

Sacred Heart School Advisory Council - Thursday May 15, 2025

Present: Francine Long, Christa Heibein, Sarah Skinn, Sandra Murphy, Mike Bruneel, MaryLou Albers

Regrets: Grace Lockhart

Welcome and prayer completed by Mike Bruneel

Review of Minutes from October 10, 2024

Motion to approve minutes MaryLou, seconded Christa

Business arising:

- EQAO results presented at last meeting, grade 3 and 6 to begin testing shortly
- Grade 3 will write first 2 blocks of the morning, grade 6 to write the afternoon blocks. This is a more spaced out approach with days off in between

Treasurer's Report:

- Current balance \$11,416 (approx \$700 still to go to grade 7/8 class trip)
- Cheque for \$268 for fall fundraiser (fresh box) was deposited
- Acknowledged it is past practice to donate \$250 to the school fair
- \$304.33 was the profit from Grey Haven

Motion to approve treasures report as presented Christa, seconded by MaryLou

Principal's Report:

a. Sous l'ocean

- Mme Carew set to go ahead, have been doing full dress rehearsals
- Parent council to sponsor a bouquet of flowers for Mme Carew at the end of the play

b. Track and Field

- track at St Anne's will not be done in time for the system meet, board cannot find another track within safety and distance for schools to get here in a timely manner
- system event is cancelled for this year
- Sacred Heart track and field will be done as a year end event currently scheduled for June 20th with grades 3-8 participating

c. School Climate Survey

- staff, parents, and students invited to participate in this survey, which is completed every 2 years
- results have not yet been received, but should be available for the last parent council meeting of the year

d. Looking Ahead to 2025/26 - Staffing Update

- preliminary numbers for the fall show numbers are stables without a gain or loss
- approximately 12-13 JK registered, anticipating a few more before the start of school
- Mrs. Plante and Mrs. Young are still on maternity leave, LTO will be posted for these jobs as all contracts end June 30th
- Mr. Bruneel submitted his intent to retire today, next parent council meeting to be scheduled with the new principal (Congratulations to Mr. Bruneel!)

Goals for 2025/26

a. Fundraising

- new fundrasing packages presented to council

b. Graduation

- date is Monday June 23, 2025
- parent council will present a gift (coin set) to the honour students
- 20 graduating students
- Francine to contact Cheryl about ordering coin sets, past practice that parent council will purchase the honours gift
- Grade 8 teacher to notify by June 13th the quantity of coin sets that will be needed
- Looking at a yeti as the grade 8 gif, with Lisa Kelly being the contact
- decorating sunday evening, everyone arrives at 4pm for pictures, start time of 6pm

c. Donation to School Fair

- September school fair - Sacred Heart is in charge of the pie/dessert table (Grade 8s)
- add this to the agenda for next month to remind parents they will be on pies/desserts for the school fair
- organizers of the fair are to meet with Principals - Mr. Bruneel is waiting to meet with them to see if concerns from last year have been met

d. Parent Engagement

- only 3 registrations for the parent engagement evening (May 8th), Kristy is committed to trying again in the fall
- suggestion to promote this engagement evening at the school open house in the fall, or do it as a 2 part series to shorten this evening and hook people in to coming again
- Mike to talk to Tara Boreham about deferring it to the fall

e. Open house - June 19

- originally scheduled for June 5th, date moved to June 19th
- information to be sent out Friday to parents with more information on the evening
- raffle baskets? signs to be put out so parents understand what we are fundraising for
- target this to starting the year with new outdoor equipment (soccer balls etc) - equipment refresh
- new JK families invited to attend, hand out cookies to families
- Parent council to cover the cost of cookies - motion by Sandra, seconded by Christa

Parent council explored the school playground and discussed option to place the hammocks. Required to have 3 quotes for digging the posts