

# Parent Council Minutes

**Meeting Date: October 22, 2019**

**Attended:** Mrs. Boyle, Mrs. Cronin, Mrs. Valente, Mrs. Parker, Mrs. Carol Fedonyshyn, Mr. D'Intino, Ms. Molinaro, Mrs. Piazza, Mrs. Withers, Mrs. Roos, Mrs. Leone, Mrs. Boyd

**Regrets:** Mrs. Cali, Mrs. Greco, Mrs. Gavran, Mrs. Pihack, Mrs. Vella, Mrs. Greomella

**Opening prayer:** Mrs. Cronin

**Motion to pass minutes:** Mrs. Cronin 2<sup>nd</sup> Mrs. Valente

## **Carol Fedonyshyn Updates:**

- H.A.T. -Take 5 kits in classes, help kids clam down when having stressful time/day, evaluation and tracking of use will being done
- Large H.A.T. 30 kids
- Nov 9-10 Homework free weekend
- Next Champagne with H.A.T. – rethink your drink

## **Mrs Parker updates:**

- Very successful food drive using back of Nov calendar to thank parents
- Uniform boutique has large inventory and doing well, 3 helpers along with Merle split work, also will be mentioned on back of Nov calendar
- Lost and found overloaded...note home to parents and discussion/announcement to students to collect belongings, looking for volunteers to keep it tidy and recover items with names back to students
- Early ON very busy, many programs, 17 Languages spoken within programs

## **St David Early Learning Centre updates:**

- New Buzzer to enter from front, note home to all parents with blackout times to not park out front due to busses

## **Lunch lady**

- Discussed and decided no further dates being booked

## **Sunsense Program:**

- Mrs. Valente registered school, waiting to see if accepted after registration closes Nov 2<sup>nd</sup>

## **Sub Day dates:**

- Oct 31, Dec 6<sup>th</sup>, Jan 15<sup>th</sup>, Feb 14<sup>th</sup>, April 17<sup>th</sup>, May 20<sup>th</sup>

## **Parent conference**

- Nov 2<sup>nd</sup> (FYI)
- Motion to donate \$50.00 gift card Mrs. Cronin, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mrs. Piazza, Mrs. Leone
- Mrs. Roos will pick up Staples gift card and drop off to coordinator

## **Advent night**

- Mrs. Cronin to confirm date with Mrs. Geromella
- Discussed pricing water dispensers to do infused water instead of milk or juice, vote by

email with pricing info.

### **Fundraising**

- Looked at items typically fundraising for (trips, spirit shirts, grad, advent night, pancake day, agendas, communicant/confirmandi gifts)
- Discussed approximate goal of \$10,000.00 to cover those areas and other items if needed
- Discussed various product options (chocolates, cards etc) VS time and profit
- Discussed donations only as major fundraiser instead of selling products
- Discussed seeing how donations were in meeting goal in March
- Discussed Indigo/Chapters (in store event) as a minor if possible date before Christmas more info being gathered and vote by email
- Motion to do Donations as Major fundraiser Mrs. Cronin, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mrs. Roos, Mrs. Piazza

### **Principal's Report –CSC meeting dated October 22, 2019**

**HAT** – Health Action Team · Take 5 kits – details of this initiative is on the website · Water bottle order forms went home – our logo will be on the bottle

**Updates on Health and Safety** · We had plant department personnel come and look at the parking lot concerns · They have provided us with a comparison of the number of parking spots in various other schools · Synervoice emails have been sent out reminding of the precaution and safety around the front parking lot and back parking lot.

