



HOLY SPIRIT COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of February 26, 2019



Attendees: Ashley King (Co-Chair), Trish Gerth (Co-Chair), Paul Mendonca (Principal), Daniel Mastroianni (Vice Principal), Lisa Costa (Secretary), Angela Klepp (Treasurer), Bernadette Dietrich (Parish Rep), Crystal White (Teacher Rep)

Parent Members: Kim Piche, Celeste Murphy, Linda Arruda, Alysha Davy, Alicia Melady

Regrets: Rose Bettio (Community Rep), Patrizia DiGiantomasso (Teacher Rep), Kathleen Lirusso

Opening Prayer and Reflection (Paul Mendonca/ Daniel Mastroianni)

Approval of Agenda - Approved as circulated.

Approval of Minutes

- January 29th 2019 meeting minutes sent out via email and newswire/posted on the website.
- Minutes were approved as circulated.

Principal/Vice-Principal Report (Paul Mendonca/Daniel Mastroianni)

- 1) Math Night Update
 - 55 families have responded thus far, anticipating 150+ people.
 - Will be set up multiple stations, including chrome books station.
 - Goodie bags with manipulatives, door prize will also be available.
- 2) Traffic letter and Update
 - Paul and Dan have been working hard to police the parking lot.
 - Alex Ricci – Waterloo Region School Board Traffic Liason came and witnessed the chaos, dangerous situation and assisted in figuring out what to do/next steps.
 - Plan to communicate this to the school community in the next day or so and start enforcing as of next week.
 - There will be no entering the school parking lot at the beginning or end of the day; there is no parking or stopping on either side of Gatehouse from Myers to McNichol; will be encouraging use of church parking lot and cross walks and to have students walk to school if within walking distance.
 - Will enforce the above, in conjunction with By-law until behaviours change.
 - Last week there were 4-5 tickets issued by By-law. Folks were unhappy, but the priority is student safety.
- 3) Speak Up Grant
 - Mr. Luciani applied to purchase a 3D printer and the application was successful. School will receive \$1500 and is in the process of purchasing the printer.
 - Goal is to purchase a second printer before the end of the school year.
 - Kids have already made some 3D items using a printer that is on loan (crosses) and love it.
- 4) Possible Social Media Presentation - “My Life on Line”
 - Paul is hoping that if the PRO Grant is available next year that it could be used to bring this presentation to the school.
 - Would have to align with established Ministry priorities for the PRO Grant.
 - Cost for the ‘My Life on Line’ is:
 - Gr 4-8 live presentation = \$1500
 - Curriculum follow up for teachers = \$500
 - Parent webinar (live or online) = \$500



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- St. Augustine had this presentation this year and raved about it.
- 5) Mission Fund Day
- Have been numerous inquiries to have this event re-implemented.
 - Paul put a call out for those interested in discussing further and received an overwhelming response.
 - Paul feels it is feasible to reinstate Mission Fund Day, but would like to safety parameters in place in order for this to happen (i.e., structured and organized system for entering the building, supervision in hallways, etc.).
 - Plan to move forward with planning, further updates to follow.
 - Thursday, June 20th is the proposed date.
 - Would encourage ticket purchase via cash online.
- 6) Year End Movies
- The school is not planning this event for this year.
 - Paul feels it is too difficult to find an appropriate movie to engage all students from K-8. Intermediate students did not enjoy the animated movie last year.
 - The school took a loss on this event last year and it was a lot of work for the office staff to organize.
 - Watching a movie is not conducive to engaging with peers.
 - Movie Day was also associated with an incentive program that has been discontinued (Bucket Filling/PomPom Program).
 - Paul has directed teachers/divisions to plan something appropriate for year-end celebrations.
 - Paul and EJ were working on a Virtue program to replace the Bucket Filling/PomPom Program.
 - The Virtue program highlights virtues associated with certain times of year (i.e., September was Hospitality; November was Peace Making; December was Giving/Generosity, etc.).
- 7) Ashley inquired about plans for Catholic Education Week
- Paul advised that he typically plans one morning and one afternoon throughout the week for parents to come into the school.
 - Anyone who needs to come outside of these times will certainly be welcome/accommodated.
 - Crowning of Mary will occur that week.
 - Paul is also investigating some guest speakers.

