



MINUTES

Blessed Cardinal Newman School Council Meeting

Date: December 14, 2017 at 7:00pm

Number of Attendees: 17

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Laura Dennison at 7:17pm.

1. **Welcome, Prayer and Territorial Acknowledgement:** Chairperson Laura Dennison welcomed everyone. Principal, Carl Gratton, led us in the opening prayer and acknowledgement.
2. **Introductions:** All attendees introduced themselves.
3. **Approval of Minutes of Last Council Meeting (Nov. 22, 2017):**

The draft Minutes were emailed out to the school community last week for review. There were no questions or changes requested. Motion to approve the Nov. 22, 2017 School Council Minutes as presented was put forth by Cheryl Schneider seconded by Tamara Bezemer. Motion Carried.

4. **Chairperson's Report - Laura Dennison**

- a. Report on Parent and Trustee Meeting – November 27, 2017 at Bishop Grandin.
 - i. Importance of Catholic Education – Jennifer Woo talked about this. The discussion within the government to remove funding for Catholic Education comes up every so often. There is not too much to worry about because Catholic education is a constitutional right and our enrollment is increasing.
 - ii. How School councils work with the board of trustees – trustees are our link to the district. Our new trustee, Mary Martin, will be at our Feb. 1, 2018 meeting and she will enlighten us on this topic.
 - iii. World Café topic – The board wants parents to have a bigger role in decision making of the district. They are asking that we discuss topics that they put forth in council meetings and then present our results to the trustees at the Parent Trustee Forms.

- iv. Next meeting is on Jan. 23, 2018 at the Coast Plaza Hotel. The topic will be The Power of Relationships with our Children with guest speaker Dr. Jody Carrington. Please RSVP to bcn.schoolcouncil@gmail.com by January 18th.

- b. Committee Positions

Chair and secretary positions will be open for next year.

5. **Treasurer's Report** - Sharon Pereira was unable to attend but sent the following report:

- a. School Council current balance: \$27,587.84
- b. Education Society current balance: \$15,312.44

6. **Committee Reports**

- a. Family Event – Mary-Rose Argonza Oberhoffner sent her regrets, Laura presented her report.

The Family Event will be held **from 6-9 PM on Friday, January 19th, 2018**. Our Theme is Winter Luau and we will have decorations, prizes and surprises to reflect this. We will have food and other items available for purchase. There will be a small cost for families to attend (similar to last year) \$2/person or \$5/family of three or more people.

I have sent out an email to everyone who signed up to help with the event and responses are trickling in. If anyone on the committee is able to help in any capacity, I would very much appreciate it and they can contact me directly via phone (403-703-5351) or email (Rose.AO@icloud.com)

We are currently seeking food and prize donations so if anyone has any awesome contacts that may be able to contribute towards either of those, please contact me with respect to that also.

Please watch for the blitz of advertising that will be coming out shortly and after the break.

- b. Christmas Market – Andrea Sereda
Andrea is looking for a partner to help her out for next year's market.
- c. Parish Liaison – Teresa Stadnyk – no report today.
- d. School Supplies – Marnelle Perras
 - i. Marker round up – we had first round of Fruit Platter Friday. Collected almost 2100 markers. Mrs. Aurora, Ms. Ehret, Mrs.

Haydt were the top three classes. Next deadline for markers will be sometime in February.

- ii. We will start investigating school supply lists after Christmas to get quotes from Write on and Staples.

7. Administration's Report – Carl Gratton

- a. Giving Tree raised \$1850.00.
- b. Refurbishing JH computer lab as it is out of date. Getting new equipment that is portable to each classroom and new system that will hopefully prevent damage to the devices. Will be working on a new system for tracking the technology.
- c. There will be an elementary recess time change (10 mins. later) for Jan/18 so the JH leadership students can implement recess activities for the elementary students.
- d. School Events Update
 - i. Kindergarten circus day
 - ii. Cardboard boat building and race for gifted students in Grade 7, 8 and 9 – Skills Canada Alberta was held at the Quarry Park YMCA.
 - iii. Student pep rally on Dec. 5.
 - iv. Work habits lunch. Free meal and certificate for those students with excellent work habits marks.
 - v. Kindergarten dance party.
 - vi. Wrestling city championships.
 - vii. Basketball teams are being formed.
 - viii. Band Concert Dec. 15, 1:45-2:45
 - ix. Dec. 19 Festive Sweater Day
 - x. Advent concerts are Dec. 18 and 20.

8. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting was put forth by Lori-Ann Bergeron. Meeting adjourned at 8:12pm.

The Christmas Social followed the School Council Meeting.

Next School Council Meeting is Thursday February 1, 2018 in the Learning Commons.
Special Guest: Mary Martin - Trustee