

St Francis of Assisi School Council Meeting
Wednesday, September 25, 2019
6:30pm – 7:45pm

Attendees:

Mary-Pat Suraci
Karen Skleryk
Orysa Steele
Sandra Donaghue
Michelle Baker
Nadine Siemons
Christine Agathos
Mark Falcioni

Agenda

1. Welcome and Opening Prayer
2. Elections
3. Updates (Council and Principal)

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Elections

- Mary-Pat and Orysa co-chairs
- Karen secretary
- Mary-Pat treasurer
- Nadine Siemons and Christine Agathos teaching reps
- Parish Rep open position
- OAPCE open position

Council Updates

- Cash online is being used for one time donation
- Done on the board level, but we need to see how much money is transferred to the school council/how much is raised
- Will be put into the sizzler again to promote
- Request to have Sizzler sent earlier than Sunday
- One time donation brought in about \$7,000 last year (previous years was about \$15,000 when we did fundraising)
- Can we display the amount we have achieved to date? Create a thermometer and have kids colour it weekly
- Set goals to achieve different levels (i.e. if we get to \$2,000 then we give the kids 5 mins of recess)
- We have gifts left from last year and will see if they can be used in a draw

Principal Updates

- Very lucky with reorganization (no effect) and we increased by 36 students
- Special education resource teacher internally shifted to resource teacher, another teacher (French) decreased by a day so there was a shift in timing of when some kids get French class (1 group gets double French one day and no French another day)
- 39 students for youth faith ambassadors that are going to donate time on Monday
- Monday is Terry Fox in the afternoon (pledge forms going home tomorrow)
- Wear orange on Monday
- Grade 8's going to Shaw festival (Ms. Ferens nephew will do a Q&A with kids as he is an actor)
- Volleyball and Cross-Country is ongoing
- PALS is starting (activity leader students trained by public health nurse to play with younger kids)
- Open house was well attended and company used for bbq was great to work with
- Choirs and Glee Club are ongoing
- School is proposing change for lunch time eating and altered plan for entering
 - o Issues (70% of any issues) are when the bell rings and kids are trying to get back into the school (pushing, saying things)
 - o Working for better system for entering with teachers at the front and back of the kids entering
 - o Lunchtime eating time is 11:31 – 11:51 can be issues for kids not being seated (option is they go outside first for 40 mins, then eat at the end (snack is at recess at 10:36)
 - o Eating last is also better for sports practices
 - o All lunchtime food items (Pita Pit, Pizza, Sub and Lunch Lady) would all have to be altered in delivery time (Ms. McQueen working on this project)
 - o When the weather doesn't allow for the kids to go out then eating time could shift at school discretion
 - o Feedback from other schools has been that the issues decrease
 - o This will help the little kids in the winter have more time to get snow pants on
 - o October 2nd staff meeting will discuss it again and then hoping to do a test run and launch after Thanksgiving
 - o Thinking of "Free Entry" model - is that the kids can just come in without standing in line to enter, but teachers stand at points to watch/help
- Emergency evacuations are starting
- Connection this year to the Ontario Catholic School Graduate Expectations and Virtues
 - o Come together 7 times a year instead of monthly for Virtue Assembly
 - o Each class will be involved with a set of medallions to choose winners and parents will be invited a week in advance (Wednesday's will be the assembly times as they have an open gym time)
 - o All planned for the year and teachers are dividing up being in charge of a day
- Dates for council meetings
 - o Wednesday, November 13, 2019 at 6:30
 - o Wednesday, February 12, 2020 at 6:30

- Monday, April 20, 2020 at 6:30
 - Wednesday, June 10, 2020 at 6:30
- Other Meeting with Guest Speaker at St. Joseph SS is on Wednesday, April 29, 2020 at 7:00