

Mother Teresa Catholic School Parent Council Meeting

The monthly meeting of Mother Teresa Catholic School Council was held on February 26, 2018 at 6:30 p.m., in the staff room of the Mother Teresa Catholic School.

Present were: Crystal Ibach, Nancy Martin, Janelle Bablitz, Henri Chauvet, Nichole Gerein, Laura McLeod, Becki Reed, Janine Friesen, Kristen Henry.

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

Prayer by Henri.

Approval of agenda as written:

- Motion to approve agenda by Janine, second by Nancy.

Approval of previous minutes as amended.

- Motion to approve minutes by Nancy, second by Becki.

Financial Report: (Kitrina)

- Absent.

Trustee Report: (Michael Ouellette)

- Absent.

Principal Report: (Henri)

- Calendar: Mar 1 begins pre-registration for fall for existing students, Faith Day Mar 2 - no school, new student school registration starts Mar 27, Holy Thursday - invitations to go out soon for Mar 29 10 a.m.

- Faith: art religion project, each classroom now has focus on saints, implementing handshake - peace be with you, reconciliation coming up on Mar 18.

- Sports: basketball wrapping up, floor hockey tournament for education foundation, tri district fundraiser with all of grande prairie grade 4-12 with floor hockey and soccer.

Vice Principal report: (Nichole)

- Grade 7-8 Farewell planned for June 15. The whole school will be bussed to church for the morning. There will be a dance in the evening for grade 7-8. Further information will be available soon. Grade 7-8 started noon hour supervision to raise money. They can volunteer time certain days/week to earn money towards the farewell.

- Last Thursday/Friday, Red Cross came in to do Beyond the Hurt training for some grade 6 students.

- Wednesday is Pink Shirt Day to raise awareness to prevent bullying.

- Education Foundation for Connecting For Something Bigger (faith theme) proposed presentation at Parent Teacher Interviews with display of art created by each student.

Teacher Report: (Janelle)

- Teachers waiting to see what will be approved with the requests that were submitted.

Old Business:

- a) Shrove Tuesday. We ran out of pancake mix at the very end. Keep numbers for mix the same for next year since there will be fewer kids. Looking at getting mixers for next year and possibly a second grill.
- b) Seed Fundraiser: This seems to be going well. The only question has been about the arrival date for the seeds. Seeds to arrive by Easter. Henri to send reminder email about fundraiser and also looking for volunteers to help count orders on Monday morning, March 5.
- c) Swimming Lessons: Marina not here so no report on swimming lessons. TABLED.
- d) Odyssey House Presentation: Nichole has heard from Odyssey House that they still do presentations but has no firm details yet. TABLED.
- e) Parking: Laura brought up that we could use more signage to help with parking such as a "parent parking this way". Henri to look into it. Crystal thinking that we need a four-way stop at Willow Drive and 92nd.
- f) Supervision: Two teachers supervising on small playground but seems to be not enough. Henri says we can look at it but we do have a high ratio of supervision. Henri says that if parents want to come help, that would be helpful.
- g) Teacher Requests: These are the second set of requests. The following requests were approved:
 - Rachel's field trip to Saskatoon Island Park for grade 1+2 and 3+4.
 - Nichole and Mandy art trip and supplies for two classes.
 - grade 5 curling trip
 - kindergarten petting zoo field trip for T/Th 2 classes and MW 2 classes
 - Kim Henry art trip and supplies for three classes,
 - Gymniks centre field trip for 2 classes - McDonald and Bablitz
 - Brianne, Annie and Lizotte Gymniks field trip
 - Selena and Mr. O'Toole skating field trip for two classes
 - grade 6 dino museum field trip for three classes
 - Chromebook for Brianne
 - Apple TV for Maia
 - Table top eraser for Maia
 - Math journals for Annie
 - Prayer literacy stories for Nichole
 - Ipad mini for Brittany Maxwell
- h) Playground Society: Laura reports that the Casino went really well. Everybody showed up. There are no numbers yet and won't see any money until the quarter ends. Should probably know how much money was raised by April. There will be ongoing playground costs for equipment as it wears out. The plan is to put in the playground society name for another casino. It would be about a two-year wait.

Round Table:

- Nancy: asked about parent info for kids going to St. Joseph's next year. Henri says there will be a parent info night coming up.

- Kristen: asked about options in high school. Henri says there will be info given out on all the student options at the parent info night.
- Kristen: asking about how no device in class policy is going. Henri reports it's going really well. He rarely has to take a phone away. Kids are more focused.
- Becki: asked about the field which is supposed to be a green space. Henri says it belongs to the city but we use it. As far as he knows, the plan is for it to remain just an open field but it sounds as though the city will allow us to install more permanent soccer goal posts on it.
- Janelle: asked if we will we be getting any other presentations for the lower grades. Nichole says money all spent on Be Fit For Life presentations for this year.

Next Meeting: March 26.

Motion to adjourn by Crystal at 7:49.