

Holy Rosary Meeting Minutes

November 5, 2018 at 6:30 pm

Attendees: Lori Tait (Principal), Jane Bourque (Co-Chair), Shana McTurk (Co-Chair), Carla Doak, Cynthia Singh, Jenn Stairs, Tereza Korbel, Marta Fukasawa, Avlyn Novonha, Stephanie Mckenzie, Olivia Koziarska, Alison Carere, Melanie Ford, Caroline Sottile (teacher member), Sandy Nunes

Regrets: Sherryl Taylor, Jamie Zabarte, Bianca Man, Erin Zunic, Lindsay Lawrence

Action Items:

1. Lori and Caroline to share document with Grade 7 and 8 teachers to get additional feedback from this age group for next year's dance-a-thon
2. Jane/Shana to follow up on clothing selling company
3. Lori to look into having parking lot repainted
4. Reemphasize walking Wednesdays

Council Co-Chairs Report:

- Welcome to new parent council member Sandy
- October 1st, 2018 meeting minutes circulated and motioned by Olivia and seconded by Shana
- Dance-a-thon review
 - Round robin discussion from all members regarding what went well this year and what changes might be considered
 - Overwhelming consensus that decorations were fantastic and many thanks to Shana for spear heading
 - Look at tape options for next year so that issue of keeping decorations on the wall is decreased
 - JK/SK, primary and junior grades loved both the dancing and games put on by the committee and student council
 - Only potential change for next year suggested was offering a quiet room of activities (perhaps the library) for those students who found the noise and activity in the gym overwhelming
 - Suggested that intermediate grades were somewhat uninterested towards the end of their scheduled time
 - Activities side too young for this group so offer more mature activities next year for this group
 - Possibly offer board games
 - Also review music offerings and how music is DJ'd for this age group
 - Thought be to get song suggestions ahead of time and then not let students control on the day
 - Lori and Caroline to share document with Grade 7 and 8 teachers to get additional feedback from this age group for next year's dance-a-thon
 - Great volunteers this year and all names and contact details kept for future volunteer opportunities
 - Good to have a volunteer coordinator
 - Also a great benefit to have student run activities
 - Those students involved did a great job and this should be continued next year
 - Look at voting system for pumpkin carving contest for next year
 - Any further feedback please submit via email to Jane or Shana
- Shana and Jane discussed the "I Dream Big" meeting they attended which spoke to how to build strong school parent councils
 - Jane suggested we may need to look at creating some school by-laws
 - Further discussion and updates to be provided next council meeting
- Future Events
 - School movie night
 - Discussion regarding adding a second more mature movie for intermediates
 - Decision made to keep just one more family oriented film

- During the film Grade 8's more responsible for running event and tuck shop as proceeds raised go to graduation
 - Graduation
 - Request from Grade 8's for a grad hoody has been modified by Lori to a generic hoody available for all students
 - Graduation fee will be required this year of \$30 – survey sent home with students
- Healthy Schools/Eco-Team
 - Shana and Jane received information regarding a company that will purchase old/used clothing, shoes, handbags, etc.
 - Discussion of whether council would like to institute this as a revenue stream
 - Further discussion moved to next meeting after more information and research into company by Jane and Shana
- Shrove Tuesday
 - Shana has a large binder for this event and is looking for one or two volunteers to lead this event as the current lead has had to step away
 - No further volunteer recruitment required as large volunteer pool in place
 - Shana and Jane will also assist
 - Some discussion around moving to eco-friendly for this event and require children to bring in their own plates and forks
 - Discussion that some will be available for children who forget or do not have items
- Facebook Site
 - School has two existing Facebook pages
 - Decision made to remove sites as no longer relevant or useful to school or parents
- Monthly Newsletter
 - Jane discussed possibility of having a monthly newsletter created by parent council
 - Decision made to leave information coming via Newswire but council will look to pushing out more items and information through that

Principal's Report

- Website and calendar
 - Some feedback that too much information is being “pushed” through newswire but feeling is that better to over communicate than under
- Faith in Action video in progress
- Remembrance Day liturgy time amended to 10:15
- Healthy Schools – had one meeting – striving for Gold rating (hence change to bring your own for Shrove Tuesday)
- Two ping pong tables purchased through healthy schools grant money now assembled
- School received two garden boxes – currently in front of school

Student Engagement, Achievement & Innovation

Math leads and Lori attended 2nd session – actively planning a numeracy day

Building Capacity to Lead, Learn & Live Authentically

- Professional learning for staff is directly linked to student achievement, wellness and the global competencies
- Resource inventories – math tools for students, instructional materials
 - Lengthy discussion around prodigy and knowledge hook tools and should/can they be utilized by parents
 - Meant as a teacher s app to be used by teachers to enrich a students learning and not meant to be independent
- Further discussion of parent resources forwarded to next meeting

Treasurer's Report

\$5761.65 funds raised for Spooktacular Dance-a-thon

\$233.17 in expenses

Final Total of \$5528.48

Proposed Fund Categories for School Council

PRO-none granted this year

PIC - \$500 to be deposited

Playground/Greening – this requires a minimum of \$500 per year top up (discussion regarding discrepancies of understanding current fund balances)

General (fundraising) – opening balance TBD moved to next meeting

Categories that will be removed are Yearbook and ESNS into school accounts

Parking Concerns

- Issue of parents parking in handicap parking spots
- Very difficult to police
- Lori to look into having lot repainted to very clearly delineate spaces
- Reemphasize walking Wednesdays

Forwarded Agenda Items

1. "I Dream Big" session discussion from Shana and Jane
2. Discussion regarding parent information and tools (more information for parents regarding how to help children learn at home)
3. Parent survey results
4. Spending priorities
5. Clothing donations company and Jane/Alison's findings
6. Confirm new leads for Shrove Tuesday
7. Determine opening balance for council General (Fundraising) Account and spending priorities

Meeting adjourned 8:30 pm.

Next Meeting December 03rd at 6:30 pm

Potluck and social to be held during meeting. Bring your own cutlery and plate and cup!