

## St. Gregory School Council Meeting Minutes

Tues., November 13, 2018

*In Attendance:* Janine DiPaolo, Craig Kittelson, Pam Liang, Chris Flory, Debbie MacDonald, Maura Uchacz, Mary Jane Vandekerhove, Mr. Watson (teacher).

1. Meeting called to order by Janine at 6:35 p.m.
2. Craig led the opening prayer and gave the Territorial acknowledgement.
3. Motion to approve October meeting minutes made by Janine, seconded by Maura.
4. Teacher Report: Mr. Watson – Band, Science 8A Teacher
  - a. Grade 6 students will be getting instruments soon
  - b. Program focus is on support and excellence
  - c. Fundraising goals are to raise some money on their own, apply to School Council and for grants.
  - d. Ideas include a coffee/dessert Big Band night, a special spring performance or Sponsor a Song.
  - e. Totals goals are \$5000-\$8000.00
  - f. Mr. Watson will prepare a budget and possibly strike a committee.

5. Reports:

a. **PRINCIPAL:** Craig

- Craig shared a video from Trustee Lory Iovinelli reminding us of the importance of Catholic Education.
- Political Cartoonist Fred Curatelo presented to the Grade 8/9 students 1 full day. It was very informative, and the school bought 16 of his books for use in Social Studies classes.
- Staff is discussing Neuroscience topics: Neuroplasticity, growth mindset, multitasking, sleep and exercise.
- Screenager documentary showing Thursday night at St. Michaels's school and Friday morning for the grade 7 – 9 students. Teacher and parent guides will be emailed. The film will be debriefed in the religion classes.
- Grade 6 Help Plan our Future meeting was last Thursday, 10 parents attended. Information will be on the CSSD website and a decision made regarding moving the Grade 6's to St. Thomas Aquinas may be made prior to Christmas Break.
- We put in a Calgary Catholic Education Foundation application to help pay for our new altar front, lectern and document cameras for \$1753. The altar front and lectern were completed by master carpenter and artist Mr. Al Gerritsen. A decision will be made as to whether or not we receive the money by January.

b. **CHAIR:** Janine

- Attended the last Trustee forum with Craig
- Next open one is Nov. 27 at the Clarion Hotel and Jan. 24 at Bishop Carroll.

- She bought a balloon bouquet for the recovering grade 9 student and it was well received.

**c. TREASURER: Chris**

- We carry forward \$10762.60 from last year.
- Telephone is the only basic monthly expense.

**d. FUNDRAISING: Janine**

- We are at \$2300 for Purdy's right now. Delivery is Nov. 27, sort Nov. 28, pick up Nov. 29<sup>th</sup>.
- Lollies were sold by students at lunch and made \$280.00

**e. SPECIAL LUNCH: (Pam and Moira)**

- Healthy Hunger extremely successful. 40 dates this year, with some Fridays.
- System will send reminder if you did not order at all for the next round.
- Edo Japan very popular.
- Will cover 2 volunteer lunches - Nov. and spring for the student helpers and secretaries.

**6. PAT Results.: Craig**

- Happy with overall results for St. Greg's. Teachers will do an item by item analysis to see where students struggled on certain concepts.
- Maximum worth is 15% on the report card.

**7. Budget 2018-2019**

- a. Microwaves: very difficult to use at St. Greg's as 400 kids only have 30 minutes to use them at lunch and one adult is needed for every 2 microwaves. Wiring is an issue, as well as cleaning and supervision. Tabled to next year to see what happens with St. Greg's population.
- b. Learning Commons – waiting to hear if we get the grant to finalize furniture purchases.
- c. Maura motioned, and Pam seconded to approve the budget. Additional considerations for the end of the year: ping pong tables, art tables, band chairs, science stools and lunch tables.

**8. New Business: Please send new items for discussion to Janine.**

**9. Meeting adjourned at 8:06 PM - Next meeting is Tues, January 8, 2019.**