

St. Gregory School Council Meeting Minutes

Tues., September 11, 2018

In Attendance: Janine DiPaolo, Craig Kittelson, Pam Liang, Chris Flory, Debbie MacDonald, Dmytro Vereskun, Natalia Vereskun, Wanda Ledda, Fatima Novak, Kari Ng, Mary Jane Vandekerhove.

1. Meeting called to order by Janine at 6:32 p.m. Introductions were made to welcome all new parents.
2. Craig led the opening prayer and gave the Territorial acknowledgement.
3. Motion to approve May meeting minutes made by Chris, seconded by Janine.
4. AGM – Annual General Meeting.
 - a. Election of Executive Committee.

Chair: Janine DiPaolo
Vice: Open
Treasurer: Chris Flory
Secretary: Debbie MacDonald
Lunch: Moira Uchacz
Fundraising: OPEN
 - b. Financial Statement: Chris reviewed the 2017-2018 statement. We are in good position to start the year as we have \$10762.60 to carry over from last year. Motion to approve by Janine, Fatima seconded.
 - c. Review of By-laws postponed to October meeting.
5. Meeting Dates: October 9, November 13, January 8, February 5, March 12, April 9, May 14th.
6. Parent Teacher Conferences: Thursday Sept. 20th from 4:30 – 8:00 and Friday Sept. 21. 9:00 – 3:00. Parent Council will pay for muffins, juice and coffee. Council brochures will be available for pick up as well. Chris motioned and Debbie Seconded to pay \$250.00 towards food and drinks for conferences.
7. Reports:
 - a. **PRINCIPAL: Craig**
 - In July we received notification that our CIP matching grant application would NOT be funded by the Alberta Government. Janine and he will submit a new grant proposal before Sept. 15th.
 - There are 4 new staff members: MR. Watson – 8B and Band, Mrs. Attia, Junior High, Mrs. Park VP, Mrs. Ebisike – Education Assistant.
 - Great start up! 415 students, down a bit from last year. Less grade 6 from St. Thomas Aquinas.
 - Grade 6 will get instrumental band
 - Mr. Watson was chosen to receive \$1500.00 for the band program. This money will be used to pay for clinicians thought out the year.
 - School opening mass was Friday, September 14th at Holy Name Church.
 - ES3 has 5 students this year
 - Express bus 894 and 895 are well used.

b. CHAIR: Janine

- WELCOME to everyone!
- Shared the book of CSSD Annual Report of District Happenings
- Parent and Trustee Meetings are open to all and the calendar is on the CSSD website.
- In the new CIP grant application, we will focus on using the grant for technology and new learning commons furniture.

c. TREASURER: Chris

- We carry forward \$10762.60 from last year. Much of that was from Healthy Hunger. We are in a good position to consider wish list items from the school.
- We need to define Teacher Incidentals category better and encourage teachers to use the money earlier in the year.
- We will budget \$750 for grade 9 farewell as costs have increased.

- Wish List items:

1. My Blueprint	500
2. Robotics	800
3. Mathletics	1500
4. Music Band	1000
5. Debate club	200
6. Learning commons couch	4000
7. Chrome books / cart	4000
8. Art tables	2000
9. Teacher incidentals	1800
10. Grade 9 Farewell	750

d. FUNDRAISING: Janine

- We will continue to do Purdy's chocolates for Christmas and then Splumbos meats and plants in the spring. Estimates for revenue will be the same as last year.

e. SPECIAL LUNCH: (Pam)

- Healthy Hunger extremely successful. 40 dates this year, with some Fridays. If there is no school on a Thursday it moves to Wednesday.
- Will blend Jugo Juice with the pretzel.

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

9. Meeting adjourned at 7:47 PM - Next meeting is Tuesday, October 9, 2018.