

St. Anselm
Catholic School Parent Council Meeting

MINUTES

DATE AND TIME OF MEETING

January 16, 2018

ATTENDEES

Donato DiPaolo,, Beth Williston, Maria Wilson, Bronwyn Gray, Barrig Hayward, Eric Hayward, Courtney O'Leary, Amy DeMelo, Ryan Edwards, Rodolfo Lucero, Annie O'Leary, Frank Spizzirri, Jillian Walsh, Trish Berry, Catalina Miranda, Adriana Della Corte, Kristen Ballard, Paul Byrne, Luciana Serrati.

WELCOME AND PRAYER

Annie O'Leary welcomed parents and called the meeting to order at 6-05pm. Annie O'Leary led the opening prayer.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Annie O'Leary added Forest of Reading update to the agenda. ON A MOTION made by Ms. O'Leary and SECONDED by Maria Wilson, the evening's Agenda was approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ON A MOTION made by Ms. O'Leary and SECONDED by Maria Wilson, the Minutes from the previous meeting were approved.

CHAIR UPDATE – Annie O'Leary

- Mr. DiPaolo had a technology request to the council for replacement of missing and broken items as well as some new speakers. The total cost was \$4100. The council approved this purchase.
- Basketball lessons for the G1-8 - approved
- Nerf bins to be placed in each class with nerf balls etc. for the yard so balls from home are no longer needed. Cost \$900 – approved
- Rocks and Rings – curling lessons in the gym – \$205 – approved
- Errol Lee concert – whole school - \$1000 – approved
- Curling February 3rd at Leaside arena – registration going well.

BIDGET UPDAT - Rodolfo Lucero, Treasurer

- Cobbs initiative - \$1700
- Movie night - \$775
- Social night for the playgroun - \$3000

- Family Fee – not as good as previous years - \$18,000 to date, \$5600 earmarked for the playground
- Echoage – Since 2016, \$8000. 2017/2018 yr to date - \$2000

PLAYGROUND UPDATE – Chris Burkett

- Donations slowly coming in
- Meeting with Board booked for end of January for concept reveal
- Section 37, John Burnside to be approached for possible funds from this

PRINCIPAL UPDATE – Mr. DiPaolo

- Capacity – 375, 15 classes – 104%
- September 2018 projection is 366 – Optimum set by the Board is 360
- 2 FDK classes only – set by the Board.
- Feb. 2nd sign up date for Parent/Teacher interviews
- Swipe card being installed at all doors to be completed by the end of the school year
- Black History month coming up and Art Express has been booked
- Book Fair will take place interview week

FUNDRAISING – Jillian Walsh

- MacMillan Frozen Foods – cookie batter, BBQ (25%) items etc. 35% of the total comes back to the school. Requires a 5week lead time. Jillian to update on delivery options. Possible March rollout.
- Cookbook – rollout late April. Jillian to meet with Courtney and Bronwyn
- Music Night – include a 50/50 draw
- Indigo FlipGive - % comes back to the school

OTHER INITIATIVES

- Movie Night – hold one more
- Lunch Clubs – going well. Concern about the instructors coming in was addressed. Mr. DiPaolo informed parents that each company had to have the correct insurance/bond in order to come into the school and one parent and/or teacher was present in the room at all times.
- Student Council/Charity – Courtney O’Leary
 - Me to We raised \$1000 which was donated to I am a girl
 - Cookie Sales \$282.75 went to Sick Kids
 - Out of the Cold – 285 items donated
 - Spirit Week was a great success and the children all enjoyed the various days.
- Social Media – Kristen Ballard
 - An Instagram/Twitter accounts have been set up. Send Kristen info that you want sending out.
 - Blog website - Kristen is in the process of setting up a website for the parents to view for info re: school
- Catechism – Frank Spizzirri
 - Frank has sent ideas to Mr. DiPaolo for review before he brings them to council

- Forest of Reading – Maria Wilson
 - This is run by the Ontario Library Association. G4-6 are participating, 87 children (42 boys, 45 girls)

OTHER

- Skating Transportation to Leaside Arena for the G1-5. Lucian Serrati had a concern about the younger children walking Millwood to the arena. An email to be sent to parents requesting 2 to 3 parents to walk with each class and a parent for each class to drive the skating bags down.
- Back to school FDK playdate – Kristen Ballard. Info to be given at Welcome to Kindergarten Night regarding a playdate towards the end of August for parents to meet with the FDK children.
- Dance/Music Instruction Music Night – Maria Wilson. Asked if she should approach to same instructor from last year for the year end performance. Agreed.

ADJOURNMENT

On a MOTION made by Ms. O'Leary and SECONDED by Ms. DeMelo the Meeting was adjourned at 8:05pm