



JEANNE SAUVÉ CATHOLIC SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL

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Minutes for October 18th, 2023 @ 5:30 PM
Jeanne Sauvé Library

1. Welcome and Prayer: Sharon Stephens

Catholic School Advisory Council Prayer:

**God, the source of every good gift,
Grant us Your Spirit to guide us in our responsibilities as a School Council.
May we work together in harmony for the common good;
May we listen to one another in a spirit of genuine respect;
May we encourage and reverence one another's unique talents;
May we use the gifts of the Spirit in creative Christian leadership;
May we approach our decision-making through discernment and prayer;
May we respond effectively to the needs of the children in our care.
God of Love, May Your blessings radiate from us to others as we strive to do Your will,
We ask this through Jesus Christ, the Light of the World. Amen.**

2. Call to Order & Recording of Attendance: Sophie Stead

Attendance: Delia Brander, John Hurley, Ginnie Charlesworth, Mary Tracey, Kat Jolly, Evan Brotherston, Sophie Stead, Sharon Stephens, Abby Pottle, Mel Nelson, Kascha McLeod, Nicole Lefebvre, Jeremy Moore, Shaun Kelly, Martha Ntoumanidou

3. Approval of Agenda 1st Evan 2nd Abby

4. Approval of Minutes from Sept 12th, 2023 1st: Jeremy 2nd: John June Minutes 1st Evan 2nd Mary

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5. Financial Report (Nicole Lefebvre) & Approval of Financial Report a few things still need to be paid for. Right now balance: \$12,349 with expenses to be paid from this total: plaque & stand (\$887.05), basketball nets & installation.

Abby reported Open House/BBQ costs were less than \$1000 to run. Profit: ? All were impressed with how well the open house & BBQ went especially with the very tight timelines. Thank you to all who helped.

Approval of financial report: Jeremy 2nd Ginnie

6. Principal's Report & Business Arising from Report - Sharon Stephens

- EQAO - results were impressive. Our scores were better than the Board and Provincial averages in most areas. Biggest strength is reading. 83% in Gr 3 were level 3 or 4. Board 81%, province 73%. Writing 67% level 3 or 4, board 74% province 66%. Math 67%, Board 66%, province 60%
- Gr 6 Reading 78% level 3 or 4, Board 81% province 84% Writing 91%, board 85% province 84% Math 61% Board 49% province 50%. Overall we did very well. Many kids scored a 2.8 or 2.9. That may have been the difference of one question. We take a close look at those kids in particular and figure out what to focus on moving forward.
- Equity and Inclusion - skills development & ABA consultants from the Board have been into the 7 & 8 classes, finding out what issues we have so we can figure out what the needs are specific to our school. Plan to target those classes first and then it spirals into the rest of the school. Nicole added & others agreed that we really want to be sure to include K-8 in whatever capacity is appropriate as we know many issues (e.g. bullying etc) begin in the earlier grades, even as young as Kindergarten.
- One suggestion: Leroy Hibbert, speaker on inclusion and multiculturalism. He can do a total of 6 sessions: one for CSAC, staff, classrooms or divisions. We could use PRO Grant (\$500) but might also use some school funds. Whole pkg is \$1400 + HST. Sophie motion to approve. Motion passed unanimously.
- French Culture & Language is a big focus for Sharon, tapping into Sophie's expertise & connection to CPF as well as staff. Need to also include parents, talking about having an FI information night. Would love for parents to share their contacts, ideas etc....
- Our enrollment has decreased over the past few years and we want to improve upon that again. Abby suggested asking the kids what kinds of things they want to know about, what can we do to help them, what are they excited about, what do you need to feel more comfortable & confident in learning French?
- Spring Fling update/clarification: we are welcome to fill out a permit to hold at St. Mike's again. We COULD make changes such as having it here at JS. The reason we moved it to St. Mike's was to give the children exposure to our Catholic high school throughout their elementary years. Hoping that helps with retention once children reach high school. Biggest concerns that St. Mike's expressed: garbage left all over, safety concerns re: students were reportedly going into bins outside of tech dept and removing items, people (adults and children) in areas they shouldn't be, parents were not supervising, gathering

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space was very unsafe with children running around. Next time, if we go to St. Mike's again, perhaps we add an outdoor space to the permit to allow for overflow & for kids to play. More/Better supervision, impressing upon parents that they MUST supervise their children, garbage clean up crew, visible barriers/blocking off certain exits and hallways to stop people from going in areas they aren't allowed.

