Council
Minutes from Wed Nov 27, 2019

Attendance: Kevin Dorey, Michelle Hannah, Laura Clair, Stacey Dowling, Tammy Bowen, Melissa Dickson, Beth Casselman, Jodi Redick, Christine Roth, Cindy Huyck
Regrets - Michelle Chamberlain, Erin Brown, Ashley Baldwin

Opened in Prayer - 'Hail Mary'

Approval of the Agenda, few additions made, see below under new business

Adoption of the Minutes from Oct mtg

Treasurer's Report: **current balance \$19, 815. 31**, though still may be some money to be paid out shortly
~\$300 from Hallowe'en dance, ~\$915 raised from wreaths/planters
~\$1800 in class trips bucket; at least 3 classes or more going skating 2-3 times, possibly Diamond Fitness (which will give students free instruction) (~\$152 for bus to SPC), Should we change \$ allotted to trip bucket? Drop the tech bucket from 50% to 40%? Increase trip bucket? Michelle suggested we wait till current money transfers come out before dropping tech bucket.

Motion was made to approve \$500 now to help towards skating trips. Approved by all.

School has been informed that the Board is trying to take back a tech bucket with laptops? Kevin is looking into what we can do to not have to return it. Board did provide some of the tech used at school, but we have paid for a lot of school tech too. Will we have to purchase another tech bucket?

Admin Report: standing at 276 students right now, 2 more coming next wk

-Director still looking for member on History of Schools committee, update records at Board office of school?

-**Christmas concert Wed Dec 18 at 1:15 and 6pm**, will feature kinders to gr 6, leadership by gr 7/8, will accept donations for St Pat's parish centre fund, plan is students will go back to their class after performing/parents would pick them up at their rm after 6pm show. Fire code in the gym? Let fire dept know ahead. Promote matinee concert as evening will be busy. Suggested we could give so many tickets per family?

-Snow days, kids welcome/encouraged to come, still a teaching day, day organized depending on who comes

-Safe School Drills, info recently sent out

-Newsletter has council section, pertinent info can be posted there

-Denise would like Treasurer to sign cheques, we need to remind Denise that Cindy or Ashley will

-Mme D'Anna has moved schools, Laura Morrison has replaced her for French and some gym

-Confirmation enrollment Sunday Nov 24 went well

-Food drive started, going well

-Parent teacher interview night went well

-Emma Hagerman recited In Flanders Fields at Cenotaph, only one 7/8 class went, possibly whole school could go next yr (teachers got info that their class can do cards for those serving overseas, due in Trenton by Dec 6)

-Volleyball Seniors girls championship game night of Dec 4th, looking at new banners (Hart & Hart/Invistaprint)

-Holy Cross came to JJ to promote, 7/8s also went there for Art Day

-Anne Frank exhibit at Museum, few classes went recently

-Rick Revelle, indigenous author spoke with senior classes today

-one drawer under the stage designated for parent council stuff

Parish Report/Teacher's Report: no report but Christine Roth will be our Teacher Rep

Updates: Volleyball tournament this Sat Nov 30 (Gym 1 @ NDSS) all set w/ 8 teams, Tammy donated volley-ball cookies, there are raffle baskets, chips/pop leftover from school (work day this Fri to make signs)

- Elf Shop Dec 4, may need to work around the volley-ball team practicing in gym
- Hot Lunch program, weren't going to do in Dec & start again in Jan but Melissa will help out in Dec to do just pizza, perhaps subs in Jan
- Hockey Game: Beth put in application for Sens but no word back...Raiders will still be looked into it
- Hallowe'en Dance: fundraising lower than last yr, good turnout but not like last yr, didn't have raffle, bake sale
- Turkey dinner Dec 20th**, have a good gp of volunteers headed by Beth, Cindy, Michelle H if anyone else wants to be involved, **do need to look soon at who's bringing/doing what, talk to Kevin at Mission re: turkey cooking**, worked well that gr 7/8s helped the JK/SK with plates in past

New Business: Laura mentioned fundraising through McDonald's (recently done at Southview) involves a few teachers giving 3 hrs behind counter, students present coupons which gives school %15 back on orders

- Tammy presented fundraising w/ McMillan's, a frozen food company for cookies/muffins/brownies, also meat. School gets %30 back on order, % goes up if ordering over 750 items, 3wk turnaround time, can sit out for a while packed in boxes, council decided to run it mid Jan
- Tammy presented Make It So, a local seed company w/ %50 profit, could send out forms around Earth Day/ Mother's Day, orders come within 5 days/pay when product arrives, company will plant a tree for each order
- Christine spoke of school families who are in need at Christmas, other staff are wondering about help for this from council/school for clothing/food hampers/gifts? **Christine will be the contact person for this**
- Pepperette sticks got mentioned...wasn't a big seller in past.

Next Mtg: Wed Jan 15th at 6pm