

St. Julia School Council Meeting

October 24, 2018 7:00pm

St. Julia Catholic School, 6770 Historic Trail, Mississauga, ON

Present: Mr. Brian Diogo (Principal), Ms. Rita Davenport (Vice-Principal), Lina D'Iorio (Teacher Representative), Karina Gigante (Co-Chair), Tania Vilarinho (Co-Chair), Christi Chiera (Secretary), Chris Ferrao (Treasurer), Danielle Pereira (OAPCE), Diane Akam (Parent at Large), Ashley Medeiros (Parent at Large), Shirley Barrington (Parent at Large), Jennifer Fabrizi (Parent at Large)

Regrets: Nikki Carvalho (Parent at Large)

1. Call to Order - The regular meeting was called to order by Mr. Diogo. and a quorum was present.
2. Territorial Acknowledgement
3. Opening Prayer
4. Welcome and Introductions – Karina Gigante and Tania Vilarinho Co-Chairs, welcomed everyone to the meeting. Mr. Diogo welcomed all persons in attendance and gave a special welcome to the evenings presenters
5. Approval of the Agenda – Agenda was approved as presented
6. Approval of the Minutes – Approval of minutes by Chris Ferrao and Danielle Pereira
7. New Business

ITEM	NOTES	DECISION	NEXT STEPS & PERSON RESPONSIBLE
New Business: Picture Company Presentation	Edge Imaging Kevin Ford, Territory Manager for Edge Imaging presented information regarding options available from Edge Imaging. He notes that the company is Canadian owned and services 60% of area schools at present. They offer a family plan that once you pay for 2 children all others are free. They can provide Catholic based certificates for children i.e. virtue assembly certificates, 1 per student per annum; Catholic based mosaics, birthday bookmarks to children. Bridget, Regional Representative across Ontario referred persons in attendance to the booklets provided. She furthered that Edge imaging is based out of Burlington and is all Canadian; they partner with Tim Hortons for Camp Day fundraising; they never delete images unless requested; they have 350 background options; they offer paper proofs; they offer an Edge Loyalty program; they can assist with fundraising offering services for Santa pictures, photo booths at events. In regards to price point they do not offer solely digital download as they use the lab to provide the highest quality of prints, it is only offered as part of a package. A yearbook is also a possibility. Mr. Diogo indicated that he has previously worked with Edge Imaging at prior schools and he found it to be a very positive relationship.	A package will be prepared by Bridget for review at next meeting.	Distribution and review of package at a subsequent school council meeting.
Old Business: Additional Lunch Programs	Establishments that had previously expressed interest in servicing St. Julia prepared taste test samples for parents at the school council meeting. Vendors included: Lunch Pails, Lunch Moms, Palma Pasta. See pamphlets provided. Lunch Pails puts vegetables in foods so that children do not realize they are eating such. It is close to school and comes hot and fresh. See pamphlet. Palma Pasta includes a white alfredo or tomato base sauce with penne pasta with the option of adding a meatball. They provide small and large size options. They can integrate additional cost to allow for fundraising per meal. Kidessentials was unable to provide samples as they assemble food on site and it was not feasible to do so at meeting. They are willing to	Decision: All vendors that are already in place will continue and those that provided samples will be used in school. Council will reevaluate vendors in February. Schedule as follows: M - Sub T - Pizza W - Palma Pasta T, F - will be decided based on vendor availability	Mr. Diogo, Ashley Medeiros and Karina Gigante will coordinate quick roll out of vendors; estimated timeline will be that they are available commencing first week of November. The school Eco Team can look into composting at school.

