

St. Joachim Elementary School - 2023-2024 School Council

Meeting Minutes, March 21, 2024, 6:30-8:01pm

Attendees: J. Lise, S. Salameh, G. Russo, A. Baez, A. Valente, S. Luckie, A. Picanco, D. Pagulayan, N. Gluhushkin, T. Johnson-White, A. Szekely, W. Mac, L. Dower

Absent: P. Brade, C. Penner

| AGENDA ITEM & NOTES | ACTION ITEMS/PEOPLE RESPONSIBLE/APPROVALS |
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| Opening Prayer & Land Acknowledgement | Amanda |
| Approval of Agenda | <i>Diane – Approved Angela – 2nd</i> |
| Approval of Minutes | <i>Diane – Approved Angela – 2nd</i> |
| Chair Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • X-Movement has been booked for parent engagement on June 19th • VOTE \$1100 for Sacramental Bracelets for all Grade 2s and 7s¹ <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Bracelets made by students in class • Dance-a-thon will be held May 10th <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Paperwork to go home to parents on April 15th ² ○ Letter to request donations from companies for prizes has been approved and is ready to send out³ ○ Cash donations to be accepted on May 10th only ○ VOTE \$300 to purchase top prizes (if necessary)⁴ ○ Will have poster contest • Board Budget Meeting being held on April 24th - Virtual <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Council members invited to attend individually; there will not be a CSC on that evening ○ Link to meeting will be sent to all parents | ¹ <i>Natasha, Angela, Trisha, Shenna, Ms. Russo, Diane, Wendy, Agnes, Amanda</i> ² Wendy to design digital flyer, Amanda will send info ³ Amanda will send letter to all council members to help distribute ⁴ <i>Natasha, Angela, Trisha, Diane, Wendy, Allen, Shenna, Agnes, Amanda</i> |
| Treasurer Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See full report in attachment | |
| Parish Rep Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See full report in attachment | |
| OAPCE Rep Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See full report in attachment • Report was shared via email with all council members on February 26th • Information regarding ChatGPT⁵ • Link to new Family Life Curriculum available on ICE (Institute for Catholic Education) website • All parents invited to attend OAPCEs 85th Annual Conference on April 13th | ⁵ Diane to send PowerPoint presentation to Amanda, who will share with council |
| Community Rep Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See full report in attachment • Feb/Mar info available to parents via school smore newsletter • February was Black History month <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ There was a special event on Feb 1st to recognize individuals for their contributions to the community • Registration now open for spring programs • TVO learn – learning resources available • Canadian Parents for French – virtual programs/tutoring available • MetaLingo – virtual classrooms (unsure if available in French) • Mar 22-24 – Spring market at Shoppers World <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mar 23-24 Spring Celebration for kids – magic show, Easter bunny • Apr 6th – Run for Veterans • Apr 11th – Jungle Book at Rose Theater | |

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| <p>Teachers Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apr 9th – St. Joachim hosting Intermediate basketball tournament • May 17th – kindergarten trip to Kortright Centre • Spring cleanup planned by Environment Club for yard/park in April • Yearbook committee first meeting tomorrow – Grade 8 students involved • Chess Club tournament Mar 22nd • Math ninjas club starting after Easter • Mar 28th – Stations of the Cross by YFA's/Mr. Williams' class • Kindness Spirit Week Apr 15-19 – promote kindness and mental health • Well-being Conference Apr 18th – 4 students have been selected to attend • Easter food drive – collections until Mar 26th • Jays Care Foundation – Girls at bat program for grade 6-8 girls • Grade 8 graduation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Cost for DJ is \$450 ○ VOTE to contribute \$600 for grade 8 graduation⁶ ○ VOTE - \$110 to cover the cost of one student for graduation⁷ | <p>⁶Natasha, Angela, Trisha, Wendy, Allen, Shenna, Agnes, Diane, Amanda</p> <p>⁷Ms. Russo, Natasha, Angela, Trisha, Wendy, Allen, Shenna, Agnes, Diane, Amanda</p> |
| <p>Principal/Vice Principal Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thank you to CSC for the pancakes for Shrove Tuesday • Confessions heard Mar 1st – Grades 3-8 • Black History Month <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ February and beyond ○ Door displays created by each class – winning class received pizza party ○ Feb 29th – Black History retreat ○ Saidat presentations for students – 10 videos + reflection • Athletics <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Has been a push to not have parent spectators – Mr. Lise supports having parents, but some schools no longer allow parent spectators • Professional Learning Communities (PLCs) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Board-wide initiative for new math curriculum ○ Grade 2 & 5 teachers engaged in PLC – to connect elementary/secondary to ensure everyone on same page re: new curriculum • June 17 – Final Mass of the year (may be held outdoors) • School is losing English students <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Next year will be 50/50 English/French students, year after, expected to be more French than English ○ Currently 19 registered for junior kindergarten for next year • Have not been any school yard issues recently <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ being more vigilant with warming weather ○ concerns from parents of students wandering off school property in the morning – students taught about being safe in public spaces • Not enough supply teachers – many classes needing to be dispersed • All Big Box Cards are gone | |
| <p>New Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion about movie night, decision made to postpone until the fall | |
| <p>MEETING ADJOURNED: 8:01PM</p> | <p>Agnes - Approved Wendy - 2nd</p> |
| <p>Next Meeting is on May 29, 2024 at 6:30pm</p> | |