

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

March 6, 2019 @ 7pm *Meeting called to order by Tim*

In Attendance

Tim (Vice President)
Carmen (Member at Large)
Bonnie (Fundraiser Representative)
Karen (Member at Large)
Connie (Principal)
Jason (Member at Large)
Blair (Parish Representative)
Sarah (Guest)

Regrets

Jenn (President)
Anthony (Guest)
Yvette (Guest)
Brad (Guest)
Curtis (Vice Principal)

Welcome & Opening Prayer

Mission and vision statement led by Blair

Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved: Bonnie Second: Blair

Approval of Minutes

The minutes for February, 2019, approved: Jason Second: Karen

School Report- Connie

Family movie night- nice evening and really appreciate the parents who organized and families who came out. Full house, not too crowded, and lots of families.

Looking back-

Valentine's Day- Theme around caring for each other and what that looks like, what we can do. Last week was Pink Day and how we can be someone's hero. Lots of activities done. Riders representative came to talk about how we treat each other- great message!

More work around social media awareness. Concerns from last week media challenge, and how best to respond at the school level. Connie had completed a "blurb" around social media for the newsletter. It was general, and fit perfectly into this media challenge re- parent awareness on social media.

Last meeting- video presentation for grade 5-8. Good discussion around media. Looking for additional parent resources, and looking for a speaker.

Continue to work on all subject areas, and math is a focus area. Staff continue their professional development. They have a professional learning community every second week to talk about SPRINTS, explicit support to small group or class (what are the difficult areas to learn). As a division, assess students in reading (grade 1-3 three times per year, and 4-8 twice per year). One instrument BENCH MARK ASSESSMENT TOOL. This is one piece to get a sense of where children are reading. Mandated by the ministry to assess children and submit data to school division, and school division sends to ministry to see how the province is doing in terms of literacy. Division looks at data as well. School team looks at where students are at, and goal is to have children reading at 85% or higher. There is a focus on literacy in upper years, not as much take home reading, but imbedded in this goal.

Easter season- Ash Wednesday today. Had liturgy. Lots of faith opportunity to journey through lent, at classroom and school level.

Approached by Cathedral to work with them to support a refugee committee. Committee presented information to the students. Children came to school and gave money to Connie to help support family after the presentation. Fundraising efforts are in place. Valentine's Day fundraiser, and today took a collection (voluntary), bake sales, staff lunches, more during lent. Family is from Sudan.

Poverty meal next week (Tuesday, March 12)- talk about lent and fasting and to get a sense of going without. Tied this with the refugee family.

Recognize Down Syndrome Day- Crazy Sock Day, message around inclusion.

Musical for spring is starting. Nancy Sparling leading- May 8 performance.

3-way conference coming up.

School ski trip was rescheduled, and will be coming up this month.

School on list for two new portables. Will know more once budget rolls out in March. Plan: Was to be on second floor, stacked on existing ones; however, will be built out the hallway.

Sylvie Kot (mom of student in grade one), fundraiser last month. Sylvie wants to nominate school for inclusive education award. Due on Friday. Holy Family strives for an inclusive culture, and is one of our core beliefs.

Blood donation drive- Few people have donated. Will plan to make this a regular initiative.

Willowgrove School Website- new registration for residence. Are we on the same path? No, our doors are still open.

Parish Update- Blair

This week youth group retreat Saturday and Sunday grade 6-8 25\$ to register. In recent bulletin. May be accepting students to take part still.

Have dates for communion and confirmation. May 21, 22 & 28.

School Supply Update-Bonnie

SchoolStart- 5\$ back per order (supplies) once we sign on for the year after (following year). We need to know who would receive the cheque- Friends of Holy Family.

Can offer a 5-10\$ donation option for those who may not be able to afford school supplies. Is a credit for supplies. At a school level, can be taken care of. Instead of option, could the credits go to Friends of Holy Family? Would be available the following year.

When go to SchoolStart website, we have option to log in as teacher or parent.

Community Schools- Number of families that cannot afford school supplies. Take a look into a school, and see if they are using SchoolStart and transfer money to them? Bonnie will look into this. Could be posted in the newsletters if it cannot be done at the link. Wishlist can also be an option.

Elite Marts- Parent of the school started this business. Similar to a SchoolStart. May want to investigate prices? Have a plan in place for next year already for SchoolStart. He could maybe present following year? Connie will connect with this parent, and let him know there is a plan in place for next year, and he can connect again next spring.

Next step: Need a supply list, and a grade to have a sample kit. Last month we could get the final list in? Live by May, 2019. They have two categories, the core package and optional package.

New Business

Why don't we have student class lists at end of year? Growth and enrollment of students, and staff changes. Try to be transparent in this process to the parents and students, and can address any concerns with teacher/Connie. Used to do a sociogram with students, and no longer do this. The teachers will sit down with resource teachers and administration team to help in the process at the end of each year.

Fundraising

No Bingo this year. Do not feel confident that we could get this off the ground this year. Two prizes were donated so far.

Look at the money requested, and money we have, it evens out. Needs to have a purpose to raise money. We will be on target.

Perogy lunch- will continue. June 3, 2019. Invite parents to join in lunch.

Fundraising update:

Swim buses-\$800

Fashion show- \$150

Teacher Appreciation- \$700

YE Mass Bus- \$800 (weather nice, only need couple of buses).

14 classes \$200 left to pay- \$2800

Total \$6050

Have \$8500 in account today. Still have five more hot lunches (on average we make 400 per hot lunch). Approximately have \$10500 less \$6050 owing above = leaves us with \$4450 for next year. Our goal is to be around \$5000 YE. We are on target.

WUHCA Update

Family Skate at the Park- 7 people showed up due to cold.

Willowgrove Community Finish Building- Community in Motion- today we are in 20th place. Monday HF was number two.

Leisure Guide- Not going to be re-printed. If want to see programs run in community, let them know. Looking at cookie decorating, and ????

Need volunteers for WUHCA board.

Polls are up at skating rink. Unsure if lights are working.

During the day, rink shack is closed. Jenn was to give Shane and Connie the key to open the shack. Rink shack was open yesterday, and kids tried to lock others out. Should be closed during school hours. Should be locked during the day. Could the caretaker help ensure it is locked during school time, and/or open it after school? Connie to talk to Jenn about locking/unlocking.

Other Business

Parent council emails- no emails

Staff Appreciation- March 25-29 March. Bonnie to reach out to room parents this week. Some staff will miss because of ski trip. Carmen to get final numbers to order lunch. Karen can help volunteer/find volunteers that Friday.

Blood donation- Curtis won for fastest blood donation. Slowest was Terri.

Adjournment of Meeting

Motion to adjourn @8:14pm: Jason Second: Carmen

Next meeting: April 3, 2019 @7pm HFS.