

Sacred Heart School Advisory Council - Thursday September 12, 2024

Present: Sophia-Marie Carew, Christa Heibein, Andrea Verhaege, Sandra Murphy, Sarah Skinn, Megan Beyersbergen, Mike Bruneel, Francine Long

Welcome and prayer completed by Mike Bruneel

Review of minutes from June 25, 2024

Add to minutes that Sarah Skinn was in attendance

Minutes showed open house and book fair is September 19th, new date is September 18th

Motion to approve minutes: Christa, seconded by Megan

Business arising:

Date of school open house is changed to Wednesday September 18th

CSAC Elections:

- a. Chair/Co-chairs: Sandra Murphy & Christa Heibein
- b. Vice-Chair (if applicable)
- c. Treasurer: Megan Beyersbergen
- d. Recording secretary: Sarah Skinn
- e. Parish Rep: TBD, Mike to speak with the Parish re: putting something in the next bulletin
- f. Fundraising: TBD, put a call out to the school community
- g. CPIC Rep: Sandra Murphy & Christa Heibein

Treasurers report:

Current balance is \$9,772.64 as of June 27, 2024

PRO grant to be added to the account

Motion to approve report: Christa, seconded by Sandra

Principals Report:

a. Successful startup!

- staff is positive and kids are doing great

b. Staffing update

- posting for 7/8 position closed today at 4pm, hopeful for virtual interviews Friday September 13 with a candidate selected and offer out by the end of day
- hopeful that this new grade 7/8 teacher will attend the school open house
- numbers have shifted slightly, but didn't greatly affect the numbers reported in June
- Elesa Buchanan accepted a position in Listowel, Melissa Wernham ECE is back in the JK/SK classroom
- EAs: new hire, Ashley McGirr, temporary EA position (ends Oct.11) shared by 2 people, Kimberley McGregor, Savannah Knorr (T,W,Th), Becky Schlosser covering for Heather Armstrong
- Karlee Van Nes has accepted a transfer to St. Patricks school in Kinkora, Mrs. Plante expected to go on maternity leave early November
- Jessica Langan accepted SPEC ed coordinator, allowed for a permanent position to be posted for 7/8 teacher
- Experiencing a severe shortage of supply teachers, province wide

c. SWELL program

- Strengthening well being through emotional learning and leadership (SWELL)
- Grades JK-12, training today on circle of security
- EAs to be trained every Wednesday from 3:30-4

- Access to Krista throughout the school year as a coach, so this continues to get priority
- Focus for grades 1-8: growing resilience
- Kindergarten to focus on self regulation

d. Nobody's perfect parenting program

Rural response running a program every Friday from 10-11:30, poster to go out in The Beat

e. Open house/book fair- Sept. 18

- drop in based, will be from 5-7pm with the book fair open in half of the gym
- hoping to engage parents for volunteers at school activities and recruit towards parent council, school trips, hot lunches etc.
- Francine volunteered to run a table with coffee etc. to advertise parent council, motion for purchase of Tim Hortons coffee: Christa, seconded by Megan

f. Terry Fox - Friday Sept 27

Target is \$1480, set by Terry Fox foundation

g. Fall Spirit Wear Campaign

- promotional items to be at school open house, information will be sent home as well

7. Goals for 2024/25

a. Fundraising:

Ideas:

1. Tru Earth laundry detergent will give a code that if purchased online a portion will go back to the school, similar to Mabels Labels, Christa will look into this and bring information to next meeting
 2. Fun script - school is put in as a recipient, when a gift card is purchased the school will get a certain percentage of this, Megan to order a free kit for more information
 3. Rheo Thompson was a good fundraiser, suggestion to switch to Wright Blooms greenhouse instead of Greyhaven gardens
 4. Fresh box out of Fergus, (Wingham is the cut off, and only delivers to part of Belgrave etc.), delivery is on Saturdays to your home, Andrea to send information for next meeting
 5. Value Village - paid for donating items
 6. Spaghetti/Lasagna dinner with a silent auction in the spring, this would require gathering a committee to spearhead this with a date well in advance
- Swings wanted for the playground, Francine suggested asking EAs what the kids would like/ need on the playground
 - Question regarding where the net for the volleyball posts has gone to? Mike to connect with Cheryl Riegling regarding this
 - Suggestion of pricing out posts with hammocks in between - is excavation required for this because they are low to the ground?
 - Instead of purchasing playground equipment parent council could support a refresh of baseball diamond, painting the lines/numbers on the hard top
 - Decision to revisit this next month with hopefully more volunteers and some staff input and make a final decision

b. Parent Engagement

- rural response as a partner

New business:

- music room: portable is gone, music room and equipment is 2 periods booked back to back, equipment is on the stage

- Mrs Derrough is shared with another school, but instrumental music program is in tact and running out of the gym
- piano lessons had been taking place in the meeting room, permit has not been approved just yet due to loss of music room and negotiating days piano lessons would be offered
- Elementary fair: teachers were empowered as to whether they wanted to take their classes to the fair or not, was not communicated to parents when decision was made
- New field trip policy was shared with the elementary fair, not enough time for the fair to make changes regarding our concerns and policy. Fair planning to make some changes for next year, regarding timing etc. younger classes only starting to get into routine. Next year decision will be made based on what changes have been made

Grade 8 graduation and/or fund-raising:

- new teacher coming in will be engaged to spear head and more information will be shared
- Fish fry will also happen this year as a fundraiser for grade 7/8 trip

Next meeting date: Thursday October 10

Fundraising forms to go home October 11 (home for Thanksgiving) due back October 23

Motion to adjourn meeting: Sandra, seconded by Christa