

**Holy Family Catholic
School Community Council**
Location: Holy Family Catholic School Library Meeting Room

November 6, 2019 @ *Meeting called to order by Tim*

In Attendance

Jason, Karen, Bonnie, Amanda, Carmen, Deacon Shawn, Tim, Connie, Sarah, Tanya

Regrets

Blair, Brad, Curtis

Welcome & Opening Prayer – Deacon Shawn

Approval of Agenda

- **Motion: Carmen**
 - **Second: Jason**
 - **Carried: all in favor**
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Approval of Minutes

- **Motion: Bonnie**
 - **Second: Tanya**
 - **Carried: all in favor**
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School Report- School Report – Connie

Please see school report in addition to the following notes:

- Friends of Holy Family continue to put efforts into fundraising with various activities and hot lunches
 - o Provide for many activities and resources
 - o Shalla Schuler organized the Schools Win Twice Raffle tickets
- Carmen attended the GSCS trustees liaison meeting
- Many great events lately
 - o Halloween was fun for staff and students
 - o Annual hosting of Volleyball tournament went well
- Gr 8s leadership has been wonderful
 - o some students have joined the fundraising committee for meetings
 - o other student presence at Parent Council meeting
- Learning
 - o Staff are learners too
 - Focus on Math and Reading with “Sprints”
 - “Sprints” identify students who are not grasping the concepts as well as how to help those particular groups of students to improve their learning
 - Learning about Truth and Reconciliation

- This Friday staff will join First Nations and Metis guests in completing a blanket exercise to grow understanding
- 3 way Conferences fast approaching
- Christmas Concert
 - Aim to be more simplified and straightforward
 - Focus on true meaning of Christmas while highlighting students
 - Each class will sing a few songs with children standing on the risers to increase visibility
 - Use of video equipment was explored but will be unlikely due to privacy restrictions
 - Parents will be reminded to respect the privacy of others when recording as well as be mindful when posting videos to social media to only include zoomed in pictures of individual child
 - Will continue to examine possibility of having a live streaming of the concert for projection in the overflow areas and other parts of the cathedral with limited visibility
- Advent liturgies for all students with advent themes presented in the classrooms
 - Some individual classes may have performances

Parish Update- Blair is absent; presented by Tim

- Sacramental Prep began this past Sunday
 - Next two sessions are on Sunday, November 24th and then December 1st from 10:15-11:15 am.
- Cathedral is hosting Bible Quizzing on Sunday nights 7:30-8:30
 - Ecumenical youth program for kids in Grades 7-12
 - Memorize bible versus and go to meets to compete 5 times per year
 - Anyone interested in joining can contact Leah Perrault – 306-291-3458
 - Reminders Cat Chat kids club is coming soon –
 - contact Cat if child is in grade 3-5 and would like to participate
 - Parent volunteers still needed
- EDGE gathering for grade 6-8 is on Nov 12 from 7-9pm at the Cathedral
- Youth in Grade 2 and older who want to sing in new youth choir can contact Kristin Yasinski at 306-979-1359 or e-mail Kristin.yasinski@gmail.com

Friends of Holy Family Update - Bonnie

- Second order of clothing will be placed next Thursday
 - more of a spirit fundraiser and not making a lot of money
- Hot lunches going well
 - Lunches will be posted up until Easter
 - Earn approximately \$600 per lunch with minimal work
 - So far experiencing good relationships with restaurants involved
 - Looking for a replacement for Julie who organizes the hot lunches
 - Next year will be her last
 - Question around whether some kids are not purchasing hot lunches due to lack of funds
 - Discussion around being able to support some kids occasionally with a hot lunch
 - Connie will look into which students may be in need
 - Profits would be able to support this
- Moms Pantry fundraiser is on
 - current gross sales are over \$2000
 - Ends on Tuesday
 - Goal to have this fundraiser replace QSP
 - So far the levels of sales for Mom's Pantry are not reaching the same levels

- Can order everything online
- Suggestion of putting recommendations of tried items on social media
- Able to purchase headphones from school start
 - ordered 24 for St Maria Goretti
- Trade Show
 - 29 tables are paid for and 32 are reserved
 - May be possible to have another 10 tables
 - Cost is \$40 per table
 - Taking place on Nov 23rd
 - Listed as a Facebook Event
 - Like, share, and mark that you are going
 - Free admission with a concession
 - Looking for treats/baking –
 - Suggestion of purchasing long johns from Downeys bakery on Central
 - Connie will check on the prices
 - Will have a door prize composed of items that vendors have donated
 - There will be a gift wrapping station by donation
 - Suggestion of selling WhooVille trees but concerned about the cost
 - Set up will happen during the parent 3 way conferences on Friday Nov 22 probably in the afternoon
- BINGO
 - May be possible if someone is found to organize
 - Difficult to get prizes
 - May need to ask on social media or send out letters to businesses
 - Thoughts of doing a carnival for the second part of the year

WUHCA Update – Carmen

- Planning winter programs
 - registration is on Jan 9
 - looking to add Latin dancing including Salsa, Merengue, and Tango
 - no partner needed
- Rink has lights and will be flooded
- Some complaints regarding traffic around the schools
- Please report acts of vandalism either to WUHCA or police
- Brought attention to subject of “Next Door”
 - Asks for lots of personal information including name and address as a way of connecting people online within the community
 - WUHCA has nothing to do with this program
 - Many people have registered for Next Door thinking it was a part of WUHCA

