



## **Holy Family School Council Meeting Minutes October 24, 2023 6:00PM - 7:30PM**

Please note that if you would like to enjoy voting privileges, you must be a Council Member (parent guests are welcome to attend as always but will not have voting privileges).

**In Attendance:** Kim Spencer, Jenna Dierick, Rachael Morton, Stella Sousa, Brittney Espinola, Cheryl Szombati, Ashleigh Spong, Laura Ferren, Shelley Vlastic, Ainsley Amalfa, Kylee Janisse, Shelby Anderson, Mitch Ross

**Regrets:** Brielle Ross, Breanna Meza, Marie Teskey

**~Feeding the mind, body, and spirit of our children~**

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1. Call to order – Cheryl Szombati 6:00PM
2. Prayer – offered by Kim Spencer
3. Welcome and introductions – Welcome returning council members
4. Additions and Approval of the Agenda – all in favour – approved
5. Approval of the Minutes from September 2023 – approved
6. Holy Family Catholic School Council Constitution – explanation and background information provided by Rachael Morton
7. Treasurer's Report – delivered by Mitch Ross
  - 7.1. New Receipts
    - Rachel to provide receipt for drinks
  - 7.2. Report financials for recent events/council activities
    - N/A
  - 7.3. Financial Update/Account Balances
    - Bank account is -\$232.86

- \$500 incoming from Parent Engagement Fund which will bring us to \$267.14

8. Standing Items:

8.1. Receive Principal's Report (Kim)

- EQAO Prep
  - Grade 3 – Percentages provided are relative to 'at or above the provincial standards'
    - ❖ Reading – 94% (District – 74%)
    - ❖ Math – 72% (District – 57%)
    - ❖ Writing – 78% (District – 65%)
  - Grade 6 – Percentages are at or above the provincial standards
    - ❖ Reading – 100% (District – 85%)
    - ❖ Math – 41% (District – 45%)
    - ❖ Writing – 94% (District – 84%)
- Progress report reports are going out Monday November 6
- Parent/Teacher Interviews – Thursday November 16 (evening) or Friday November 17 (morning)
- Halloween
  - Pumpkin Carving Contest – Pumpkins need to be brought in on Monday October 30
  - Halloween Parade (weather permitting) – Tuesday October 31 at 9:15AM

8.2. Receive Teacher's Report (Jenna)

- Babysitter Forms have been received – there is a lot of interest amongst the Grade 7 and 8's
- Babysitters will be paid \$15 at the end of every night from the Parent Engagement Fund
- Shelley, Cheryl and Brittney to review list of students who signed up to make a rotating schedule (with assistance from Jenna)

8.3. Receive Regional Council Meeting Report

- Deferred until next council meeting because Cheryl attends the RCPIC meeting tomorrow (Wednesday October 25)
- To the group – are there any specific areas that should be noted on the RCPIC survey that parents are interested in?
  - Suggestions: Paul Davis, mental health support, new language curriculum, safe schools
- How do we want/prefer to get this information?
  - Online and/or in-person

9. Business Arising (Power Point Presentation)

9.1. Decide and Discuss Fundraiser(s) and School Community Events

- Jack-o-Lantern Contest – Monday October 30, 2023
- Halloween Parade (weather permitting) – Tuesday October 31, 2023 at 9:15AM
- Christmas – Council Vote (Principal [Kim] – No Vote)
  - Option 1 – K to Grade 3 Concert – 3 votes
  - Option 2 – Jingle Mingle – 0 votes
  - Option 3 – Mass with Mini “Concert” for K to Grade 3 & Jingle Mingle – 8 votes
- Mass/Jingle Mingle -winner
  - Mass will be held on Thursday December 21, 2023 at 9:30AM at Sacred Heart
  - Jingle Mingle will be held on Thursday December 14, 2023 from 6:00PM to 7:30PM
    - ❖ We need a Santa and/or a Santa Suit
      - School Council Co-Chairs will review options
    - ❖ Photography
      - Cheryl’s husband (John) could take photos? (Option)
      - Photobooth (Option)
    - ❖ Teachers will take care of individual classroom activities

- Shrove Tuesday – Tuesday February 13, 2024 – Pancakes
- Professor Jamz – Wednesday March 6, 2024
  - We need to raise \$4,750 which is approximately \$20 per student in order to truly be profitable
  - Cosmic Store (glowsticks sales etc.) – Cash Sales on day of the event
  - Library Area – Sensory Friendly Space
- Spring Fling – Syl Apps – Saturday May 4, 2024
  - Looking for suggestions for food for this event
  - Details to be discussed at November 28 meeting, please come prepared with ideas
  - Cheryl will look into whether food trucks would be an option
- Teddy Bear Picnic – June 2024

## 9.2. Fundraising

- School Fundraiser – Laura Secord Chocolate Bars – November 2023 (Confirmed)
  - \$5 per chocolate bar
- Parent Council Fundraiser – Lumberjack Pizza – April 2024 (Option)
  - 4 pack pizza bundle \$30
  - \$5 per bundle profit
  - 7-day lead time
  - Made fresh night before delivery
  - Free delivery and assistance with sorting and pick-up
- Principal/Teacher Stunts
  - Potential fun incentive for the students who raise the most for either of the above fundraisers

## 9.3. Fundraising Focus/Goal Options

- Upgrades to outdoor spaces

- Creative spaces for outdoor play – Paint on asphalt
  - ❖ Kindergarten pen will be included
- Corner Space
  - ❖ Musical items and games for sensory play
- Remove benches and replace with an activity
  - ❖ Rubber type surface
  - ❖ Gaga ball pit
- Kindergarten Pen Updates
  - ❖ Mushroom path stepper
  - ❖ Flower chalkboard on fence
  - ❖ Calvin the Caterpillar
  - ❖ Bear Tunnel Climber
  - ❖ Pots and pans wall
- Library Upgrades and Literacy Resources
- Scientist in the classroom

## 10. New Business

### 10.1. Christmas Meeting

- Thursday November 16, 2023 – 7:00PM to 7:30PM

## 11. Adjournment – 7:35PM

**Next Meeting (Christmas Focused) – Thursday November 16, 2023 at 7:00PM**

**Next ‘Regular’ Meeting – Thursday November 28, 2023 at 6:00PM**

### **2024 Meeting Dates:**

- Tuesday January 30, 2024
- Tuesday April 30, 2024
- Tuesday February 27, 2024
- Tuesday May 28, 2024

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