**Holy Name Catholic School Council Minutes**

**Wednesday May 22nd, 2019 at 6:30pm**

**Holy Name Library/Learning Commons**

**In Attendance:** Lisa McDonald, Nikki Irwin, Lindsay Bourque, Amanda Graham, Angela Warren, Alana Todd, Malissa Sheridan, Francine Oostermann, Jennifer Skinner-Riddle, Alisha Willing.

***Regrets*:** Jamie Cordeiro, Tina Murphy, Rosemary Prior, Brad Duffy, Kaitlin Greenlees, Lesley Petras, Nick Todd

**Chair:** Nikki Irwin

**Secretary:** Lindsay Bourque

**Treasurer:** Acting Treasurer: Lisa McDonald, Nikki Irwin, Front Office

**Teaching Representative:** Mrs. A. Graham (Grade 1)

**Fundraising Representative(s):** Jen Riddle, Lindsay Bourque

**Parent Representative(s):** Alisha Willing, Nikki Irwin, Jennifer Riddle, Malissa Sheridan, Alana Todd, Lesley Petras , Jamie Cordeiro, Brad Duffy, Kaitlin Greenlees, Tina Murphy

**CUPE Representative:** Angela Warren

**Parish Representative:** Open

**Community Representative:** Francine Oosterman

**OPENING**

**CHAIR REPORT**: Pee Wee Track and Field meet is June 17th, and Bantam June 18th. We would like to have our mascot there. Is there a parent or older student willing to be the mascot that day?

Wednesday May 12th, four basketballs were donated by the Pete Peterson Basketball league in honour of our improved yard. There is a golf tournament as a fundraiser in support of this league should anyone want to play in the tournament. It’s being held Friday 21 June 2019. For more information, please contact the League or Nikki Irwin.

Possible date for the annual Holy Name Catholic School Open House BBQ is September 16th, 2019.

**TREASURER REPORT:**

Reviewed the proposed budget for 2018-2019, and reviewed the current expenditures. Council did outstanding this year! A reminder, that the money raised in one school year, is always for the following school years working budget. Specific rollovers are decided in September at our first meeting. Date to come.

We reviewed the working budget.

**FUNDRAISING REPORT:**

Little Caesar pizza kits raised $954.00 Delivery is Thursday May 23rd, 2019. This fundraiser is booked for next year already, as the school will receive a $100 credit for booking early. The current booked date is: Delivery for Thursday 21 May 2020.

**Mabels Labels**: Brad Duffy will ensure that there are handouts on how new parents to Holy Name can buy Mabels Labels through our school fundraising initiative. The handout will be in the packages handed out to new students at our Kindergarten Open House on June 11th, 2019.

A Motion was put forward to purchase a 5x5 covered sandbox for $1825.97 (no sand included). Lisa will consult with Plants and Operations and Maintenance to see if they can also fix the current sandbox in the primary yard. The placement of the new sandbox is to be determined.

**Pittsburgh Community Benefit Fund**

The basketball nets have been replaced, and Fastline has been to the yard to paint the new games. Tom from Fastline will be here on Friday May 24th to complete the mini rink. After this, Lindsay Bourque from the Grant Committee, will work with Mrs. Andrea Guindon to complete the accountability required by the PCBF and submit the receipts.

**Grant COMMITTEE**

MEC and the Best Buy grants were denied. Waiting on the Canada Post. We have discussed the opportunity to apply for a PCBF grant for upgrades to the track next year. If we do, we will start this process earlier and the PCBF would be due in February 2020.

**TEACHER’S REPORT**

**Mrs. Graham**

The playground enhancement has been well received by the students. The basketball nets and the four square are well used by the older grade children. The sensory walk is a hit, as younger children are playing well together, and students are using it for emotional regulation. Mirror Me is well used and Mrs. Graham wanted to thank Council for getting this initiative completed. Thank you Catholic School Council!

