

## **Sacred Heart Catholic School Advisory Council – September 13, 2023**

Present: Mike Bruneel, Cheryl Riegling, Megan Beyersbergen, Sandra Murphy, Sophie Marie Carew, Francine Long, Sarah Skinn, and Christa Heibein

Regrets: Jaide Campbell, Jane Franken, Marcy Bachert

Welcome and prayer completed by Mike Bruneel

### **Review of April 2023 minutes**

- Sweet and Treats fundraising to be reviewed and new dates for the distribution of the fundraising forms to be set.

Motion to accept minutes – Cheryl. Seconded by Sarah.

### **Business Arising**

- New school code of conduct to go out shortly to be in line with the new board code of conduct.

### **CSAC Elections**

- Co-chairs – Sandra Murphy & Christa Heibein
- Treasurer – Megan Beyersbergen
- Recording Secretary – Sarah Skinn & rotating as required
- Parish Rep – Cheryl Riegling
- Fundraising – Megan Beyersbergen & Jane Franken
- CPIC Rep – Sandra Murphy & Christa Heibein

### **Treasurer Report**

- Current balance is slightly less than \$6,294.01. (The cost of plates, forks, napkins and pies for the Elementary Fair still need to come out of the account).
  - The proceeds from the Elementary Fair need to be added to the total.
- In Trust at board for the playground \$11,528.00.
- Motion to accept report – Cheryl. Seconded by Sarah.

### **Principal's Report**

Sacred Heart Principal's Report – September 13, 2023

- Successful start up of the school year with a full staff in place.
- Roof work is almost complete, just completing the finishing touches
- Classroom reduction this year, went from 9 classrooms to 8.
- New dismissal routine, at the request of the bus company. There have been both positive and negative feed back.
  - Area of concern: that this is an ambulance road and there are now congestion difficulties along Carling Terrace. As well as the issue of this being a very busy area for kids to traverse to get into the school while contending with speeding traffic and bus traffic. Potential difficulties for aged grandparents to navigate.
  - North Huron has been contacted regarding additional snow removal along Carling Terrace, especially along the school side of the street for the Winter.
  - Police and bus company have been consulted and have okayed the new system.
- Campaign for a school mascot to kick off at the September 18<sup>th</sup> assembly. Get the kids involved in choosing their mascot and increase school spirit and sense of belonging.

- Parent council to potentially donate prizes to this endeavour
- September 21<sup>st</sup> for the Open House and Book Fair from 5pm-7pm.
  - Coffee donation toward the Terry Fox Foundation
  - To have a parent council information booth set up to distribute sector check information sheets and have sign ups for volunteers for the following events
    - \*Grandparents welcome\*:
      - Pancake Day
      - Fundraiser sorting days
      - Christmas concert/dinner
      - Class trips
      - Progrant event
- Terry Fox Run to be held on September 22.

### **Elementary School Fair/Pie Booth**

- Held on September 13<sup>th</sup>. The pie booth raised approximately \$1000 (exact total not yet determined as this was held today)
- Some of the Grade 8 kids helped with the booth, which was welcomed and noticed.
- The number of chaperones was significantly down, and it was close to having to be cancelled as the legal ratio of adults to children was almost unable to be met.
- Need increased parent involvement for next year
  - In June 2024, send out an email to parents with a reminder to save the date for the fair in September. Need volunteers for the food booth as well as chaperones to ensure the kids can participate in the school fair.

### **New Business/Goals for 2023-2024**

- Progrant – submit a proposal early to ensure we can secure the Progrant funds.
  - Possible to hold an event during Catholic Education Week in May 2024.
- Increased parent involvement – volunteers are down

### **Looking Ahead**

- Volleyball net to be brought to the school shortly
- Looking at dates for Christmas concert/dinner/event early so everyone is able to plan their schedules.

### **Dates for Parent Council Meetings 2023/2024**

- November 7, 2023 6pm (to have childcare, Francine to check with the Grade 8's)
- January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024 6pm virtual (date to be confirmed at November meeting)
- April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024 6pm (date to be confirmed at later date)

### **Motion to Adjourn – Sarah. Seconded by Cheryl.**