

## Mother Teresa Catholic School Parent Council Meeting

The monthly meeting of Mother Teresa Catholic School Council was held on January 29th at 6:30 p.m., in the staff room of the Mother Teresa Catholic School.

Present were: Nichole Gerein, Michael Ouellette, Crystal Ibach, Nancy Martin, Kitrina Lucuk, Marina Prystupa, Lynda Atamanchuk, Jeannette Loberg, Becki Reed, Esther Wolfe, Debbie Sheridan, Kim Kebalo, Krystal Zhang, Tokunbo Taiwo, Erin Gallup.

The meeting was called to order at 6:32 by Crystal.

Prayer by Nichole.

Approval of agenda as distributed:

- Motion to approve by Nancy, seconded by Becki. CARRIED.

Approval of previous minutes as distributed.

- Motion to approve minutes by Marina, seconded by Becki. CARRIED.

Financial Report: (Kitrina)

- Bank account at \$14,347.81.

- Teachers requests from last meeting (November) were approved. Total being \$3302.08.

- Motion to approve the teacher requests from November meeting by Nancy, seconded by Esther. CARRIED.

Trustee Report: (Michael)

- Currently the biggest project school board is lobbying the government for is a K-7 950 student school in O'Brien Lake.

- Trying to move kids from St. Catherine's over to John Paul II school by Easter.

- St. Patrick's school will be shut for approximately 3 years.

- Hard boundaries will be put in place for St. Joseph's and JP II, so that St. Joe's is not overcrowded and JP II not empty.

- Mother Teresa has students split between JP II and St. Joe's due to boundary locations.

Principal Report: (Henri)

- absent

Vice Principal report: (Nichole)

- Be Fit for life has been here to present, and will be here a couple more times.

- They focussed on recess games, and have left game plans.

- Playworks presentation has been booked.

- Career planning presentation has been for grades 7 & 8's

- MADD is coming in for grades 7&8's

- June 15th is grade 7 & 8 farewell at the church. There will be a potluck lunch and awards ceremony, and a dance in the evening.

- Final plans to be completed by middle of May.

- Thank you to snack fridge volunteers.

- Until further notice, cell phones will not be allowed. Snapchat has been a problem.
- Backpacks are not allowed in classrooms.
- Gyms have been opened up, library only allowed for school work.

Teacher Report: (Krystal Zhang)

- Nothing new to report, just the new teacher requests. (see sheet with requests).
- New requests totalling \$3757 tabled for next meeting.
- Make a note that all buses going on field trips be at least  $\frac{3}{4}$  full.

Old Business:

- Poinsettia Fundraiser: Raised \$1641.28.
- Operation Playground Society (Nancy for Laura M): Casino fundraiser went well, we have no totals until about April.
- Swimming lessons (Marina P.): Waiting to hear back from the Eastlink center. Eastlink does have spots in their schedule for school lessons and they had lots of space open in these spots. Just waiting to hear back on the costs.
- Odyssey House Presentation(Marina P.): Nichole G. emailed Odyssey House regarding five different presentations and hasn't heard anything back yet. Nichole and Marina will both follow up.
- Grade 8 Future at MT (Crystal): our current grade 7's (turning to grade 8) will be attending the high schools and all elementary schools will be K-7.

New Business:

- Shrove Tuesday (Crystal): Leadership group will help out as part of their community service class. Most expensive portion is the plates and cutlery. Crystal has a sign up genius ready to be shared. Crystal will work on a schedule of what classes will be eating, where and time
- Seed fundraiser:(Crystal) kits should arrive shortly and plan to get them out by beginning of March. (or as soon as they arrive).
- Before & after school parking and supervision (Crystal): Laura M. had asked to table this until next meeting as she was unable to be here tonight. Nichole will find the no entry- buses only sign to put at the entrance into the bus parking. Nichole noted that By-law has been here handing out tickets.
- Dream home shifts(Crystal): District has some shifts to sell tickets at the mall. Each school will get \$25 for each person selling tickets. If anyone would like to volunteer for shifts, Crystal would like to see the funds to go to the Life Skills group. The Life Skills group is raising funds for their year-end field trip. Crystal will ask Henry to email the link out again and include what the role of the Life Skills Group is.
- Lost & Found (Nancy): Nancy would like a discussion about saving the clothes for a garage sale instead of donating to Salvation Army, with the idea of the funds to go towards field trips. Becki recommended contacting Family Catholic Service or St. Joe's Catholic Church to see if they have a program that could benefit from our lost & found. Nichole would like to see a good charity for it. This discussion will be tabled until next meeting.

Round Table:

- a) Nancy - Wondering if we have a "Girls Group". Nichole said that this is run by Jo-Ella Stephens. This group includes girls that are good role-models and girls that need a bit of guidance. They will run 2 groups, one for older girls and one for the younger girls.
- b) Marina - Wondering what the drug policy is at our school. Nichole said that the RCMP will be called and that there is a zero tolerance. Vaping will be kept track of. Vaping = Suspension, then allowed back. Drugs = Expulsion, would be from the whole district and then the superintendent would have a say.
- c) Esther W. - Wondering what the dress code is. Esther had some concerns about how provocatively children are dressing. Nichole said no stomach showing and no bra straps showing and that the dress code is in the handbook online.
- d) Tokunbo Taiwo- Wondering why there is Pajama day at our school and why we have them. Nichole said that the idea is to build school spirit and when it is school-wide it is called a spirit day. Nichole made the suggestion that we remove pajama day from the calendar and replace it with a different spirit day.
- e) Katrina- Has a concern about the amount of movies the kids are watching at school and feels that we are taking away the social learning aspect at school (both during lunch and during class times). She feels that there should be a rule put in place to have no screen time during their lunch break. Nichole will take this concern to a staff meeting. The suggestion was made to pay the junior high students and treat it like a job- each shift would go towards the funds towards decorations for dance.
- f) Parents request lunch hours be screen-free - Motioned by Katrina, seconded by Esther W. CARRIED.
- g) Crystal requested a notice go out in the newsletter to ask parents to donate games and other activities for indoor recess in lieu of screens.
- h) Nichole will send an email out regarding the farewell to all grade 7 & 8's.

Next Meeting: Feb 26

Motion to adjourn by Crystal at 8:28.

(Minutes by Erin Gallup and Becki Reed on behalf of Janine Friesen.)