

St. John the Baptist  
**Catholic School Council**  
**Wednesday, November 25, 2020**  
**6:30 p.m. (virtual)**

MINUTES

**Attendees:** Joseph (Pino) Sestito, Lisa Taylor, Candy Ross, Julie Fiorucci, Andree Gates, Anita Contatto, Sonia Contatto, Marsha Chiarotto-Breault, Laura Brugaletta, Tania Cugliari, Irma Piotti, Lisa Pasqualino, Marilena Cecco, Emilia Cordi, Candice Dixon, Nancy Caruso

**Regrets:** Sabrina Natale, Alessia Masella

**1.0 Welcome and Opening Prayer** - Read by Julie Fiorucci.

**2.0 Approval of Previous Minutes** - Motion put forward by Lisa Taylor to approve the previous minutes, seconded by Julie Fiorucci.

**3.0 Treasurer's Report** – Candy Ross reported that School Council balance is \$9889.48. We had paid a total of \$314.90 for skating fees during the 2019-2020 school year and Council is still waiting to get refunded for the amount owing. The fees for hockey and Family Skate night were combined together.

**4.0 Principal's Report** – Pino Sestito reported that Hybrid learning has begun. Staffing has been challenging and the school is short some teachers after the last reorganization. The school gained three remote classes, one extra hybrid class, and three more lunch time supervisors were hired. There is no Teacher-Librarian as Mr. Graham has been moved into a classroom. The number of students is 397.

The school would be participating in a virtual Virtue assembly this upcoming Friday. Mr. Sestito is looking to set up a virtual Advent Mass.

Fundraising will have to be delayed. Guidelines are forthcoming. The health restrictions call for no physical collection of money.

**5.0 Fundraising** – Andree Gates shared information about a possible personalized mask fundraiser from three different businesses: School Tee Inc., McCarthy Uniforms, and School Spirit Wear 4U. McCarthy Uniforms had the better prices and more user-friendly portal for online orders.

Pino mentioned that donations to Share Life will occur through School Cash Online. There will be no Shrove Tuesday pancake event this year.

Marilena Cecco shared information about a virtual Christmas Market on Facebook that was taking place. There was discussion around Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and online accounts from a vendor perspective should we decide to fundraise this way.

Nancy Caruso shared information about “Plantables” as a fundraising option. Orders would take place online. Plants and kits would be delivered to your door. Discussion took place around the cost of some plants and kits. For example, the Starter Kit is \$48, the Herb Kit, Vegetable Kit, and Tomato Kit are \$24 each, and individual plants are \$4. There are also herbal teas.

**6.0 Other Business or Questions** – Julie Fiorucci inquired about money owing to families from Just Catering as it went out of business during the Covid lockdown. Pino would reach out the owner for more information.

Some discussion took place around a virtual magic show.

Candy Ross reminded Council that our account continues to be charged \$4.95 in bank charges and/or fees every month.

**Motion was put forward to purchase recycling boxes for the school for Personal Protective Equipment and fruit puree squeeze tubes (at \$413 plus taxes for a total of \$466.69) as per Ms. De Groot asks; Motion was passed.**

**7.0 Date and Time of Next Meeting**

Wednesday, January 13th, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. (virtual meeting)

**8.0 Adjournment**