

St. Gregory School Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, Oct. 11 2016.

In Attendance: Debbie MacDonald, Sandi Oelhaupl, Nadine Cowan, Craig Kittelson, Maura Uchacz, Janine DiPaolo, Jamie Soloman

1. Meeting called to order by Sandi at 6:35 p.m.
2. Craig led the opening prayer and explained the Territorial Acknowledgment that is read at every meeting.
3. Nadine motioned and Debbie seconded that September minutes be approved.

4. Reports:

a. Principal:

- The volleyball teams are showing continued improvement and look great in their new uniforms. Both Sr. Teams won the St. Bonaventure volleyball tournaments last week.
- St. Greg's won the Tier 1 first place banner for X-Country running.
- LINKages group has been organized and have started training.
- Jacket Racket collections have started and will go Oct. 11 – Nov. 4th
- Gr. 9 retreat postponed twice due to weather and will now be done in the spring.
- Still receiving new registrations. Population is now at 426.
- Opening mass was Sept. 23 and Father Mario said it was the best ever behaviour from our students.
- The Oct. 4 School chair and Trustee meeting was Oct. 4 and International travel is still under moratorium. It will be reviewed again after more feedback is received.
- Becky Kallal spoke about the purpose of School Council: to support and enhance student learning.
- Sunday Nov. 6 is Catholic Education Sunday and is a major fundraiser for our Education Fund.

b. CHAIR:

- Parents can check the CSSD website for travel information as well.

c. Treasurer:

- We now have a cash balance of \$6673.00 after Telus was paid and the Healthy Hunger was added. Will not do a Science Fair this year so money for the luncheon not needed. Bussing will be less for the music dept., but the debate club will be \$300.00. Wish list by staff was shared by Craig:

1. My Blueprints: an online program that tracks courses, marks, high school planning, career research, cover letters and resumes. It would be covered in health classes by all the teachers. Cost: \$500.0 per year.
2. Learning Commons: the school will apply to the Catholic Education Foundation for an \$8000.00 grant but we might not get it all so could need money for new furniture.
3. We are ok for technology right now as the old computers will be ever greened. There will not be a cheque writing campaign this year as we will do it every 2 years. Janine said we could apply for another CIP grant again after Dec. 21st if we felt it was needed.

d. Fund Raising:

- Jamie has the dates for the Purdy's' Chocolates: Nov. 7 – Nov. 18th for ordering And pick up will be Dec. 1st and Dec. 2nd. She also suggested we could put a note on the fundraiser to say that people could make a donation to Parent Council if they do not want to purchase chocolates.
- Maura suggested a bottle drive that we could do at the same time so that parents bring their bottles to the school when they come for interviews. She will check with the company the school uses and one she has used before to see what can be worked out in terms of a bin and pick up.
- Jamie also suggested a Wine Survivor where parents donate a bottle of wine and buy a ticket for \$20.00 to participate in the game. Teams of 6 are made and then 1 name per week is drawn in an elimination. Last team left gets the wine and we get the money. She will check with the Liquor board regarding the need for a licence. It would be done in March to coordinate with Parent Teacher Interviews so the parents bring the wine in then. Final draw would be right before Easter.

- e. **Special Lunch:** Maura reported that Saucy Bread Company with soft Pretzels. There are 31 dates in total. No parents have yet asked to pay cash or cheque.

Jugo Juice is a good addition and the kids like it. It can also be done on Activity Day.

A new special idea is to do theme based homemade cookies at \$1.00 /cookie. It would be done on a NON healthy hunger lunch day. Craig will talk to Mr. Macaulay to see what Spirit Council would like to do. It would be good for Christmas, Valentines and Easter.

5. Upcoming year budget

At November's meeting, we'll have a formal vote on the Budget, Purdy's and Bottle Drive.

6. School mission and Vision statement

Mission/Vision. Sandi will email the draft mission/vision to Council for feedback. Craig will send the next draft to the broader community for feedback from parents.

7. Mental Health Awareness

The ESIII Sensory Room has gone to tender for painting. It should be done within this month.

Sandi read an article differentiating between sadness and depression which she'll bring to the next meeting.

The District psychologist was at the school last week, reviewing the steps to put a student forward for assessment. She said the problems that today's students are experiencing are more complex than in our day.

8. New Business

Please send any new topics to Sandi or Craig

9. **Adjournment:** Adjourned at 8:25 pm

Next meeting is Tuesday Nov. 8th at 6:30.