	<p>offer 30 students a free lunch to sample. They use fully compostable materials. It was discussed that there are no compost bins at school. Mr. Sub delivers subs right to room therefore no volunteers are required.</p> <p>Pizza continues to be a success and is managed by volunteers for distribution.</p> <p>A parent present indicated that Lunch Moms has been around for a long duration and has done a lot for the community in helping needy families. It was noted that previously council attempted to reach out to Lunch Moms for support to no avail. Another parent noted that Lunch Moms has been easy to deal with and very accomodating regarding special diets for the children.</p>		
OLD BUSINESS: Uniform Survey	<p>School Council is preparing a survey to send out to parents pertaining to the possible interest and implementation of a uniform. A draft was created for review at meeting. There is a 75% yes vote required in order for this to be implemented any non-votes are considered no. St. Julia was last surveyed 8 years ago. Grade 8 parents will not be voting as the potential change would only take effect next year. There will be no gym uniform requirement. The dress code will strictly be colour based no cresting. It was noted that school councils have provided support to people with no means in financing the uniform if necessary. The survey was reviewed and it was suggested that a preamble be added, as well as a question pertaining to crested vs. non-crested uniforms and it be clarified that it is a colour code instead of uniform. These ideas were welcomed</p>	<p>Amendments to be made to survey prior to distribution.</p>	<p>Karina Gigante will make changes to survey. Amended survey to be reviewed at subsequent council meeting.</p>
OLD BUSINESS: Boogie-a-thon	<p>The fundraising efforts and preparation for the Boogie-a-thon are going well. There has been no pep rally to date however prizes are in the showcase and student council is parading the prizes in classrooms. Momentum is going well,, at first count there was \$2000 raised vs last year at \$1200; second count was at \$4700 vs last year at \$4100. The early bird prizes consist of Headphones (won by grade 2 student), Maple Leaf Tickets (won by grade 8 student) and this weeks draw is for the Google Home Minis. Mrs. Galasso has noted that feedback from students shows that the students are excited about the prizes. All payments and balloting are online. Chris Ferrao has created a spreadsheet for ballots and stats. Karina Giante is pursuing corporate donations. It was suggested the prize budget be decreased because the corporate donations. Announcements are being made daily to continue motivating students. There will be no pep rally as timeline does not allow for such, it will be noted at the October 30 virtue assembly to allow for a last day push for fundraising.</p>	<p>Prize budget cut by \$200, to be used if required.</p>	<p>Decoration for Boogie-a-thon will be October 30 at 3:15. Prizes will be distributed on October 31 at 2:00. Volunteers are requested - Diane Akam, Shirley Barrington, Kasia Kudzma, Jennifer Fabrizi, Christi Chiera are confirmed to attend, all others are welcome.</p>
OLD BUSINESS: Christmas Event Fundraiser	<p>In furtherance to the discussion at the last meeting, Ashley Medeiros presented a plan for the Christmas Event. It is not about revenue generation rather it is about creating a school community and providing families of the school an opportunity to come together. It was presented that there will be various stations at the event; crafts with elves, food, kindergarten activities, photos with Santa and a silent auction. Pricing is suggested to be \$10 per person which allows entry, breakfast, activities and a picture with Santa. There can be further pictures with Santa at an additional cost. The funds are to cover the cost of the day and the silent auction will be to generate some revenue. Possible items for silent auction are Keurig, Keg gift certificates and Kitchenaid mixer. Members of subcommittee will canvas for corporate donations. There are two proposed dates December 1 or 8 between 0900-1100. The budget requested is \$500. It was discussed that there could be a family pass, this was not passed due to logistics.</p>	<p>The motion to go forward was passed and a sub-committee was created to be headed by Ashley Medeiros. Volunteer and preparation will take place after Boogie-a-thon completion. Motion for funding was passed.</p>	<p>Mr. Diogo will see if picture company available to attend. Ashley Medeiros will convene volunteers and create sub-committee in order to go ahead with preparation. Karina Gigante will reach out to corporate volunteers.</p>

OLD BUSINESS: Teacher Funding Requests	<p>Mr. Diogo indicates that he wants to give teachers autonomy in allocating the funds to the students based on their classroom needs. The motion to allow teachers an allotment for \$600 for classroom is suggested. The teacher needs to ask administration for the funds and administration will put together a report. This is to allow for experiential learning for students. \$10,000 is requested for this matter. Chris Ferrao notes that there needs to be transparency in the spending and deadlines. Mr. Diogo indicates that he has proposals and has made the indicated deadline to submit is by December 1, 2018 and will be confirmed by January 2019. The final allotments will be decided once Boogie-a-thon funds are confirmed. This request is in addition to the other items school councils pays for such as communion gifts, graduation gifts and mass bussing. The funding will be provided per class not per student.</p>	<p>Motion was granted</p>	<p>Mr. Diogo will gather proposal by December 1, 2018; the outcome will be discussed at January 2019 meeting. Administration will create a report on funding allotments.</p>
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PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Mr. Diogo thanked all in attendance for their participation and noted that he was happy with the good attendance at meetings; he reviewed a powerpoint on Cannabis and it there will be an in-service for students as well as a Youth Education Officer attending in January 2019 to speak with students.

- congratulations were extended to Junior Volleyball teams, the girls team is going to boards
- Cross-Country do well at Family Meet and many runners are going to boards on October 29
- Yoga in the school was discussed a parent can offer the 7-8 session program and it can be donation based and done during lunch hours in small groups. This is considered to be a good thing as school involvement does not have to be strictly athletics. IT was also suggested other programs be put in place in order to make school more and engaging and increasing the students well-being.

PARISH UPDATE

It is important that families be involved in their child’s faith. The school attends masses in order to encourage students to be reverent to the church building and keep faith at the front of their minds. The students did well at the mass and rose to the challenge to be better. Virtues are so important in our lives and should be emphasized at home and in school. Grade 6 is doing the virtue assembly on October 30, 2018 at 2:15. Parents are encouraged to attend. Teachers will reach out to parents of the students that are receiving a virtue award. September’s virtue was faith and October was empathy.

Meeting adjourned at 9:20pm

Meeting Minutes prepared by:

C. Chiera. _____ (Signature)

Approved by:

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