

Sacred Heart School Advisory Council - Thursday October 10, 2024

Present: Christa Heibein, Andrea Verhaeghe, Sarah Skinn, MaryLou Albers, Cheryl Riegling, Mike Bruneel, Megan Beyersbergen, Francine Long, Grace Lockhart

Regrets: Jane Franken

Welcome and prayer completed by Mike Bruneel

Review of minutes from September 12, 2024

Motion to approve minutes: Andrea seconded by Cheryl

Business arising:

CSAC positions that were vacant have been filled by:

Parish rep: Jane Franken

Fundraising rep: Grace Lockhart

Treasurers Report:

\$1600 in from elementary school fair which goes to 7/8 grade trip (cost to be deducted)

Current balance \$11,372.64

Principal's Report:

a. Staffing update

- outstanding grade 7/8 position: the posting expired without any applicants
- Michael Patterson accepted the position, will begin on Tuesday (October 15, 2024) and fill LTO position until Christmas
- permanent teacher hired: Courtney Ellis is on maternity leave, Michael to fill position until her return until the Christmas break
- the grade 4/5 posting is still a work in process - Mrs Plante is going on leave in early to mid November (may have to bridge this until a certified teacher is available)
- if a supply position is unfilled and an emergency supply teacher is unavailable then French, music etc. will be cancelled and the music/French teacher will cover for the day music etc.
- SERT teacher can also fill in when needed, and classes can be combined in the gym as a last resort

b. EQAO results and next steps

- individual results to go home the week of October 14th
- overall our school is struggling

Results for our school:

primary assessment- written in grade 3 (this is the percentage of students who achieved the provincial standard or higher (level 3 or higher))

Reading: 30.4%

Writing: 30.4%

Math: 34.8%

- these numbers are down from the year before as well as below board and provincial averages

junior assessment - written in grade 6

Reading: 60%

Writing: 60%

Math: 20%

improvements in reading and writing with a decline in math

- due to our below average results, our school will be given some additional supports
- targeted strategies for specific students who didn't perform well overall and in specific areas
- working with current grade 3 and 6 teachers and well as last years grade 3 and 6 teachers to find trends and implements strategies to benefit children this year
- targeted interventions and strategies and supports to work with students this year
- dedicated math resource teacher at the school 2days/week
- Professional development (PD) to be provided to teachers as well
- there is a disconnect between what students show day to day as to what they show on provincial assessments (report card results vs EQAO results)
- Curtis Meyers from the board will be consistent and is in the classrooms twice per week. He will be coaching and going over data with teachers as well as working with small groups of students
- there will be some priority on the grade 4&7 students as we have fresh data

c. Progress reports

- October 25th is a PD day - half of the day is Professional development, the other half is to begin work on the progress reports
- parent teacher interviews November 25th- expect communication from the school as to how to sign up for interview - will be a google link to sign up for your time

d. CPIC - October 29, 2024

- Christa has not received an email yet
- open to anyone, hopeful to have at least 1 school representative
- CPIC = Catholic parent involvement committee (system wide) more representative of schools across the system

e. Primary christmas concert/liturgy

- date is not set as of yet, but will have a similar format to last year
- more information to come, date to be finalized with the Church

6. Goals for 2024/25

a. Fundraising

- Hammocks - going to price them out and get a quote (questions re: would they be taken down daily to ensure they are not lost or stolen, and if money in trust at the board would be used to pay for them)
- volleyball net is up
- teachers to start wish lists for parent council to approve as well as Parent Council to designate money bi-annually to replace soccer/basketballs

b. Parent engagement

- \$500 available as a pro grant
- discussion re:SWELL/circle of security (Kristy from rural response) to forge a connection between what students are doing at school and home
- would be no cost for Kristy - could use \$500 for dinner, dessert etc to entice parents to come
- looking at a spring evening - application due in March

Motion to pass SWELL night (circle of security) (date TBD) made by: Megan, seconded by Grace

- volunteer list from open house evening: 10-12 people signed up
- date for subcommittee for fundraisingTBD: Megan and Grace to determine a date that works between the 2 of them and TBA
- fundraising forms to go out next week for Greyhaven and fresh box

Next meeting date: February 27 ,2025

Motion to adjourn meeting: Megan, seconded by Grace