

Minutes for St. Theresa Catholic School Council May 1, 2017

Opening Prayer and welcome was lead by Ms. Smith-Dewey.
Regrets were noted from Denise Morton and Tracey Simpson

Administration Update: Ms. Smith-Dewey

- For Sept 2017 we are consistent in numbers for enrolment; 200 graduating students- largest class in STCSS history, 170 new grade nine students enrolled to date.
- from now until year end new registrants will be offered a tour
- year 5 students already 25 students enrolled- will have transition interview to ensure they have a plan in place for their future
- September staffing; timetable and positions currently being evaluated

Teacher Update: given by Ms. Barrett

- Mid-term reports went home April 28, 2017
- classes, events, trips for learning all underway
- 4 students attended Catholic Student leadership conference in Toronto and had a great experience
- reach For The Top group heading to provincials for the first time ever: 4 students guided by Mr. Farringer, Trivia/Knowledge competition
- Queens University Discovery Days-May 18th-offered to senior students Grades 11-12's, focus on sciences, applications available on a first come basis
- Seeds program and E=MC programs also available, see guidance
- Career Day-May 16th-All Grades: Community partners in STCSS will be presenting their professions; including but not limited to Photography, Firefighting, Police, Corrections, Hydro, Mechanic, Chiropractor, Agriculture, Comedian, Teacher, Lawyer, Nursing, Ultrasound Technician, Nuclear Medicine, Environmental an Biological Science, Engineering, Dental Hygiene, Hospitality and Tourism. Students will be able to choose from a variety of presentations to participate in learning about the professions.

Student Update: given by Taylor Russett

- Hunger Games are back and in their final round
- Grade 12 retreat at camp Quin Mo Lac is being offered this year to all students currently in the graduating class as an engaging/team building opportunity. 40 students currently signed up. The hope is to build on this event yearly to involve all grades. Next year it will be offered to the grade nines as well. Learning and wellness comes in many forms.
- California trip -May 17-22, 2017. Linked to the photography classes and the High Skills Major students.
- Computer Programming competition-STCSS group of students won at Queens University and possibly going on to the provincials
- Relay For Life Event: May 26th - 11am. to 11 pm.
 - 50 teams registered, approximately 375 students
 - online fundraising taking place
 - individuals to raise minimum of \$50 each to participate

- Guys Night Out- June 2, 2017
- Girls Night In - June 9, 2017
- Stratford trip- June 2, 2017

Grade 12 Student Cameron Bardell has won the C.David Nayler Scholarship of \$20,000.00 to attend University of Toronto Mathematics. **Congratulations Cameron!**

Food for Learning Silent Auction basket:

-Photography themed basket; Taylor Russett will be providing a family portrait sitting, included are 8x10" and double 5x7" frame, Wall Verbs, chalkboard style basket.
Thank you to council members Stephanie F. for shopping for the items and Dany P. for the decorative assembly.

School Theatre Production: High School Musical Silent Auction

- Still accepting items for the auction to be held Friday May 12th during the show
-there will be sheets for each item and bidding increments listed
-payment by Cash/cheque that night payable the STCSS, 3 day limit to pay and if not received the item will go to the next bidder
-volunteers Elaine, Stephanie, Dany will arrive by 5:30 pm
- show is 75-85 minutes, still need volunteers for the other shows Thursday and Saturday for ushers and ticket sales etc.

Used Uniform Sale:

-revisions to the info sheet this year will clearly state that all items will be taken in on a consignment agreement, with a disclaimer for pieces NOT sold will NOT be reimbursed
-donation box will be set up

Dates: Friday June 23- Uniform intake- Elaine R., Stephanie F.

Tuesday June 27th, 10:30-2 pm- volunteers needed

Wednesday Aug. 9th, 5-7 pm Used Uniform Sale at STCSS

Last Week August possibly hold a sale for final pieces during the Titan Head Start camp and grade nine registration

-info for the sale will be posted on the school website

Safe and Excepting School Community - Discussions surrounding respect, self presentation, accountability, responsibility

-introduced to next year students

i.e.) uniform is required to attend STCSS

Parents Reaching Out Grant: \$1,000.00

-deadline for application is May 25, 2017

-proposal to use around the November "Take our Parents to School" event, Keynote speaker etc.

-proposal to expand the meet the teacher BBQ- have showcase of clubs, sports, extra-curricular activities offered at STCSS by students

-parent council representatives, sign up for new members

-parent input welcome, what would you like to see?

-use of funds to be revisited

Thank you to all parents involved in the STCSS council meetings and events during the 2016-17 school year and beyond. Looking forward to seeing you at the upcoming Relay For Life and Uniform events. Lets continue making our school community great!

Chairs Elaine Russett and Stephanie Foeller