7. Committee Reports & Business Arising from Reports:

- a) Chair: Sophie Stead
- b) Vice-Chair: Jeremy Moore
- c) Treasurer: Nicole Lefebvre
- d) Secretary: Mel Nelson

e) Teacher Rep: Mel Nelson mentioned that Sherry Priestap (custodian) mentioned the need for new/more folding tables as some of ours are old and falling apart. Decided that we will use some of the funds raised to go towards this. Need to determine the number of tables needed. Also brought forth motion to purchase Pickleball sets on behalf of Lauren Quinlan (J/I division) Estimate is just under \$1000. 1st Shaun 2nd Nicole Approved

f) Staff Reps: Delia Brander

g) Student Parliament: not formed yet

h) Policy Review Committee: Paula Valcke - absent

i) School Culture Committee: see above re Open House/BBQ

j) Faith/Spirit/Parish Rep: Ginnie Charlesworth

- Sacramental preparation has begun for First Reconciliation and Confirmation. Deadlines to register are fast approaching. Information has been given to Gr. 2 and Gr. 7 classes.
- We had a wonderful opening school Mass as well as a combined Thanksgiving Mass with St. Ambrose School.
- Just finished bringing our Gr. 5's to Immac's for a ½ day retreat focused on Mary entitled 'Called Like Mary, Called by Name'. Gr. 1 and Gr. 4 retreats will be held in November.
- All Saints Party is coming up on Wednesday, November 1st at Holy Name of Mary Parish hall beginning at 5:30 pm. 'Celebrate Soup with the Saints' and everyone is welcome to bring a crockpot of soup to share for dinner. Come dressed as your favourite saint and there will be lots of fun activities as well as time for socializing. All are welcome.
- Children's Choir has begun at St. Joseph's Church for children in K-6. All children welcome.

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- The Edge program has begun for youth in Gr. 5 - 8. All welcome and can bring a friend!

k) French Culture: Sophie Stead, Fay Brotherston, Kat Jolly, Caroline Cossar -

- Ideas: Gr 1-4 Lumberjack Contes du Voyageur
<https://theatrefrancais.com/fr/ecoles/matinees/les-contes-du-voyageur/> 45 min show/3 shows/day \$875 + For JK/SK + Gr 5- 8 Genvieve, musical theatre
<https://www.unio.ca/productions> 1 hour show teaches the kids how to make a musical. \$750/day +tax Total \$1500. CPF could pay \$1000
- Cafe Francais (Springtime in Paris) approx \$430 to set up with crepes/cafe idea - funds raised here could go towards a matinee/cinema in late May/early June. Motion to approve \$2000 for French Cultural activities upon approval from the board. 1st Abby, 2nd Jeremy Motion passed.
- For next year: pastry chef/culinary class, magician
- Gallery Wall with Kind Hearted Studio, for Gr 8 3 sessions, each child creates a 12x16 canvas, all get mounted in the hallway/foyer like an art gallery. At spring fling or other event, they could get auctioned off. Funds go towards Graduation. This could become an annual tradition. \$550+tax Motion to approve Graduation Art Studio by Sophie. Approved. 1st Nicole 2nd Mary. Motion passed.

l) Graduation: Abby Pottle no update now, scaled back a lot over the past.

m) Safe & Healthy Schools Committee: no report

i) Snack Program: Paula Valcke, Wendy Vito

ii) Lunch/Milk Program: Shaun Kelly, Eden Wilkins (absent), Ginnie Charlesworth: Milk & pizza cost staying the same until Feb - suggested that we bump up the price in January vs February for ease of ordering and setting up cash online. Ordering will be set up for 2 months at a time. There's always a complaint no matter what we choose to do. There are tons of options out there but they are expensive, need a lot of help to hand out, and a lot of waste. Pizza is easy. Stick with that. New Orleans does a great job. Stick with them. They come and pick up the boxes. Trying to consider cost, waste, ease of handing out, number of volunteers available. Shaun will contact Julie re: set up and launch. Aiming to start Nov. 9th. Unanimous agreement with this plan.

n) Fundraising Committee: Kascha McLeod, suggestions Rhea Thompson Easter theme chocolates, Barrs Minties, Poinsettias, Black Creek floral arrangements. Decision made: Winter fundraiser Barrs Minties and Cozyns Poinsettias. Monies raised will go towards: Basketball nets & installation, playground upgrades and equipment, portable tables, classroom requests, graduation, French Cultural event. Motion made by Sophie, All in favour.

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o) Spirit Wear: Mary Tracey - Working with ProVision, coming up with a catalogue for us. It will be on their website. If parents want by Christmas, they can go ahead and order. 4 week turn around. Orders need to be in by mid-November to arrive by Christmas. Orders will come to the school to be either picked up or sent home with the children. If items are meant as gifts/surprise, parents can pick up. Otherwise, items will go home with the children.

p) CPIC: Kascha McLeod & Evan Brotherston Will be attending the Nov. 14th first meeting.

q) FB page: Eden Wilkins absent

8. Other Business:

****Next Meeting: Tues, Jan. 23 5:30**

9. Closing Prayer: Our Father

10. Meeting Adjourned.

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