

Minutes St. Theresa Catholic School Council Meeting Oct 16, 2018

*Greetings and Welcome Prayer by Principal Carey Smith-Dewey.
Introduction and Welcome to Mr. Graham Stuart Vice-Principal.*

CSC Elections:

Chair- Stephanie Foeller
Co-Chair- Tracey Munz-Paisley
Secretary- Kelly McGuire-Smith

Administration Update:

St. Theresa enrollment is 718. Steady increase each year. Classroom support positions still hiring.

Additions counsellor Mr. Tom Revell is in school 1x/week for students support.

Parent/Teacher interviews scheduled for Thursday October 18th from 3-5pm, 6-8pm in the gym. A BBQ will be served up by Mrs. Smith-Dewey and Mr. Stuart.

Staff Update: *Allison Barrett*

This year is off to a great start.

Grade nine day was a success. Group activities were held lead by our student leaders. St. Theresa 20th Anniversary event was a success. Followed by an event at Signal Brewery showcasing musicians that were former students.

Terry Fox Run was held on the track raising funds for Cancer research. All St Theresa students were involved in a fun morning event.

Student Update: *Sydney Smith and Mikaela Dewey*

The first assembly of the year was met with success and positive feedback. It included interactive activities, music, and introduction of new students to the St. Theresa's spirit.

Spirit week was held with themed days and a karaoke contest.

Student Council is trying to increase school spirit through fundraising plans and increasing school activities.

"Buy-In"; pay to donate, get to wear civies or spirit wear.

"Buy-Out"; pay to leave class to watch school sports events.

Rugby Tournament Oct 22, 18, hosted by St. Theresa as a Buy-Out with donations going to support Mental Health. This was organized in memory of a former St. Theresa student.

A school dance is being held in November with a Retro Theme.

There is a Thrift Shop in the Great Hall that accepts donations from the community for child to adult clothing. It can be accessed privately through school staff and youth workers for all students.

Items from the Chair:***-Update on PRO (Parents Reaching Out) Grant Proposal: Mad Science Night***

A proposed science experiment night aimed to engage students, younger siblings, and parents in a hands-on learning environment. At this time, we have learned all Provincial Government funding for PRO Grants are still pending. A motion was carried to proceed with \$500.00 from parent council funds going towards a parent/community awareness.

-Uniform Sale

We had a successful Used Uniform sale during the summer. Gross sales were \$3300.00. After payouts the parent council bank balance was \$6614.15. Monies from Ministry of Education based on student population and engagement added \$500.00. Total bank balance stands at \$7114.15. This will be used to create activities to support and engage students and families.

-School Promotion

The use of social media to promote St. Theresa and provide updates was suggested. Currently Student Council, ICE Council and St. Theresa Caring and Safe Schools committee is tweeting. Follow updates on Twitter; @stcssSC, @STSSintramurals, @StTSecondary.

-Support for school Sports teams

A suggestion for an athletic banquet to honour all Titan teams was discussed. This would possibly involve dinner and awards. Due to high numbers of participants and parents the possibility of 2 events was suggested, Juniors and Seniors. The idea of a \$5. fee to attend was presented to put back into sports funds.

The outside scoreboard needs student volunteers during sports events.

A student Pep Rally was suggested to involve all students in supporting school teams. This would be aimed at getting students interested in playing, assisting, score keeping, and coming out to cheer on their school teams.

Other Business:

A Catholic School Council funds request was received from Mr. Giroux and Mrs. Perry-Lupenette to support the purchase of replacement stage lighting, due to current fixtures malfunctioning/not working, with energy efficient LED lighting fixtures. CSC proposed \$1000.00 towards the purchase. A suggestion was raised to look into Government funding/Energy Efficient Program to assist in cost.

Next Meeting:

Tuesday December 4th, 5:30 pm in the Learning Commons. Mrs. Smith-Dewey has offered to supply dinner. CSC members will provide the dessert treats. All are welcome. Please RSVP to this meeting no later than December 2nd if possible.

