St. John Bosco Catholic Elementary School
Parent Council Minutes

Date: November 5, 2019

In Attendance

Parent Council: Cindy Young, Paula Lima, Allyson Darmanin, Sandra Caputo, Tanya Fransisco, Ida Bellizzi, Lisa Dias, Lana Crozier, Sarine DeLeo, Kerrie-Ann Gunn, Nellie Pacheco, Devon Straw

Parents/Guests: Lisa Capone, Julio Vilela, Ron Cooper

Approval of Minutes

Minutes Approved

Principals Report

- CUPE Contract/Negotiations resolved
- Quebec Trip - Students will be selling Terra Cotta Cookies help raise money to cover some of the cost.
- Team Sports still in progress. Bosco students are doing exceptional well at all the events.
- The School Improvement Team (one teacher from each division) have met and submitted their recommendations. The School Board will communicate in the future.
- Bosco was a Polling station for the last election, no major issues/concerns
- All Students took part in a Bus Safety Program to review bus safety when ridding the bus.
- St. Thomas Aquinas RAP students visited our Grade 8 grades to review the Regional Arts Program.
- Students and Staff took part in our annual Halloween Dance.
- Picture Retake took place on November 5th.
- First Communion Registration is November 6th at 7:00 am at the church.
- Confirmation Retreat with November 14th at the church.
- The Rosary Apostle members will be at the school on Friday 8th to do the Rosary with students.
- November 7th, we have returning favorite motivation speaker Saidat attending our school.
- November 11th at 10:15 Remembrance Day ceremony, open to all to attend.
- Report cards will be sent home next week.
- Grade 5/6 Gifted Students will be participating in Math Olympia- more details will follow.
- November 15th PA Day.
- November 21, we will have our All Star Assemble (anti-bulling through sports) at 1:30 for our students
- December 10th Advent Mass, open to all to attend
- Our Book Fair will take place Dec 9 – 13.
- 2018/2019 School Year Parent Council Annual Survey was reviewed with to the Council.

Treasurers Report

- Report reviewed, approximately $3,757.45 in the account
School Generated Funds

- School Generated Funds report was reviewed.
- Cindy explained the 3 Financial Accounts
  1. Board Operating Account – salary/maintenance/school supplies (textbooks etc)
  2. Generated Account – Pizza days (when run by school), perks, trips. Money is mainly a in & out account
  3. Parent Council Account – Fundraisers – money raised by Parent Council events, and money goes back to the students for events/special speakers/school items.

Parish Report

- Information for Edge Night is posted on school bulletin.
- Father Robert thanked all the schools who supported the Helping Hands charity

Teachers Report

- Cindy will confirm with Board if Grammy software can be utilized at our school.
- Teachers are requesting Science in the School presenters this year, as it was a success last year. We suggested teachers discuss they only book those Presenters that were liked by the students. Teachers will advise how much money is required.
- Reminder to all to follow St. John Bosco Twitter account @SJBoscoBulldogs

DRAPCE Report

- The DRAPCE Committee reviewed Lockdown & Secure Procedures.
- A new Anti-Bullying Policy & Procedure will be developed.
- High School ELearning Program is being rolled out.
- PRO & PIG Grant will no longer be provided.
- Reminder to all the Catholic School Community to check that your Voter Cards do indicate you support the Catholic School Community. You can also check, by calling into City Hall.
- Parents raised the need for better communication tools/apps that can be used between Parents and Teachers.
- Majority of Grade 7/8 classes are now fully using the Edwin Chrome Books. The chrome books are loaded with Text books etc.
- Each Family of Schools (BNE- Brampton North East) require a Representative to attend their Board meeting. Congratulations to Paula who will be the BNE Representative.
- Paula will email the Council Committee any information that she obtains from her meeting.
Christmas Celebration

- Date TUESDAY DECEMBER 10th. (NEW DATE)
- A Christmas Planning committee will meet on THURSDAY NOVEMBER 21. Allyson will email location & time.

Fundraising Report

- Council suggested Kernels, Cards, Flowers. Council Members will obtain information and discuss at our next meeting.
- St. John Bosco Vendor Market, Council will look into planning a Spring Market. To discuss at meeting
- Suggestion to create a Drop Box for ONLY Fundraising information. Paula will send details via email to Parent Council

Other Business

- Suggestion to support Regeneration Outreach, by providing Care Kits. Council agreed. Allyson will create flyer with information and submit to council to review.
- Council was provided BRAVE information handout to help students diffuse bullying etc. Cindy will look into the company if it can benefit our school. Contact BRAVE info@bullybrave.com
- Reminder to families that City of Brampton is offering free SWIM to SURVIVE. Please check the Brampton Recreation Websites.
- KISS & RIDE after school safety concerns has been raised by parents. There are cars that park in front of the FDK gates, which seemed to be not parents who need to pick up only FDK children. There is also a concern of a large vehicle parked in front of the crossing walk way, parents are concerned that this vehicle is blocking the sight lines for children and parents to see. Cars park around the garbage bins, which blocks cars in parking spots from exiting the parking lot. Some of the Parent Council have volunteered to remind parents the safety of the Kiss and Ride. They will remind all parents to please always MOVE up to the top of the driveway. Please use parking spots and the street. The Kiss & Ride is a FIRE ZONE and we need to reduce the cars the parked on the driveway.
- Apologies to Kerri-Anne as it was missed, that she was a voted Parent Council at our Representative during elections. Council Member List has been updated.

NEXT MEETING

TUESDAY DECEMBER 3