



ST. PATRICK'S
CATHOLIC SCHOOL



CSAC Minutes

Tuesday, September 12, 2023

Present - Aideen M, Leanne S, Christina D, Jessica H, Jessica R, Amanda T, Alison S, Jim W

Absent - Sara W, Imka N

Prayer - Year 4 of Spiritual Plan - Sub theme - Go Forth

Together on the Journey:

*Encounter, Accompany, Transform, **Go Forth***

Loving Jesus,

*As we continue walking together on this sacred journey,
send Your Holy Spirit to strengthen us to follow the example of Your disciples. Grant us courage and grace to go forth
and bear witness to the Gospel.*

*Open our hearts and stir in our souls the desire to renew our faith and deepen our relationship with your Son, our
Lord Jesus Christ.*

*Pour out your Spirit, O Lord, so that we may be strengthened to go forth and proclaim the Good News through our
words and actions.*

May we never abandon anyone by the roadside.

May we always remember that You're walking with us side by side.

May we always share our bread with those in need.

Amen

Introductions

Agenda -

- Motion to accept the agenda for Sept 12, 2023 - Jim Walsh, seconded by Amanda Tschudi.

Minutes from last Meeting -

- Motion to accept the minutes from last meeting - April 12, 2023 - Jessica Hachler, seconded by Alison Straus.

Positions for the year and elections

- Chair - Jessica Hachler
- Secretary/Principal - Aideen Moss
- Treasurer - Leanne Scherbarth
- Parent Representatives Jessica Reinink, Amanda Tschudi, Alison Straus, Jim Walsh, Sara Wood, Imke Nyenhuis
- Teaching Staff - Christina DeLuca



- Non-teaching Staff - Leanne Scherbarth
- Student - FIAT member, TBD
- Parish Community Partner - Father Ronnie

Treasurer's Report - Leanne Scherbarth

- \$2700+
- breakdown shared
- approximate \$ in trust fund from playground - \$7557.61
- once money confirmed, still items to be purchased as part of schoolyard project (i.e., enhancement, beautification): shades over sandbox, trees, outdoor benches, front garden freshen up (spring and fall)

Principal's Report - Aideen Moss

- Staffing - New Kelly Ann Aarts, Katie Hamilton, lunch monitors and custodian
- Student population 126
- Bussing routes falling into place. Can expect to have supply drivers. Be sure to use bus app.
- School Improvement Plan focus on Math, Literacy, Faith, Wellbeing, Equity
- Handbook - visiting classes to review key points; school code of conduct; dress code and guidelines; cell phones only use
- Reference/ overview of School Generated Funds Policy - 3E:22 and Catholic School Advisory Policy - 3E:1
- Catholic Parent Involvement Committee (CPIC) - Jim has a desire to be on the committee. More details to follow closer to November.
- Sports - busing costs; student fees \$5/ activity suggested by the Board to cover transportation costs
- Upcoming activities
 - Opening School Mass - class leaders, support of the community for choir
 - Terry Fox Run
 - Superintendent visit - October 5/ World Teacher Day

CSAC Focus/School Needs for Achievement and Wellbeing

- Open House - Thurs Sept 21, 5:00 pm - 6:30 pm
 - Raffles - 31 totes, backpacks, and other bags donated by Amanda T
 - Raffle theme - use of colours. Clear communication to families and students to not include food/candy:
 - blue - JK/SK
 - red - 1/2
 - yellow - 2/3
 - green - 4/5
 - multi- - 6/7
 - black and white - 7/8
 - Bring in items by Mon Sept 18
 - Assemble raffle baskets on Wed Sept 20, 1:00 pm in Library
 - Thursday during school, students drop in their tickets for evening draw
 - Thursday evening - baskets in the Library; names drawn in advance
 - 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm - Meet the Teacher/Curriculum Overview in the classrooms
 - 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm - BBQ - coordinated by Jim W



- Prepare communication to be sent out to families tomorrow - Wednesday; include Google form for RSVP to determine:
 - who is attending
 - orders for hamburgers and hotdogs; lemonade and ice tea provided
 - request that families bring own cups (labelled)
- discuss about tattoos to be an activity - Alison to explore
- teachers lock classroom doors at 6:00 pm
- Consideration about Spirit Wear on display for upcoming online sales - Amanda T to look into this
- Discussion about needs and fundraising, considering the efforts over the last couple of years for the playground project
 - some discussion last year about focussing on a fundraiser every other year
 - questions about current needs and concerns if there wasn't a fundraiser, the school might not have funds for Open House at beginning of next year
 - consider smaller fundraiser; less of an undertaking; attentive that people might be tapped out
- Reflection on last year's and previous fundraisers:
 - Metzger Meat last spring; cost of meat had increased, so not as lucrative
 - cheese sales at Christmas last year; good, run easily
 - consideration about not only doing food fundraisers; awareness of food allergies and excluding some people
- Needs to consider
 - Christmas tree for front foyer
 - common space indoor seating areas (e.g., front foyer)
 - seek staff input for needs/wishlist
- CSAC activities last year - Open House, Christmas lunch, Shrove Tuesday, year-end lunch
- CSAC member to seek quotes for some of the suggestions for next meeting

Other Items

- Christmas Lunch - to be discussed at the next meeting.
- Hot lunch and Milk orders - information coming soon

Next Meeting/ Future Meeting Dates

- Tuesday, October 17, 2023, 5:00 pm
- Monday, January 29, 2024. 5:00 pm
- Monday, April 22, 2024, 5:00 pm

Motion to adjourn the meeting @ 6:55 pm made by Leanne, seconded by Amanda Tschudi.

