

Tuesday, January 22, 2019

St. Teresa of Calcutta School Council Meeting

Chair: Rachel Elkin

Vice Chair: Lindsay Etherington

Treasurer: Erin-Lou Bradley

Secretary: Monika Iskra-Rigby

Principal: Kelly Roth

Vice Principal: Glenn Johnston

Members at Large: Christina Fehr, Eriata Dania and Marg McDermott

Present: Brittney Russo, Erin Lou Bradley, Eriata Dania, Mme. Emily Hache, Lindsay Etherington, Rachel Elkin, Monika Iskra-Rigby, Glenn Johnston, Katherine Kelly

1. Meeting called to order at 6:34pm.
2. Territorial Acknowledgement and Opening Prayer – Kelly presented.
3. Adopting minutes of the last meeting – December 4, 2018. Lindsay motions to adopt; Erin Lou seconds.
4. Admin. Report and What's Happened and What's Coming Up - **See Addendum A & B**
5. Chair Report – Rachel Elkin
 - *School Council events* : great turnout for movie night! See Treasurer's Report.
 - *Carnaval*: Council helps with Carnaval; Mme Lapin will need help with decorating. more information to come to families regarding volunteers for set up and helping out during the event. See more info under Admin. Reports in Addendum A.
 - *Shrove Tuesday – March 5*: two volunteer leads are needed. **This event requires the most amount of coordination**; alot of information to support planning is already available. A BBQ has been donated through Brittney Russo this year - huge thanks!! Please contact Christina Fehr if you are interested in more info.
 - *Family Dance (St. Patrick's Day theme)* – March 8th: theme will be rainbows and gold. DJ is booked from 6-8pm. Need to confirm volunteers that have offered to lead this event.
 - Teacher Appreciation Lunch*: will be held in June.

6. Mme Emily Hache presented on behalf of teachers:

-Mme. Le Breton's class has chosen the World Wildlife Fund (WWF) at their charity. Students have been selected to present their entrepreneurial speech to the School Council. Will need to arrange a time to meet.

-Constable Baker will be presenting to the Grade 2 classes as part of the Start Smart Stay Safe initiative (\$4).

Grade 2's have started using Chrome books.

7. Treasurer's Report – Erin Lou Bradley

- *Financial Update: Full report available upon request.* Total closing balance of \$7,435.91. Poinsetta fundraiser raised \$1,419.41 after invoice submitted. The Learning Enhancement fund for teachers still has approximately \$850 remaining that needs to be used in this school year. Administration will remind teachers to use their allotted funds as per criteria.

- *Update from Movie Night :* Movie Night helped bring in \$1,195.95 in sales, with expenses of \$117.70, therefore total balance is \$1,078.25. Still need to add pizza sales to revenue, approximately \$50.

- Inquiry was made if any donations have come in via cheque writing? Kelly will look into this.

8. Sub Committee Reports (15 minutes)

-*Special events/Special Lunch* – report from Christine Fehr: Special lunches are going well; now allowing student helpers to work with same grade partners. Almost all parent volunteer slots are filled until April; there are still a few slots left. Contact stocspeialevents@gmail.com if the Sign Up Genius sign-ups are not being received and a person would like to sign up.

-*Religious Coordinator* – Eriata Dania: Lent gift

-*Playground Foundation Committee* – Brittney Russo: Tentative build date in September; have applied for CFEP grant. We do not have to have minimum \$125K. Will have 2 more fundraisers: Knowledge-a-thon: a test and pledges given for how many correct questions. June fundraiser will include Balzac Meats, Farm to school, firewood.

-*Fundraising* – Rachel Elkin: spring flowers and plants; selling in April with delivery for May 8th. Regarding Me to We event, have discussed with Mr. Martin to not bake this year, as the grade 6s are involved with this initiative plus lack of funds to spend on baking. Therefore no baking. There will be table sales and there will be a BBQ that day as well. Discussed School Council having a table with bake sale.

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9. Questions or discussion related to agenda items (10 minutes)

Easter/Spring basket raffle? Class theme? Ask for donations within the class to make up a basket. Money goes to a charity; consider playground?

Student led Parent-Teacher conference in March: Will occur on Thursday evening/Friday morning. Students will show their work and lead parents through interactive stations. There will be opportunity for 1:1 discussion with teachers on Friday morning or less formal on the Thursday evening session. First try at this approach.