**School Improvement Plan/Curriculum News** · We are currently working on our goals for this year. · We will have a goal for each of the 3 pillars as we did last year · EQAO results are in and on website · MSAT: Math Special Assignment Teacher has been granted to our school to support math initiatives, will be working with teachers and our students ·

**Technology** · We purchased our new sound system in June and have been using it in the gym for masses and for presentations · We are considering purchasing a wireless mic and choir mic to support the choir for masses and performances · EDWIN Pilot Project: our school chosen as a pilot for technology in the classroom- all grade 7 students and their teachers have received a Dell laptop for in-class and home use for the 2019-2020 school year, teachers are receiving training on the various programs available · New smartboard is being installed in the grade 5 class · Grade 6 classes will be working with

**Ontario Catholic Graduate School Expectations/Liturgical Update** · This year we have monthly Catholic Graduate School Expectations that we focus on. · There are scheduled assemblies throughout the year to celebrate the various CGSE · There are 2 winners from each class for each CGSE

**Upcoming Events** · Halloween Move A Thon details – a letter will be forthcoming for parents · The fundraising for the event will be to help with the purchase of Co-Instructional equipment

such as basketballs and elephant skin balls. We are also looking to fundraise for CYO jerseys · Interviews are tentatively scheduled for November 19, 2019 from 4-8 · Communion Meeting for Grade 2 parents and teachers has been set for November 28th at 6:30 p.m.- Communion will be celebrated with St. Eugene school this year · November 7th is a meeting for Confirmation for parents and staff at 7:00 p.m. · Homework Free Weekend on November 8-10, 2019 · November 12- Remembrance Day Mass/Celebration · November 12-Progress Reports go home · November 13-World Kindness Day · November 14-World Diabetes Day: Wear Light Blue · November 17-23 Bullying Awareness Week · November 23 Holodomor Memorial Day · PA day November 8, 2019, November 29, 2019 · November 2, 2019 – Parent Conference: Steering Committee asking each school CSC to donate a door prize, can be a gift or gift card etc. forward to Jenny Frappa · November 21-Phot retake Day · November 26-Distinguished Service Awards at Christ the King Basilica 7:00pm · November 27- BR Grade 8 Parent Information Night at Bishop Ryan CSS

**Other** · Terry Fox Run – very successful – we ran as a school for Autumn and raised \$833.05 · On October 20, 2019 – 9 students attended the HWCDSB Pilgrimage : Walk With Christ with our Grade 7 teachers Mrs. Fuciarelli and Mrs Marchionda accompanied by Mrs. Boyle · Oct24 is National Child Care and ECE Worker Appreciation Day · October is Child Abuse Prevention Month-our CCAS in school Workers are presenting to our staff, this Thursday October 24 is Dress Purple Day to raise Awareness · We have had 3 fire drill practices and 1 lockdown practice · We will have a bomb threat drill/practice · Nutrition Program – thanks to parent volunteers Mrs. Stella and Mr. and Mrs. Alves, we are able to provide snacks that are different than what we have had – we have incorporated a trail mix that we make in house and the feedback from students is that they like it so far · We hope to incorporate other different snacks like cut up cucumbers and grapes etc.. · Our Grade 7 students had vaccinations and our SK students had vision screening through McMaster Hospital · Neighbour to Neighbour organization will be working with 16 Grade 2 students to enhance reading and comprehension skills – there was a media release in the Stoney Creek News – a donation of 22,500 through the Rotary Club of Stoney Creek was offered for a Stoney Creek school and the school chosen was St. David. · Students attended Cross Country on October 9, 2019 – we had great results for our school · Some of our Grade 4, 6 and 7 classes will be learning about Residential Schools – the presentations will be led by our Indigenous Studies Liaison for the HWCDSB · LEAD recess – some Grade 6 students will be leaders with engaging students in outdoor play with guided activities · There is a New Physical Education Curriculum being rolled out by the Ministry of Education and Mrs. Geromella will be attending an in service with 4 teachers next week to gain knowledge on the new curriculum. · The Grades 4-6 students will be attending the Hamilton Bulldogs game on October 30, 2019 – we are grateful to the Equal Opportunity fund for funding 100% of the cost for this great opportunity. · On October 24th, our grade 3 students will go to Camp Marydale for a trip · 2 Grade 6 classes and 1 Grade 7 class will be working with the Art Gallery of Hamilton on the topic of Refugees and Immigration · Joy Day – December 6, 2019

**Next parent council date: November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2019**

Motion to adjourn Mrs. Cronin 2nd to motion Mrs. Roos