

Sacred Heart Catholic School Advisory Council – April 19, 2023

Present: Mary McInnes, Jane Franken, Marcy Bachert, Dan Bodkin, Sarah Skinn, Francine Long, Megan Beyersbergen, Christa Heibein

Regrets: Alicia Hallahan Cheryl Riegling, Nicole Lowe, Andrea Verhage

Meeting called to order

Welcome and prayer completed by Mary McInnes

Treasurer Report

Principal's Report

Sacred Heart Principal's Report – April 12th, 2023

Lenten and Holy Week Preparation

- Our school celebrated our Last Mass of Lent on Wednesday, March 29th.
- Our Monthly Prayer Assembly was hosted on March 31st with our monthly focus on the Catholic virtue of Kindness. During the month of April, we are focussing on the Catholic virtue of Generosity.
- Deacon Wayne visited classrooms on Holy Thursday, April 5th.

Sacramental Preparation

- the Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated on Sunday, May 28 (feast of Pentecost) at the 9:00 a.m. mass at Sacred Heart. There are 7 students being confirmed this year.
- First Holy Communion will be celebrated on Sunday, June 11 (feast of Corpus Christi) at the 9 a.m. mass at Sacred Heart. 11 students will receive their First Holy Communion.

Breakfast Program added to our School Nutrition Program – Ms. Young has volunteered her time in the mornings to operate a breakfast program for anyone who wants to drop in between 8:30-8:50 a.m. each school day. This is growing in popularity.

EQAO for grades 3 & 6 will be held over a two week period during the weeks of May 29 to June 9th. Three days of testing each week Monday to Wednesday with Thursday being a catch-up day. Parent Council has traditionally served a light breakfast for those writing the test.

Open House and School BBQ will be held on Thursday, May 4th as part of Catholic Education Week and Children's Mental Health Week.

Revised and updated Student Code of Conduct has been sent home to all families.

Old Business

- Due to the inclement weather, the Progrant event had to be cancelled.

- Decision has been made to tie the Progrant event to the Open House and BBQ on May 3rd. Have Jess put on two half hour sessions during the event.
 - Motion made by Christa for council to provide food for the BBQ. Seconded by Megan.
Invoice to be sent to parent council after purchase.
- EQAO food – staff to internally take care of the food for the kids testing.
- Grad Awards – Council to provide awards for the honours grads. Mary to email Cheryl regarding taking on this task.

New Business

- Donation for St. Andre Bessette Trust Fund silent auction – motion made to donate gift card by Christa, seconded by Megan
 - Christa to procure \$100 gift card from Blyth Festival and \$100 Cowbell and get to Francine to get to the auction.
- To fund the treats for new JKs during the Spring Open House

Parish Report

- Baptisms are resuming being held during mass again. Hand shaking to also resume.

Fall 2023 Fundraiser – Greyhaven, Little Caesars, Sweets N Treats

- Forms to go out the week of September 18th, to be returned by October 11th. Aiming for delivery November 15th.

Spring 2024 Fundraiser - TBD

- Forms to go out February 13th, to be returned March 5th. Aiming for delivery the week of March 5th.

Dates for Parent Council Meetings 2023/2024

- Sept 13 2023 @6 p.m.
- Nov. 1st 2023 @ 6 p.m.
- Jan. 17 2024 - @ 6 p.m. this meeting is virtual
- April 3rd 2024 @ 6 p.m.

Standing Items to be Funded by council

- Donations to Elementary school Fall fair - \$250
- Coins for honours grads
- Treats for new JKs during the spring Open House

Motion to Adjourn - Jane

