

St. Thomas More Catholic School Council

Meeting May 31, 2023 via Teams

Minutes

Present: Sandra Fragoso, Jenn Follwell, Sheryl Richardson, Kelly Canning, Tania Ouellette, Caitlin Cerrelee, Diane Harris

Prayer: Formed in Faith prayer. Intentions were offered.

Chair Report (Jenn):

- The bottle drive was a huge success bringing in over \$500. Money raised will be used for grade 7/8 Taco dinner when the Saskatchewan group are here. It was suggested for future that maybe 10 am – 12:00 or 12:30 pm.
- The Confirmation gifts (pottery bowls) for 25 are approximately \$450.00
- \$300 has been put aside for graduation décor.
- The Grade 7/8 dinner is scheduled for Wednesday June 7th at 5pm. There will be about 70 people total with a 3:30 set up start.
- There is \$2700 remaining in the account after all items discussed have been paid for. There are two fun Flynn days coming. Perhaps freezies or shakes can be purchased for those days. Freezies are 70/\$18 and thus, we only need 4 per day.
- Balls, Frisbees, skipping ropes and other outdoor equipment for 10-11 classes as well as a container for easy pick up and storage would be a great addition to the school for this time of year. Jenn will purchase and drop off to the school.
- Kindergarten's future fundraising for houses, tricycles, wiggle cars and logs for balancing were discussed. Tires are not allowed on school property because of toxins. It was suggested to start a subcommittee in the fall for this purpose. Diane suggested to move the balance of this year's account for this into a specific account with this in mind. No decision made.

Principal's report:

- The middle years development report (MDI) for grades 4-8 report is in. Children were invited to survey about their feelings about school, their activities before and after school as well as other items. It will be used for the School Improvement Plan for the upcoming school year.
- The early years index tool is forthcoming.
- The grade 3s and 6s completed EQAO over the course of two weeks. The format has changed significantly from previous years now being multiple choice and on the computer.
- Field trips are coming up. Some families have come forward to help others financially. Tania reported that there is a balance owing of \$496 from multiple grades and families. Council agreed to cover the cost.
- Staffing for September will be sent out closer to the end of June as it can still change. Reorganization at the board level can happen even into first week in September.
- For September, the council meeting needs to be within the first 30 days. Open house/Welcome back BBQ is a good place to introduce Parent Council and encourage parents to join.

- It was suggested that a Flyer go out to parents before the end of the year to review what council has supported and to encourage parents to be involved next year. Also, perhaps next year there can be an end of the year BBQ as well.
- There is \$500 from the ministry at beginning of year to support all students – maybe this can be used to put towards the BBQ.

Other:

- Sheryl is more than happy to help with any initiatives next year.

Next council meeting date set for Sept 26, 2023 at 6:30 pm. It was undecided if it will be in person or via Teams.