Chairs Report (Trish Gerth/Ashley King)

- 1) Science Night Update
- Evan went very well; there was good participation.
 - The University students who ran the event were great, very engaging.
 - If there is any feedback about the event please send it to Ashley who will forward it onto UW.
 - Paul had 3 principals call and inquire about the event as a result of the pictures put on the newsfeed.

Treasurer Report (Angela Klepp)

All account balances noted below are as of February 26 2019.

General Account Balance: \$8455.10

Recent General Account activity includes:

- +\$584.43 – school portion of Turkey Lunch
- -\$260.77 – Communion and Confirmation bulletins and pins



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- -\$665.28 – Math Night grab bags and prizes
- +\$695.16 – reimbursed from PRO Grant Account for Math Night expenses
- +\$49.20 – transferred from PIC Account
- +\$251 – tax receipt funds back from Board Foundation

PIC Account Balance: \$0

Recent PIC Account activity includes:

- -\$49.20 – remaining balance transferred to General Account

PRO Grant Account Balance: \$36.95

Recent PRO Grant Account activity includes:

- +\$1000 – PRO Grant received
- -\$200 – payment for UW Science Night
- -\$786.33 – Math Night receipts/expenses

Greening Account Balance: \$1,466.42

No recent activity.

Fundraising Report (Kim Piche and Linda Arruda)

- 1) Smelly Pencils Update – (Dan)
 - Sold 539 pencils, profit was roughly \$300.
 - Still have 1000 pencils and will plan to try to sell them again later in the year.
 - Since the school ran this event themselves, suggestion was for the school to keep the funds raised and put toward wish list items.
 - All members were in agreement with this suggestion.
- 2) Spring Fundraiser
 - Celeste suggested a Terra Greenhouse fundraiser for Easter – Lilies, etc.
 - Order forms could be sent home at March Break.
 - Will advertise that the fundraiser is for technology purchases (3D printers, Spheros, etc.).

Parish Report (Bernadette Dietrich)

- 1) Bulletin and updates
 - Lent starts next week.
 - Ash Wednesday masses at 8 am and 7:15 pm at St. Ambrose.
 - There will be a school liturgy at 11 am on Ash Wednesday.
 - Stations of the Cross will begin March 8th at St. Ambrose and will be held every Friday night in Lent @ 6:30 pm.
 - There is a babysitting course being offered on the Friday of March Break at the church.
 - There is a First Aid Workshop being held on March 23rd at the church.
 - Reminder of the Youth Rally run by Hamilton Diocese for Grades 7-12, if interested contact Barb at the Parish office; Bernadette will bring posters for grades 7 & 8 next month.

Community Report (Kinbridge Community Association– Rose)

- Deferred – Rose was absent



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Other Business

- 1) Pancake Breakfast Update – March 5th (Angela)
 - Alicia is getting free pancake mix from Pioneer Park Zehrs.
 - Syrup is on sale right now, Angela picked some up.
 - Have lots of volunteers and 11 griddles so far, so should run very efficiently.

- 2) Food Truck Update – (Alicia M/Ashley K)
 - Alicia has received responses from 9 different trucks.
 - She provided a summary of the costs, % back, min sales, etc.
 - Suggestion to pick 2 savory and 1 sweet truck with one savory back up.
 - Council selected Breakfast Blues and BBQ (based on price point, kids combo options), Kono Pizza, Beaver Tails, and SWAT and Perogi Pigs as backups.
 - Date is September 17th.
 - Alicia has contacted the city to see if they will drop off and pick up picnic tables.

Important Dates

February 28th – Family Math Night

March 4th – Grad and Sibling photo day

March 5th – Pancake Breakfast

March 6th – Ash Wednesday liturgy

March 21st – Sacrament of First Reconciliation at 6:30 at St. Ambrose

Upcoming Meeting Dates

March 26

April 30

May 28