

**St. Anselm**

***Catholic School Parent Council Meeting***

**MINUTES**

**DATE AND TIME OF MEETING**

April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018

**ATTENDEES**

Donato DiPaolo,, Sophia Moore, Bronwyn Gray, Courtney O'Leary, Amy DeMelo, Annie O'Leary, Jillian Walsh, Trish Berry, Catalina Miranda, Adriana Della Corte, Kristen Ballard, Leila Harwood.

**WELCOME AND PRAYER**

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

**CHAIR UPDATE – Annie O'Leary**

- School safety - Due to a recent incident where a child was hit (and thankfully not seriously injured) at the school and the increased number of kids walking and on bikes with the warmer weather, a discussion took place about School Safety. Many parents expressed concern, and shared personal accounts. Immediate next steps following the discussion included:
  - Mr. Di Paolo to request that a survey be completed by Kiss and Ride to assess traffic volume around the school and possible solutions
  - The school to send a friendly reminder to parents about road safety
  - The council to facilitate an opportunity for a group to form for any parents interested in being part of a safety committee
- Playground - The Playground Committee was not able to attend the meeting, so Annie passed along their messages
  - As previously communicated, the initial plans to re-build the playground in summer 2018 had to be postponed due to lack of funding.
  - The Playground Committee will be focused on securing corporate partnerships in the coming months in order to raise funds for the work to happen in summer 2019. The funds required are substantial, so all parents are encouraged to pursue opportunities with private or corporate donors.
- Internet safety
  - Based on feedback from the previous school year, the council identified a highly recommended internet safety speaker, Paul Davis. Paul had a 1-year waitlist, so we're very excited to share that he will be visiting the school on June 4th. More information to follow
- Classroom NERF bins
  - Per the December vote, NERF bins were approved for each classroom. Mr. Di Paolo confirmed that with the weather improving, he would ensure the bins were purchased and distributed.
- Spending as per budget. Should have a surplus to carry over for next year.

**FUNDRAISING UPDATE – Jillian Walsh**

- McMillan went really well. Made a profit of \$3,100
  - 54 families participated

- They have a bar-b-q selection as well – to consider if we do again this year or leave it for the fall.
- School cook book – Contacted cook book printer – they do everything. Fill out an online form or hard copy recipes. \$0.75 fee for hard copy recipe submitted. Could use sponsorships to fund some of the costs e.g. ask restaurants in the neighborhood to sponsor and then they have the ability to submit a recipe.
  - Turnaround time is 2 weeks from the time they get the recipes.
  - Parents think it's great for release around Christmas time.
- Big Box of Cards; 33 cards for \$33. Company sends a box home. If they want it you send \$33 if not send it back to school. Runs for two weeks. For every 3 sold child's name goes in for a draw prize. Class sells the most gets a pizza party. \$11 profit on each box.
  - Need to find out what the expectation is for the return on the boxes.

## **OTHER UPDATES**

School Music Night (Leila) – Hardest part is the ad sales and getting sponsors.

Back to school playdate (Kristen) - for incoming kindergarten kids to be organized sometime in the summer

Student Council Update – They are doing public speaking announcements – Organized a Downs syndrome and autism awareness day. Will organize paint day and initiating a hockey jersey day to support National Humboldt hockey team this Thursday. In the process of doing a hot lunch survey on how the students are liking the hot

**MEETING ADJURNED – 8:00PM**