

St. Paul School Council Meeting Minutes

Thursday November 8th, 2018 6:30pm

1. Meeting called to order at 6:37pm
2. Opening Reflection- Provided by Laura Fraser read by Joane Amendola.
3. Motion to approve Minutes from September 18th, 2018 made by Tracy H. seconded by Grystal J. Approved.
4. Administration Report-Gina Almquist, Principal
 - a. Library is now up and running.
 - b. SPTV is now running.
 - c. Information for GRACE launch (Grateful Advocates for Catholic Education) can be found on school website along with the monthly school newsletter.
 - d. Gina has met with the Student Advisory-This is where the students advise Gina on how things at school are going, students issues they would like to see addressed, as well as collaboration of what students would like to see happen within the school. 2 students represent each class.
 - e. Grade 5 leadership will be launching some initiatives:
 - i. No walk Wednesday's in support of physical literacy.
 - ii. Book club
 - iii. Math club
 - f. Some Grade 6 students have requested to have a talent show. This will be held in late February.
 - g. Volleyball has begun, there are 2 teams this year. 2 tournaments will be coming up.
 - h. Miss Belke has started a dance group; all grades welcome.
 - i. Fence Update-The fence around the playground will remain until the spring due to grass warranty issues.
 - j. Indoor Recess Equipment has been purchased. 3 stations will be set up in event of bad weather. Classes will be on a rotational schedule.
 - k. Staffing-Mrs. Denesik EA is on medical leave and administration is still looking for a replacement.
 - l. Extra candy that was collected from students has been donated to the Hope Mission.
 - m. Important Dates:
 - i. November 9th-Remembrance Day celebration 9am.
 - ii. November 12th-No School
 - iii. November 19th-Email on how to book for Demo of Learning interviews will be sent out.
 - iv. November 22-Interview booking will open.
 - v. November 26th-Report Cards will be available online.
 - vi. November 29th-Demonstration of Learning from 1-5pm, and 6-8pm.
 - vii. November 30th-First monthly assembly after attendance is taken. Parents are welcome to join.
 - viii. December 12th-Christmas concert. Afternoon and evening shows.
 - ix. December 20th-Christmas mass followed by the Pancake Breakfast. This is a full day of school.
 - x. December 21st-Half day before Christmas break. Dismissal at 12:00pm
 - xi. Christmas break is from December 24th-January 4th. (Return on January 7th)
 - n. Teachers would like to request a \$5/student craft allowance.
 - o. The school will be raffling off front 2 rows of seating and front parking for this year's Christmas concerts.
 - p. Discussion was had on splitting up the Christmas concert to lessen the crowding in the gym. Will look into new options given for next year.

5. Committee Reports:

- a. Casino- Tami Lackey and Heidi Paranych
 - i. Volunteers are desperately needed for December 15 & 16.
- b. Parish Liaison-Laura Fraser
 - i. Sacramental preparation is happening now, but it is not too late to contact her if you are interested in enrolling yourself or your children.
 - ii. The parish has just announced that any children who received First Eucharist in 2016-17 or 2017-18 are eligible to do the Altar Server prep course. It will be held on Wed, November 14th at 6pm in the main entry of the church. She didn't say how long? I'm guessing an hour to an hour and a half??
 - iii. There will also soon be a sign-up for families who would like to be part of the Greeter Ministry. This group will help welcome people into mass. Please ask Sophie if you are interested.
- c. 21st Century of Learning- Michelle Bessette and Heidi Gibb
 - i. Swish Flowers has offered to do the outdoor planters for free.
- d. Grant application-Nadine Morris
 - i. Still working on things for phase 2.
- e. Fundraising- Jenna Sdao
 - i. "Our Money for Our Kids" direct ask fundraising approach will be sent out soon.
- f. Family Dance- Lisa Sadd
 - i. Date has been set for Friday April the 26th.
- g. Yearbook Committee- Stefania Valle & Tracy Hawkins
 - i. Sold a few copies from last year's books, sent the extras back so we are not charged for them.
 - ii. Reminder to order the 2018/19 yearbook online through powerschool.
- h. Pancake Breakfast- Amy Mackenzie & Teryl Sporns
 - i. Thursday December 20th.
 - ii. An email will be sent out soon asking for volunteers to help serve.

6. New Business

- a. Year End Financials
 - i. Derek Edwardsen has completed the YE financial report. The report was passed around for attendees to review.
 - ii. Ana M. made a motion to approve the YE financials seconded by Andrea A. Approved.

7. Old Business

- a. Shoe Box Campaign-Alex Favret
 - i. Alex and Gina went for a site visit to this year's location, St. Justin's Elementary School.
 - ii. Date set for December 17th for the Breakfast and distribution of the boxes.
 - iii. 250 boxes have been purchased and students can take home next Friday to fill.
 - iv. Looking into additional funding and perhaps an additional school for the 2019/2020 school year so that more students and parents can be involved.
 - v. In addition to the shoe boxes St. Paul will collect coats for those in need at St. Justin's school. An Email to be sent out with details.

8. Adjournment of this portion of the meeting at 7:27pm.

Upcoming Meetings: Wednesday Jan. 16th 2019, Monday March 11th 2019, Tuesday May 28th 2019.

St. Paul Parent Advisory Association Meeting

1. Treasurer's Report/Financial Overview- Christine DeRose

1.1. St. Paul PAC Account Balance: \$32,430.39 (as at October 31, 2018)

1.2. Casino Account Balance: \$12,388.10 (as at October 31, 2018)

- Outstanding Approved Expense ~ \$ 1,000.00 for Jerseys
- 2018/2019 School Year Budget for fieldtrips ~ \$10,500.00
- Opera ~ \$ 1,000.00
- In Door Recess Equipment ~ \$ 1,500.00

2. Funding Requests:

a. Andrea A made a motion for:

- A \$10/student craft allowance for the teachers to use.
- \$150 for additional costs in purchasing new jerseys.
- \$1300 for the pancake breakfast.

Tracy H seconded this motion. Approved.

3. Meeting ended at 7:34pm.