

Blessed Cardinal Newman School Council

2018 - 2019 Year-End Report

School Council had a great year! Our School Council continues to provide an opportunity for parents, school administration, teachers and community members to work together resulting in a more vibrant and effective school community. The hard work of our parent volunteers is greatly appreciated! Of course, our School Council initiatives could not be completed without the assistance and support of the school administration and the school staff.

We have had successful fundraisers and school activities. School Council spent \$26,884.98 and the Education Society spent \$15,265.75 this year. Major expenses for this year included a contribution towards Maker Space/Stem Program and technology items for our Learning Commons as well as contributing towards the new FNMI program at our school. Other expenses included the junior high retreat, Shrove Tuesday Breakfast, contribution to naturalization project, contribution to band camp clinicians, and the Staff Appreciation Lunch. School Council also provided Teacher Enhancements this year and contributed to the School Patrols year-end field trip.

A summary of the specific activities throughout the school year are detailed below:

September

- **School supplies** arranged with Write On Stationery.
- Fun Lunch Program continued with Healthy Hunger
- School Council meeting Sept 12, 2018.
- Introduced a new Playground Committee
- Blessed Cardinal Newman Education Society meeting Sept 16th (1 of 4)
- Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson attended the School Council Chair & Executive Orientation meeting on Sept 24th.

October

- School Council Chair & Trustee General Meeting on Oct 16th. Chairperson was unable to attend however, our principal attended the meeting, together with 2 other School Council members, and reported at the following council meeting.
- School Council meeting Oct 18, 2018
- Began initiative with **ATA library** regarding promotion of resources available for loan for our teachers.
- Started a **social media** launch using Facebook and Instagram as a way of communicating school information to our school community.
- **Naturalization Committee** met for fall clean-up of the school grounds.
- Introduced a new committee: **CCC (Catholic Community of Caring) & Prayer**
- AGM for Blessed Cardinal Newman Education Society held Oct 18, 2018.
- **Fundraiser:** Beef Jerky Fundraiser was wrapped up this month. Net profit: \$7,235.70
- **Grants and Donations Committee** actively researching various grants which are available to our school.

November

- First **Prayer Meeting** with our new Prayer Committee (CCC & Prayer). The initiatives of the CCC & Prayer Committee have been very well-received by the school community.
- School Council meeting Nov 14, 2018
 - School Council Budget approved.

- o Started discussions around the **FNMI program** and how School Council will support and be a part of that program.
- **Colourcycle** Recycling initiative launched and was very successful.
- Blessed Cardinal Newman Education Society meeting Nov 14, 2018 (2 of 4)
 - o Budget approved
- Launched Cash Calendar **Fundraiser**.
- 25th Annual **Christmas Market and Coffee Shop**. This was a fantastic and successful community event!
Net Revenue: \$6433.84
- **Grants and Donations Committee** continuing research into various grants which may be available to our school.
- Launched **Spirit Wear** sales. This is not a fundraiser for our school but simply a way of supporting school spirit within Blessed Cardinal Newman School.
- Playground committee continued their efforts to organize a Playground Gala scheduled for February, 2019.
- Initiative expressing “thanks” to the staff at BCN.
- Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson attended Parent & Trustee Forum on Nov 27, 2018.

December

- CCC & Prayer Meeting.
- FNMI: Indigenous Art Training (for parents) with Ashley Ruben from the District.
- School Council meeting/Christmas Social Dec 13th
- Grants and Donations Committee continuing their efforts to apply for grants which may be available to our school.

January

- No School Council meeting
- **Staff Appreciation Lunch** on Jan 17, 2019.
- Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson attended Parent & Trustee Forum on Jan 24, 2019.
- Received \$200.00 from Learning for Sustainable Future as part of their EcoLeqque action project.

