

St. Gregory School Council Meeting Minutes

Wed., Nov. 8, 2017

In Attendance: Janine DiPaolo, Jan Adams, Chris Flory, Debbie MacDonald, Sandi Oelhaupl, Charlene Bobyn

1. Meeting called to order by Janine at 6:31 p.m.
2. Charlene led the opening prayer and gave the Territorial acknowledgement.
3. Review of October meeting minutes; motion to approve made by Debbie; seconded by Sandi.
4. Reports:
 - a. PRINCIPAL: Charlene
 - new banners up in foyer – Faye Muscovy is the artist – lots of symbolism, Christ in the middle
 - tile mural project is underway – students have completed the tiles and they will be up in the hall as a mural starting in November
 - cross-country meet – Tier One champs!
 - volleyball season is done – good season despite not advancing in playoffs
 - Community and Public Relations ran Halloween movie and sold popcorn; kids dressed as novel characters – raising money for Humane Society and are also making sandwiches for Drop-In Center
 - Jacket Racket is wrapping up and was quite successful
 - cheque-writing campaign raised over \$5000 and cheques may still come in – grants are being applied-for
 - this Friday – civic ceremony to commemorate Remembrance Day
 - tile mural project will progress this month as the artist starts building the mural with the individual student tiles.
 - b. CHAIR: Janine
 - Craig and Janine attended Trustee meeting last night
 - New Bishop spoke and took questions from the group
 - When questioned about Casinos, he responded that he was surprised by how little money is being given to Catholic schools.
 - Asked to do an exercise at Table Talk about how school councils include the District Faith Theme at our Council meetings; how can we include “Champions” initiatives at the council level
 - o It is currently on our agendas at meetings
 - o Maybe opening prayers could make an association with the 2 initiatives
 - c. TREASURER: Chris
 - had coffee with Nadine to get a run-down of how the job has gone (letter to get signing authority; box of stuff passed along)

d. FUNDRAISING: (Jamie Absent – Janine delivered report)

- Purdy's has begun and we are hoping to have them distributed during Parent Teacher Interviews on Nov. 30 / Dec. 1 (delivered to school Nov. 29)
- Help needed to sort and deliver (Debbie and Sandi will come in to help on the Wed. night – wait to hear from Jamie via e-mail; possibility of students stepping in to help)

e. SPECIAL LUNCH: (Maura Absent – Charlene and Janine report)

- Healthy Hunger is running smoothly

5. Planning for Upcoming Year's Budget:

a. See Summary of Expenditures, Forecast / Budget for 2017/2018 School Year

- Keep: Teacher Incidentals, My Blueprint, Robotics (higher with more students enrolled), Mathletics, Foyer Banners, Dare to Care Program (\$5800 approx. has been paid out for Banners, Robotics, Dare to Care and Mathletics already)
- CIP grant application will be made to cover basketball hoops and CCEF grant application made for tiles. If approved, the \$5000 forecasted may be re-directed
 - o Tile project would be \$8000
 - o Hoops amount unknown
- Grant approval success should be known by next month
- Chris will look into the possibility of VOIP phone (Voice-Over IP – Internet-based phone) that could save us some money on our monthly phone bill.
- Chris motions to approve previously-allocated \$5800 that has been spent and to conditionally approve the remainder of the forecasted budget until actuals are known: Sandi seconded; motion passes.

6. School Plans Review: Charlene

a. Plans have been taken to teachers and it has been updated as per the info posted on the website ("Reports")

-school will highlight works of mercy in curriculum and CCC – Service Learning, Family and Community, Values in Curriculum, Emphasis on Relationships (Champions/Connections)

- this year will focus on gathering data about how many kids can or cannot identify their Champion

-PAT results – Gr. 6 Math experienced difficulty across the entire Province – but the reality is that these test results come with many considerations

- will be working with foundations in lower grades
- MIPI test will let teachers know the skill gaps in gr. 8 & 9 – assessment for learning

7. Mental Health Awareness

a. Gr. 9 Health covers "Teen Mental Health"

b. Mrs. Schmitz is now full-time counseling

8. New Business

- a. Next meeting we will need to cover Administration Attributes as per required by Council
(will be emailed out so it is ready to discuss at next meeting)

9. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM - Next meeting is Tuesday, January 9, 2017.

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