

St. Helen Elementary School Parent Council – January 16, 2019 Minutes

Attendance: Paul Basran, Julie Hand, Joe Costa, Kevin Shipley, Colleen Denief, Elizabeth Lopes, Stacey Raymond, Tammy Landriault, Kim Ryan, Ms. Rocco, Gerardina Tota, Sacha Tomaino, Lois Tucker Keating, Chris Adamiec, Laura St. Martin, Johanna Field, Veronica Toledo, Kim Ryan

Regrets: Debbie Viera,

Items Discussed	Discussion/Decision	Action
1. Welcome	<p>Mr. Basran opening remarks Attendance form distributed</p> <p>Presentation on Kidsentials - supplier of lunchtime meals.</p> <p>Information can be obtained at www.kidsentials.com</p>	
2. Teachers Report – Mrs. Ryan	<p>House League sports have commenced for Grades 1, 2 & 3 Soccer games organized by Mrs. Pietrangelo, Mrs. Bianchi and Mrs. Ryan.</p> <p>Parent Volunteers required for observing children reading aloud. These would be conducted during school hours and supervised by a teacher.</p> <p>During the next Council Meeting Ms. Rocco will discuss Spring Planting which will coincide with Catholic Education Week May 5 – 10. The actual planting is tentative scheduled for the weekend before. Garden to be named “Rooted in Christ”.</p>	

<p>3. Treasurer’s Report – Julie</p>	<p>Breakfast with Santa profit was \$110 The Poinsettias Sale profit was \$790 Teachers Wish List of \$1,500 has been allocated.</p>	
<p>4. Parish Report - Elizabeth Lopes</p>	<p>The following Items from St. Christopher’s Parrish were highlighted:</p> <p>Volunteers requested to take Holy Communion to the Catholic residents of Sheridan Villa.</p> <p>Italian-speaking female volunteers requested to visit a female senior once a week for an hour.</p> <p>Knights of Columbus Bottle Drive during the weekends of January 19-20 and January 26-27</p> <p>Knights of Columbus Annual Family Fun Filled Mardi Gras on March 2, 2019. Tickets are \$15 per adult, Children ages 12 and under are free.</p>	
<p>5. Principal’s Report</p>	<p>Mrs. Jay is on Maternity Leave</p> <p>Mr. Davenport is covering this Maternity Leave</p> <p>Ms. Porter returns in February</p> <p>Current Student population is 206</p> <p>17 students registered for Full Day Kindergarten</p> <p>Every classroom is now equipped with a Smart Board</p> <p>Gym Equipment room has been revamped.</p>	

	<p>Trees in baseball diamond have been removed.</p> <p>Boilers have been updated</p> <p>Some work has been conducted on the roof.</p> <p>School Building is in very good shape.</p> <p>Mr. Taylor has been very diligent with upkeep and submitting work orders as the need arises.</p> <p>Christmas Cards from School Staff to families that included pictures of the students were well received.</p> <p>During the Christmas Concert a silent Auction for Maple Leafs Tickets raised \$320. Mr. Basran to meet with the family who donated the tickets to determine how to spend the proceeds.</p> <p>Response to the following charitable initiatives was very generous:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Cram the Cruiser- Compass Food Bank- Angel Tree <p>Ms Bertucci helped with integrating technology in the class room.</p> <p>Technology will aid with developing daily learning goals.</p> <p>Edwin Computers are equipped text books from Nelson Publishing for grades 7 and 8.</p> <p>Every student can take the computer home until June. This is a pilot project</p>	
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	<p>The Chromebooks are stored in mobile carts.</p> <p>School Athletics:</p> <p>Flag Football</p> <p>Intramurals for Grades 1, 2 & 3</p> <p>Junior Boys Basketball Tournament at St. Daniel Comboni on January 28, 2019</p> <p>Mr. Basran has requested funds for the following items/events:</p> <p>\$500 for an Ice Cream Truck in early June to treat all students to a free ice cream.</p> <p>\$400 for “Hot Dog Day” in June</p> <p>\$300 for First Communion Lunch Provide Chicken Fingers and Fries</p> <p>\$1,500 Teachers Wish List with the same deadline as Standard Supplies. This would allow teachers to have wish list items in place for the new school year.</p> <p>\$500 for Athletic Incidental Fees (entries fees, taxi fares) or Parent Council can provide \$1,500 for 21st Century Learning, with initiatives such as new tables for the library.</p> <p>It was suggested (Mr. Shipley) that a fundraising campaign should be associated with a tangible item that is being sought for the school so that parents are aware of where the money raised is to towards.</p> <p>\$500 for food and beverages for the French Café during Catholic Education Week.</p>	
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	<p>On Administrative Professionals Day –May 24th, is an opportunity to recognize the invaluable contributions made by Ms. Viera. Council has been requested to provide funds for a Lunch for Ms. Viera including a Gift Certificate. One student from each grade would share a story about an occasion when they were helped by Ms. Viera.</p> <p>The prospective location for the school’s Buddy Bench is along the green box.</p>	
<p>6. Other Upcoming Events</p>	<p>Raptors Game Night on January 17, 2019</p> <p>Visit from the Mississauga Steelheads hockey players.</p> <p>Eco Team presided by Ms. Rocco and Mdm. Bradford.</p> <p>“Bag to School” – a bag will be sent out for clothing donations. This will provide cash reimbursement to the school. February/March</p> <p>“100th Day of School” Dance to be considered. This would also include games.</p>	
<p>7. Chair Persons Report</p>	<p>Colleen advised that many parents felt a little overwhelmed by the too many fundraisers in such a short period of time.</p> <p>Suggested that Chocolate Fundraiser moved to the spring instead of the Fall.</p> <p>Treat Spookathon as an event and not a fundraiser</p> <p>Curtail field trips during the Fall.</p>	<p>Mr. Basran will inquire about a music licence available from the School Board.</p> <p>Mr. Basran will advised that the DJ expense could be covered by the school funds.</p>

	<p>There is an interest in a Valentine's Day Dance/Party that would also include games.</p> <p>Presented the sale of "Box of Greeting Cards" as a potential fundraiser.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Box costs \$33 and includes 35 birthday cards. - Sales Representative has offered a prize of four \$50 gift Cards for the person/family that sells the most boxes. Families that sell the most will be placed into a draw for the Gift cards. <p>The top selling class will win a pizza party.</p> <p>Potential profit per box is \$11</p> <p>Target Campaign date is April 15 to April 29</p>	<p>Colleen will follow up with the sales representative to finalize dates, quantities and orders.</p>
8. Closing Items	Next Meeting scheduled for March 20, 2019 at 6:30 pm	
9. Adjournment	Meeting adjourned at 8:42 pm	