

# **Catholic School Advisory Council Minutes**

September 16, 2024 - 5:30 pm

Participants: Heather Becker, Jessica Bickell, Amy Wilhelm, Sarah Sadler, Jayme Lamoureux, Caroline Hill, Tara Hartman, Kass Ferguson, Heather Dickins, Rhonda Regier

Regrets: Carla Goodfellow, Dawn Rasenberg

#### Welcome, Prayer

Loving heavenly Father,

We come to you this hour asking for your blessing and help as we are gathered together.

We pray for guidance in the matters at hand and ask that you would clearly show us how to conduct our work with a spirit of joy and enthusiasm.

We ask this in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen

## **Election of New Council**

- Chair: Heather Becker

- Healthy Snack: Jess Bickell and Tara Hartman

- Grocery Tapes: Sarah Sadler

- Fundraising: Amy Wilhelm and Jayme Lamoureux

Secretaries: Kassandra Ferguson and Heather Dickins

#### Review of June 2024 Minutes

- June 2024 Minutes

#### Principal Update

- Lake Huron Family of Parishes update
  - monthly school wide Masses will continue to be held Friday afternoons at 12:45pm
  - updates will continue to be included in week at a glance including information about sacramental preparations
  - Fr Tony has scheduled bi-monthly class visits
- HPCDSB policy reviews
  - Policy P 3.2.1 Information and Communications Technology
  - Policy P 2.1.10 Student Dress Code
- mental health supports
  - contract was not renewed with Huron Perth Centre however Board has hired an additional Mental Health Worker who will provide support to our school one day per week

- can also access supports from other community partners including Huron Perth Public Health, Mental Health and Addiction Nurses, Rural Response, Choices for Change, Big Brothers Big Sisters
- technology update
  - students in grade 1-8 will receive his/her own Chromebook
  - students in grade 6/7 and 7/8 classes take devices home each night for charging
    - grade 6 students in grade 5/6 also allowed
  - students have been very respectful regarding cell phone policy
- Safe and Accepting School Team will again be formed this year and will be composed of students, teacher, principal, support staff member; Amy Wilhelm will again serve as parent/community member
  - advise the principal on strategies that will help achieve the goals of inclusive education, bullying prevention and intervention, and positive mental health and well-being of all students
  - will help develop Bullying Prevention and Intervention Plan
  - help to plan assemblies, guest speakers, programs offered by community partners
- school photos
  - will be held Thursday, September 19
  - Edge Imaging will follow the same safety measures and processes as last year
- 2023-24 financial report
  - summary of the <u>School Generated Funds Final Report 2023-24</u> provided by the board was reviewed and is posted to the school website to ensure continued transparency
- Invitation to join CPIC to CSAC members
  - first Catholic Parent Involvement Committee meeting will be Tuesday, October 29, 2024 at 6pm at our Catholic Education Centre in Dublin
  - an advisory committee that directly links parents with our Director and Board of Trustees
  - CPIC Invitation Letter 2024.

### Open House

- Thursday, October 3 (4pm-6pm)
- similar to open house last fall with classrooms open for families to visit
- date shared with Fr Tony
- last year, ordered total of 13 large, 39 medium and 1 small gluten free pizza from Pizza Hut for a total cost of \$514, amount of pizza was just right
- pizza oven from Trivitt to keep pizzas warm throughout the night
- Both cheese and pepperoni were offered last year
- Laurie sent home a Google form to families for how many slices per family and type of pizza
- pizza, napkins, and cups (fill at water stations)
  - encourage families to bring refillable water bottles
  - will need volunteers to hand out pizza between 4-6 pm the night of Open House
- Book Fair also being held in library that evening
  - seeking 1-2 parent volunteers to assist with Book Fair- Caroline Hill will help out at the book fair
- Big Brothers Big Sisters will be setting up a table to share information about their organization
- interest in other local agency's coming out on the night of the Open House- Health Unit? Rural Response? Huron Perth Center? St. Anne's with previous students
- should advertise for next parent council meeting date and information for other parents to see

