



Council Meeting Minutes : November 15, 2023

Attendance : S. Pascuttini, M. Limarzi, L. Dimuzio, L. Galifi, K. O'Donnell, S. Luke, J. Arcilla, M. Smith, S. Andrade, S. Pirri, T. Armogan, D. Armogan, L. Alday

Virtual : L. Rose

Regrets : E. Amorim

1. Opening Prayer - J. Arcilla

2. Welcome and Land Acknowledgement - M. Limarzi

3. Approval of September 2023 Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve : K. O'Donnell, L. Galifi

4. Approval of November 15, 2023 Meeting Agenda

Motion to approve : S. Pascuttini, J. Arcilla

5. Treasurer's Report - K. O'Donnell

-Opening Balance September 1, 2023 - \$4,666.51

-Monthly bank fee charges \$2.00; will monitor if there are extra charges

-Parent Engagement Grant from the Ministry \$500 :

-to be used for workshops/seminars ie. MTC Life, X Movement;

10% can be used for food/refreshments

-Items discussed for Council \$ allocation :

-\$500 Christmas Evening

-\$200 Family Donations

-\$1100 Outdoor Toys

-\$2000 Teacher Wish List

-\$300 Church Support

-Communion/confirmation gifts: revisit in February meeting

-Graduation support: revisit in February meeting

-Volunteer Appreciation Dinner: revisit in February meeting

6. Parish Rep - J. Arcilla

-Monthly Edge Ministry : November 11 - 90 kids attended (next date is January 17 6-8pm)

-November 24/25 : fall bake sale

-December Christmas concert (\$10/child, \$12/adult)

-New Years Party (\$40/child, \$85/adult)

7. OAPCE - L. Rose

-Catholic education is going through difficult times and our goal is to help kids achieve success.

8. Principal's Report - M. Limarzi

-Updates to Staffing:

LTO for Mr. Buzdon - Mr. Belli; LTO for Mrs. Sivasankaran - Ms. Stancel

-Sports and Clubs at GA:

-Chess ongoing

-Chess Fall Invitational at GA : November 30

-Volleyball Intermediate:

Boys VB Mini : November 21

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Girls VB Mini : November 23

Family VB Final : November 28

-Upcoming Trips:

- Grade 5 & Grade 5/6 Famous People Theatre
- Tentative Primary Trip December TBD
- Grade 5/6, 6/7 Silver Creek (Spring 2024)

-Upcoming Speakers:

- Matthan Francis - Positivity Lives Here : November 20 (Anti-bullying)
- X Movement - Winter/Spring 2024

-Food Days:

- Pizza
- Cookies/Popcorn
- Lunch Lady
- Sub Lunches (Council Run)

-Dates to Remember:

- November 16 : Parent/Teacher Interviews
- November 20-25 : Bullying Awareness and Prevention Week
- November 21 : Picture Retake Day
- November 24 : PD Day no school for students
- November 30 : Terra Cotta Cookie Fundraiser pick up
- December 11 : Tentative Community Christmas Evening (or December 13)
- December 18-22 : Spirit Week (activities to be shared closer to the date)
- December 22 : last day of school before Christmas Break
- January 22 : PA Day
- January 24 : Graduation Photos
- February 13 : Shrove Tuesday / Reports go home Term 1

-Academics:

- CCAT testing took place in October with our Grade 4's
- Empower, Lexia and Corrective Reading continue
- Equity Lead : Mrs. Dimuzio
- Continue to be supported by a math facilitator (year long) in Grade 5/6, 6/7
- EQAO student data for 2022-2023 was sent home in October; data visible on EQAO website
- Reading, writing, math at Primary Level in line with board and provincial standards (Gr3)
- Reading, writing at Junior level above board and provincial standard. Math identified as below board and provincial standard at Junior level

-Faith:

- Students are recognized through our Virtue Program, monthly presentations with our school community and student names are recognized over announcements
- Advent Mass schedule for Wednesday, December 13 @ GA
- Rosary Apostolates monthly visits to pray the rosary as a community full year program
- Social Justice initiatives: Collected food for Knight's Table, Halloween Candy for Dr. Simone, Christmas TBA (possible mitten tree or toy drive)
- ShareLife Spirit week raised \$219.52, we will continue to raise \$ for ShareLife throughout the school year. Note: Poster challenge shared in our weekly updates

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9. Chair's Report / New Business - S. Pascuttini

- Terra Cotta Cookies Fundraiser : 162 items sold; \$904 raised
 - Winner of big cookie : C. McGinley
 - Delivery time too early; volunteers to pick up orders at Terra Cotta in Georgetown
- GA Annual Family Donation : 4 families in need
 - Council to donate \$200 (\$50/family)
 - *Motion to Approve : J. Arcilla, L. Alday
- Lunch Days - Sub update and potential other lunch option
 - Sub lunch ongoing (Mondays)
 - Blairs (Hamburgers/hotdogs) costs \$4.50/hamburger or hotdog
 - \$20 delivery fee
 - Council to charge \$6 no combo or \$8 combo (with drink and cookie? TBD)
 - Tentative start date in January
 - Hamburger/hotdog Day on Friday's
 - Volunteers needed to assemble (Kelly/Leah)
 - *Motion to Approve : S. Pascuttini, T. Armogan
- Council Supported Anti-Bullying Campaign : November 20-24
 - Speaker coming on November 20
 - X Movement tentative date in February (parent engagement event)
 - can use parent engagement grant?
 - parent concerns regarding bullying: are there other resources/info on bullying?
 - virtues of the month support anti-bullying
 - incorporated into curriculum
 - announcement reminders (ie. "keep your hands to yourself")
 - Child/youth worker is available in the school 3 days a week
 - presentation about social media
 - Council to put \$500 towards parent engagement
 - *Motion to Approve : J. Arcilla, K. O'Donnell
 - Christmas Event Support (Community Night) : December 11
 - Santa pictures 530-730pm (sign up sheet in school lobby)
 - Christmas crafts in primary classrooms
 - Hot chocolate/cookies in the gym
 - Council to donate \$500 to Christmas Evening
 - *Motion to Approve : K. O'Donnell, S. Pascuttini

10. Other Business

- Nerf Ball options (to be used during recess when the field is closed)
 - football, soccer ball, etc for each class
- Winter toy options - fort moulds, snowman moulds
- 11 classes (kinder not included)
- Council to donate \$1100 for outdoor toys

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-Teacher Wish Lists :

- craft supplies, board games, white boards/markers, subsidized school trips
- money to be allocated to each teacher (20 teachers)
- teachers to submit receipts of purchases
- Council to donate \$2000 to Teacher Wish Lists

*Motion to Approve : K. O'Donnell, S. Pascuttini

-Shrove Tuesday (February 13)

- school to purchase pancake mix/syrup bottles/mini containers for syrup/plates
- Sharelife donations for Guardian Angels Parish
- need volunteers to cook, distribute pancakes, griddles, utensils

11. Closing Prayer - J. Arcilla

12. Adjournment - Motion to Adjourn : J. Arcilla, K. O'Donnell

Dates for Future Meetings :

- April 24, 2024 @ 6:30pm (virtual)
- Volunteer Appreciation TBD (in person)