10. Closing Prayer – Admin.

11. Next meeting date: March 5 @ 6:30 pm and Adjournment of Meeting at: 7:25pm.

Addendum A

District News – School Board Trustee Video

- A message for our School Board Trustee – Mary Martin

Carnaval – February 11-13th

- Once again we look forward to a three day event beginning on February 11th with the Opening Ceremonies and the crowning of the Duc and Duchess of Carnaval.

We have confirmed Caban A Sucre will be here for Carnaval on our activity day we also look forward to once again welcoming Folklo Folie for their entertaining presentation on the 12th.

Jump Rope for Heart Kick Off and Heart and Stroke month activities

- On Thursday students will hear a presentation of what their fundraising efforts have contributed to in funding research for the Heart and Stroke Foundation. This is always a fun and uplifting presentation with the opportunity for some of our students and teachers to demonstrate their skipping skills. Skipping Club will begin at the beginning of February look for the dates in the Weekly Update. We will alternate between Div. I and Div. II students.

Dance and Yoga Club – Mme Momo and Mme Nunez

Special thanks to Mme Momo and Mme Nunez for leading Dance and Yoga Club. It takes place on Day 1 and Day 3

BOKS: begins for our Div. I students on Tuesday, January 29th and continuing through to about the middle of March on Tuesdays and Thursdays

Student Led Conferences

- Conference manager has been set up to accommodate this new format. Parents can sign up for a 1/2 hr slot on Thursday evening and Friday morning. Should the need be there, they can book a 10 minute slot on Friday afternoon for those more critical conversations. Those requests can be made to those families in those conversations teachers have with families prior to progress reports going home. We have also slotted a 1/2 break on Friday morning. In total there will be 10 – 1/2 slots with a maximum of 5 families able to sign up for each slot.

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- Choice of formats:

- 3 – 4 stations including one where students share a portfolio of their work. An example of a station may be a science experiment they could demonstrate and explain to their parent(s).

- Portfolio sharing time incorporating an activity or two the student can complete with their parent(s).

- *Fee Update* – How are we doing? 70% paid.

EA Hours Update for grade 6

- We have received 15 hours of educational assistant hours to support the large numbers in our grade 6. Both Mme Nermin and Mme Lohues will work with the students in grade 6.

Addendum B

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What Happened? What's Happening

What Happened

- Dec 5 "Coins For Play" donations collected for the playground fundraising initiative
- Dec 7 Grade 2 T-Pet in-school field trip
- Dec 7 Advent Liturgy I – 1:00 PM
- Dec 10 St. Vincent de Paul Food Bank
- Dec 12 Mission Mexico
- Dec 13 Advent Celebration – Los Posadas
- Dec 14 Advent Liturgy II 10:30 AM
- Dec 19 Final special lunch before Christmas (Edo of Japan)
- Dec 19 Christmas Concert – 2:00 PM
- Dec 21 Last day before Christmas break – dismissal at 3:28
- Jan 8 WestJet ticket draw – Playground Fundraiser
- Jan 17 St. Teresa of Calcutta Feast Day Liturgy
- Jan 17 French Immersion Parent Information Evening
- Jan 18 Wellness Day
- Jan 21 St. Teresa Open House 9:30 AM – 3:00 PM
- Jan 22 & 23 Grade 5 Field Trip – Atco Blue Flame Kitchen

What's Happening

- Jan 24 Jump Rope for Heart – kick off assembly
- Jan 25 Professional Development Day – no classes
- Jan 29 BOKS begins again – grades 1-3
- Jan 30 Kindergarten to Telus Spark
- Feb 5 Sr. Madeleine Presentation (FCJ Centre)
- Feb 6 Winter Walk day – 10:00 AM
- Feb 6 & 8 grades 5-6 Speedskating at the Olympic Oval
- Feb 11 Le Carnaval d'hiver – Opening Ceremonies
- Feb 12 Folklofolie presentation
- Feb 13 Cabane à sucre / Carnaval closing ceremonies
- Feb 14/15 Teachers' convention
- Feb 18 Family Day – school closed
- Feb 19-22 grades 3-4 Swim lessons at Acadia Pool
- Feb 25-Mar 1 Kindergarten to grade 2 Inline Skating program
- Mar 5 Shrove Tuesday
- Mar 5 School Council Meeting – 6:30 PM