Spirit Wear - Kass can talk to Scott at Macleans to set up the online store again and can advertise in WAAG

#### **Grocery Tape Receipts**

- Sarah S update
- program will continue same as last year

# **Healthy Food Program**

- Jess B update
- healthy snacks again available in the office (granola bars, apples, cheese strings)
- have enough funds to provide monthly or bi-monthly special snacks such as fruit or veggie trays
- Tara and Jess will chat about providing a special monthly snack for each class to ensure funds are being used
- Laurie will confirm if there are any specific allergies we need to be aware of

### **Hot Lunch Program**

- costs are amount charged by vendor, any increase will reflect profit
- have had Dairy Queen, Godfather's, Subway and Domino's past two years
  - may also want to consider Little Caesars and Robinson's
- Robinson's
  - Pasta with butter or tomato sauce and bread \$6.00
  - all options are \$5.00, can do one delivery time or they can be picked up at the restaurant
- Dairy Queen

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Hot Dog- $2.00 - $2.75
Cheeseburger $2.50 - $3.25
Hamburger $2.00 - $2.75
Chicken Strips $4.00 - $4.75
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Laurie could ask about offering the salad and price information?

No delivery

Subway - \$5.00 each

Turkey \$4.00 Ham \$4.00 Veggie \$4.00 No delivery

Pizza - last year only offered pepperoni and there were no complaints

Domino's

Large (8 slices) One topping \$9.99 (1.24 per slice) \$2.00/slice Delivery included Does not sort by classroom, sorting done at school

Godfather's

Large pizza (8 Slices) one topping \$11.00 (1.37 per slice) \$2.00/slice Will not sell or package individually Sorts by classroom No delivery

5 week rotation - DQ Week 1, Pizza Week 2, Robinson's Week 3, Pizza Week 4, Subway Week 5

### **Budget Update**

current balance as of September 18, 2023 is \$3012.13

### **Fundraising Plan**

#### Possible Considerations

- able to hold 2 fundraisers per school year and must have a plan for funds first
- 2023-24
  - Chocolate factory fundraiser total raised \$1153.87
    - Christmas \$597.32
    - Easter \$556.55
  - Huron Ridge total raised \$970.15
    - Christmas \$700.15
    - Spring \$270.00
    - \$2124.02 total annual funds raised
- 2022-23
  - Greyhaven Gardens total raised \$1057
    - Christmas fundraiser raised \$641
    - Spring fundraiser raised \$416
  - Chocolate Factory fundraiser raised \$1232
  - \$2289 total annual funds raised
- Spaghetti supper held in spring (March/April)
  - extend invitation to broader parish community
  - hold in church hall so can use kitchen and perhaps help from CWL
  - tickets purchased through SchoolCash, community members could use QR code provided by board for payment or credit/debit machine at door so no cash sales
  - need to ensure that we have enough wo/manpower to make sure this event can happen day of and night of the event
  - Treasure table at the Spaghetti dinner
- Other ideas: Macmillans frozen cookie dough, muffin, pre made food https://www.macmillans.online/
  - Anna Mae's baked goods frozen/fresh
  - Spaghetti dinner will replace the spring bbq

#### Possible Expenditures

- \$700 pizza for Open House
- provide \$100-200 to each teacher to support field trips, guest speakers (14 teachers including itinerants and SERT = \$1400-2800)
- Grad \$25/grad = \$25 x 22 = \$550 requested
- stage skirting Heather B is going to look into someone for sewing the stage skirting
- charging cart for Gr 5/6- estimated \$2000
- new shed and footings (estimated to be at least \$3000 if made by secondary students)

#### **Approved Expenditures**

will defer to next meeting

#### **Next Meeting**

- Monday, October 7, 2024 at 5:30 pm