

Dec 4 2018

St Bridget Catholic School Council

Attendees: Christina Melick (chair), James Tremblay (principal), Nicole Warner, Kelly Fusco, Katrina Manning

1. Old Business (CM)

- a. Call for volunteers: 4 responses only
 - i. strategies for recruitment: call for interest via kindergarten info night, meet the teacher night
 - ii. send out agenda in advance, post minutes on website (JT), Facebook (CM)
- b. Yearbook: team in place, parent volunteer donating cameras for use
- c. Fundraising:
 - i. Healthy hunger updated online until June, Pita Pit took over from Extreme Pita; suggest posting amount raised and how \$ is used (~10K last year for technology).
 - ii. Spookathon: total revenue generated \$8000.00 post expenses. Succession planning for next year is required.
 - iii. Bingo: February event, lots of feedback from parents for prizes.
 - iv. Black Tie event: several venues have availability. Average cost \$34-50/person plus \$8-12/person appetizers, plus alcohol. Need more volunteers to be able to do this, at least 10. May need to postpone until next year, 15th school anniversary. Call for interest on Facebook (CM).

2. New Business

- a. Advent night: very well attended, donations for Durham Elder Abuse Network (DEAN) raised >\$1100 in gift cards plus additional funds for St Vincent DePaul men in need.
- b. Shrove Tuesday: offered nut free, gluten free options in past (sausages and pancakes). This year offer nut free only, offer fruit cup as alternate. Cook ahead vs cook to order in school (requires more volunteers during day of to cook, grade 8 vol to serve) March 5. Call for interest (CM)
- c. Math cafes (DCDSB initiative) almost sold out. Math games to play as a family. Register online via board website.

3. Principal's Report

- a. Mandated by board to review code of conduct. Reviewed (in front pages of agendas). Discussed dress code; off property permission during lunch and recess for grades 7,8; medication administration with parent permission. Consensus: no required changes to current version.
- b. Chromebooks purchased and here, carts here. Would like to purchase more for classrooms and library specific use. Have ipad cart for gr 1-3, chromebook carts x2 for grades 4-8.
- c. Would like to use \$ from fundraising for shade in kindergarten yard, sports equipment for recess, ball chairs. Have lost budget for facilities improvement from board.
- d. Idea: Durham woodworking club initiative, volunteer hours. Reach out to see if there is interest in educational session, align with STEAM (KF).

- e. Chinese exchange students will not be coming. Visiting families have declined to participate despite significant engagement from our community. Will try again next year.
- f. Reviewed school improvement plan: key priorities are 1) improve student ability to answer thinking and application questions: math skills; 2) promoting and participating in *Renewing the Promise*, Year of Joy, Board's 50th anniversary; 3) mental health and bullying prevention, clarification about what is and is not bullying, school climate survey; 4) continue growth mindset gr 7, 8 career cruising, new guidance counselor for gr 8.
- g. EDSBY will replace Remind in Fall 2019: attendance, student work, grades.

Next meeting date: January 22, 2019 6pm-7pm

Important Dates to remember:

- Bingo night for technology is February 21 2019
- Shrove Tuesday is March 5 2019