Email and Mail Update – Karen

- Nothing to report

Deacon Shawn Panio Speaking about the GSCS Foundation

- Video presentation regarding importance of Catholic education from students’ perspective

- Deacon Shawn is originally from SK, and has been in ON where he was a Chaplin for elementary schools
 - o Background in business, non-profit, and school leadership
 - o Roman and Ukranian Catholic Deacon
 - o Here to increase awareness regarding need for funding
- More sense of family, love, and caring within the catholic schools
- Catholic schools get identical funding to public schools for education
- Costs 2 million dollars for Saskatoon Catholic School division to pay for faith based education which does not come from taxes
 - o Funding from taxes does not cover religious education program, chaplains, bussing costs from masses, food and nutrition programs
 - o Number of fundraising events help cover costs and staff are encouraged to contribute monthly donations
 - Ex with Schools Win Twice fundraiser, a portion of the resources comes back to the schools to purchase items, pay for bussing to mass, fund student and staff retreats, as well as rosary clubs
- Mandate is to raise \$2 million every year
 - o Goal is to achieve this through monthly giving
 - Need 4000 monthly donors at \$30/month in order to cover costs
 - o If 2 million is raised, schools are free to focus on other issues
 - More freedom to enhance faith based education and offload costs
- Trying to figure out how to get the message out about the need for funding
 - o Will include newsletter blurbs and social media
 - Facebook page is GSCS Foundation
 - o Will be speaking in churches
- Email is spanio@gscs.ca

Meeting Times and Dates

- December 4 does not work as it is the Christmas concert
- Meeting now scheduled for December 11
 - o Discussion around activities and socializing options
 - Suggestion of Ax throwing at Lumberjacks
 - Tim will call to check the times
 - o Maybe go to Birmingham after

Christmas Concert

Discussed – see above

Parent Nights

Will be discussed later when Blair is in attendance

Ski Trip

- Going to Wapiti Feb 11
 - o Closer than Table Mountain and conducive to beginner skiers
- Grades 4-8
- Alternate activities will be arranged for students who are not participating in skiing

- Ex bowling
- Funding will be provided for students who want to go skiing but are unable to cover the costs

Student Involvement with Parent Council and Fundraising Committee

- Discussed under School Report

New Business

- Discussion around concerns with Parking
 - Some drivers are creating two lanes within the school drop off loop
 - Many drivers are parking and leaving their cars
 - Many drivers are parking in the Fire Lane and the drop off zone
 - Some drivers seen entering from the Exit to park in the handicap parking
 - Suggestion of placing a “no left turn” sign at the Exit
 - May help if the Exit is right turn only
 - Concern about some students walking through the parking lot to get to waiting cars or enter the school
 - Discussion around involving the police presence
 - Suggestion regarding having a form sent out about parking
 - Connie will start leaving reminder notes in the mornings on cars that are parked in the drop off zone without a driver as well as monitoring the Fire Lanes again

Old Business

- Acknowledging Jen
 - Social Media and in the newsletter recognizing her for her time
 - A card

- Items for next time
 - Discussion around setting up a monthly donation to the GSCS Foundation using funds from Friends of Holy Family and challenging other schools to do the same
 - Follow up regarding CSCC Trustee Liaison Meeting attended by Connie and Carmen

Adjournment of Meeting

Motion to adjourn @ 8:54pm

First: Bonnie

Second: Amanda

Next meeting will be in December 4, 2019, at 7:00pm – 8:30 **



School Report -November 6, 2019

Thanks:

- For the continued support for the efforts of the staff in our instructional and programming initiatives.
- To the Friends of Holy Family for their efforts with the apple, clothing and Aunt Kathy's fundraiser and hot lunches. Also, to Shalla Shuler for organizing the SWT ticket sales.
- To Carmen for attending the CSCC Trustee Liaison Meeting on Oct.23rd !
- To those of you who attended our meeting today - your presence is valued and your input into the decision of the school is greatly appreciated!

Looking Back:

- It is hard to believe that we are nearing the end of Term 1. What a great sense of a commitment to learning from parents, students and staff!
- Halloween was a fun filled day at Holy Family!
- 5th Annual Volleyball Tournament was a huge success!
- 8 of our Gr. 8 students will attend the GSCS Student Leadership Conference. They have planned a year of activities grounded in social justice projects and school spirit.

Learning:

- Our teachers are organized into *professional learning communities* and exploring teaching and learning in the area of math and reading. Our PLD will consist of further learning about Treaty awareness and Truth and Reconciliation.

Looking Ahead:

- 3-Way Conferences November 21st (evening) November 22nd (all day) with Progress Reports on Nov. 29th
- Christmas Concert December 4th (9:30AM Dress Rehearsal at school and 7PM Performance at the Cathedral) K-3

"A Gift of Song"

All Kindergarten to Grade 3 students will be participating in this concert, as well as the choir. All parents, guardians and family members are welcome to attend the concert.