Council was thrilled by the following Mascot names that were offered forward by the Holy Name students:

1) Sir. Holy Name,

2) Brady,

3) The Holy Knight,

4) The Protector and

5) The Defender.

Council has decided **Sir. Holy Knight** will be the name of our mascot, voted unanimously by Council members, Malissa Sheridan, Lindsay Bourque, Jennifer Skinner Riddle, Alisha Willing, Francine Oosterman, and Alana Todd.

**PRINCIPAL’S REPORT**

**Mrs. Lisa McDonald**

**Principal’s Report – May 2019**

Once again I have organized my report around our 3 School Improvement Pillars:

1. **DISCIPLESHIP:**

Thanks to Malissa & Nikki for joining the Gr. 2 students in Mrs. Mackler's class to celebrate the Sacrament of First Holy Communion and Gr. 8s on the Sacrament of Confirmation. Many thanks to Council for recognizing these faith events.

Catholic Educ. Week, was filled with events. Director DeSantis visited on Wed. and shared many positive comments. See Twitter! The “Celebration of the Arts” was very successful. The proceeds from the ticket sales were donated to the ALCDSB Foundation ($174.00)!

**2. SCHOLARSHIP:**

**EQAO Assessments** for Gr. 3 and 6 students taking place (May 22 -31)

Cross Country Event @ Fort Henry took place; coaches reported an increase in number of participants.

Tyke & Peewee System Track & Field on June 17th and Bantam on the 18th.

Playground enhancement project has been well received! Parents and students have had positive feedback.

**Kindergarten Event**s: Welcome to Kinder – Wed. June 11th @ 4:30 and Celebration of Learning on Wed. June 19. Council members are welcome to come and speak with parents.

**Next year** – Currently, the **enrolment is** 134 (an increase!). As a result, classroom configurations at this point look like: Kindergarten, Gr. 1/2, Gr. 2/3, Gr. 3/4, 5/6, and 7/8; this can all change as you know between now and Sept. depending on further enrolment increases.

**Staffing**: Several **LTOs ending**: Ms. Kish (IAT), Ms. Summers (FSL) and Samer Saade (CYW) and Ms. Desrochers (LRA). As well, EA, Kelsey Ross is moving to NWT. Mr. Archer is retiring. Mr. Waller has been declared Redundant. Q: Would CSC like to acknowledge their thanks to these staff members at our year-end Faith in Action Celebration Assembly or year-end Prayer service? Tentative Date for both is Thurs. June 27. AM: Faith in Action Celebration Assembly (9:30 AM). Year-end Prayer service (1:15 PM).

**Sensory Path:** is down and being well used! It is located in the hallway leading to the gym.

1. **STEWARDSHIP:**

ECO School Certification will be announced in June. We are hopeful for Gold!

Alana shared more links about “garlic spray” and ticks; I forwarded the on-going concern and information to Plants and Operations. East Manager will continue to communicate with Health Unit and the “testing results of the garlic spray being used in some area parks.” As well, the grass will be cut more often to keep it shorter and reduce the chance of ticks.

***General Closing comments –***

Where did this year go? I am very pleased to be staying with the Holy Name CS, next year. Faith in Action – Make a Difference has been practiced throughout the year and are words your children and staff have been encouraged to follow and demonstrate. Student achievement in the areas of Discipleship, Scholarship and Stewardship keep our goals focused and purposeful. Together, home, school and parish best meet the needs of our young people. Thank you for your continued support and sharing in my passion and belief that children are first.

**EARLY ON**

**Francine Oosterman**

Ontario Early On update- This program will run at Glenburnie (Wednesdays 9:00-3:00pm) and Joyceville (Tuesday and Thursday 9:00-3:00pm) throughout the summer months, as Holy Name will be unavailable due to work being done on the school throughout July and August.

Francine Oosterman from Early On will also attend the Kindergarten Open House on June 11th.

***Upcoming Meetings:***

***Fall of the 2019-2020 school year***

**Meeting Adjourned at 7:55 pm.** Thank you to all in attendance.

**Next Meeting**

**TBD**