February

- **CCC & Prayer Meeting**. Our school community was encouraged to be a part of the CCC & Prayer Committee and welcomed to add prayer requests.
- School Council meeting Feb 6, 2019.
- Continued discussions surrounding the **FNMI Program** and how School Council will continue to support and be a part of this district-wide initiative.
- Finalized the Cash Calendar Fundraiser (which was held in Nov/Dec). Raised \$2,754.41.
- Parish Liaison updated School Council on events and changes happening within the Parish.
- Planning underway for Playground Gala.
- Feb 25-27: School Council participated in and supported Anxiety Workshops for our Grade 6-9 students hosted by our principal.

March

- **Shrove Tuesday Breakfast** March 5, 2019.
- School Council meeting March 13, 2019.

- March 15, 2019 Playground Gala Fundraiser organized by the Playground Committee and supported by School Council.
- Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson attended Parent & Trustee Forum on March 19, 2019.
- Project underway by our CCC & Prayer Committee to distribute faith messages throughout our school hallways; for our students to receive positive news and encouragement throughout their day.

April

- Pilot Project: **Free Fruit Friday** was launched in April.
- **FNMI** indigenous learning projects underway with the students.

May

- School Council meeting May 16, 2019.
- Blessed Cardinal Newman Education Society meeting May 16, 2019 (3 of 4).
- **CCC & Prayer Committee** planning a **Prayer Walk** for Catholic education awareness day leading students in grades 1 to 3 in four meaningful activities.
- Report on Playground Gala. Discussion on upcoming fundraisers for the playground.

June

- Blessed Cardinal Newman Education Society meeting June 4, 2019 (4 of 4)
- School Council meeting June 5, 2019.
 - Representative from ASCA attended to present Cheryl Schneider with the School Council Parent of Distinction Award from the Alberta School Councils' Association.
 - Volunteer Orientation
 - Volunteer Appreciation Wine and Cheese
- Our Parish Liaison will be taking on a role with GrACE.
- Final ColourCycle initiative.
- Finalized school supply packages with the teachers and set the school supply lists for 2019-2020.
- Elementary Play Day.
- 2019/2020 School Council officers were approved.
- 2019/2020 School Council committee leader positions were filled.

In summary, School Council activities at Blessed Cardinal Newman School have proven successful in maintaining a high degree of involvement with its parent community. School administration and staff continue to provide inspirational support and encouragement. For this, our parent community is extremely grateful.

Special thanks to our School Council Executive and the leaders for our various Committees.
The **2018/2019** Council members were:

School Council Executive

Chairperson	Judith Tuck
Vice Chair	Tamara Bezemer
Treasurer	Sharon Pereira
Secretary	Cheryl Schneider
Past Chair	Laura Dennison

School Council Committee Leaders

Volunteer Orientation	Katherine Melrose and Laura Dennison
Volunteer Coordinator	Katherine Melrose
Naturalization Project	Maureen Gale
Parish Liaison	Erin Luong
Family Event Coordinator	Mary Rose Argonza-Oberhoffner and Michelle McArthur
Fun Lunch Coordinator	Sarah Pereira

- Little Caesars Pizza (Pam Myhill)
- Subway (Tamara Bezemer)
- Lunch Lady (Katherine Melrose)
- Wok Box (Tanya Volk)

Christmas Market	Andrea Sereda and Liisa Batti
Coffee Shop	Cheryl Schneider
Lost and Found	Amanda Stewart
School Supplies	Marnelle Perras
Spirit Wear	Tamara Bezemer
Fundraising	Liisa Batti, Lori-Ann Bergeron and Theresa Stadnyk
Grants/Corporate Donations	Christine Elliott and Erin Harde
Playground	Katie Delaney
CCC (Catholic Community of Caring) & Prayer Committee Leader	Natalie Drapal

If you have any questions, please contact Judith Tuck at bcn.schoolcouncil@gmail.com

Sincerely,

Judith Tuck

Chairperson (2018-2019)
Blessed Cardinal Newman School Council