St Joan of Arc School Council Meeting - January 17, 2018

Attendees:  Rick Paolozzi, Sarena Williams, Bruce MacDonald, Andrea Brownell, Alina Kuo, Angela Rudnicki, Tracy Laing, Sandy Blair, Tara Smith, Axel Fehres, Margaret Elekes, Colleen Joy, Jane Uzomechine, Anthony Uzomechine, Kendra Wallace, Larysa Gelleta, Carrie Lee.

1) Meeting Minutes  November 22:  meeting approved by Colleen Joy, seconded by Sandy Blair.

2) Admin Report:

Asking the parent committee for their help to explain to their children the importance of using social media in a respectful and dignified way.  Highlight that when using social media children are encouraged to share information that is positive and not negative.  Remind children that social media records are never really deleted...only archived.  Reinforce appropriate use of social media.  Principal investigated a recent instagram account that was posting negative comments about SJOA.  He spoke with students to get information about this to better understand what is going on.  There were only 6 postings and the instagram account was taken down the same day.  A student had initially informed the principal of this account and the principal reported it to instagram and the account was removed immediately.  The principal re-iterates that this can be very hurtful and bullies target peers.  Possibility of getting Paul Davies back in 2018/2019 school year.

New staff - Tracey Esterhuizen - NEW Noon hour staff, welcome!

Annual Satisfaction survey - as parents, you get notified by AB education (telephone interview or they might direct you to an online interview survey).  Very important to SJOA that you participate in this survey if called.  SJOA uses this data to figure out topics of interest.

Parent Trustee Forum - Jan 23, 2018 - RSVP Rick

Bruce MacDonald - school diversity and learning - results back from the November survey students participated in.  Grades 4-9.  The information will be posted on the SJOA website.

Our principal submitted a grant application for funding the zoo school the grade 7's participated in September 2017.  It was accepted and approved.  They funded the school $1250.

David Pelletier - generously funded $5000 for the Artist in Residence program for grade 4's.  Look to get reimbursement for last year (2016/2017) and this year (Andrea Brownell to enquire).

Sandwich Friday Jan 25/2018 and spirit day (crazy hair day)

Feb 23 - spirit day (hat day)

Jan 19 - pink shirt day.  The focus is on cyber bullying this year.

Father Pilmaiken - visiting grade 5 students Jan 23

Sr. Girls basketball - 2 tourneys this weekend.  Friday and Saturday

Dance program January 8-23 (K-9).
Skiing Nakiska Jan 25, Grade 9's.

JH Battle the Castle - very positive. Next challenge is tug of war, Jan 24.

Liturgy - Jan 24 @ 1:30pm SJOA Gym - for Epiphany (led by Grade 8).

PD day Jan 26 - hosting other school teachers - district wide.


How can Catholic schools start promoting Catholicism? Liturgies student led (opening).

3) Committee Report:

Fundraising

1) Pancake breakfast - thru MacDonald's - booked Feb 13th, delivered in first period.
   Cost $2800, paid for by SJOA school budget.

2) Pub night - April 13th - Saturday night - Seanachies
   Looking for band, silent auction items, staff free tickets, parents $30 (1/2 to school), ticket sales will be online this year.

3) plant fundraiser - coming in spring (before mother's day) Devry plant store in Red Deer.

Fun Food - Julie R. (Absent). Question raised if we could use new BP's on 85th Street SW. Julie had contacted this vendor and they were charging 100-200% more for pizza than other vendors selling pizza - which wouldn't leave any profit margin for the school.

Account Balance - as at December 31, 2017 cash balance = $10,648.86

JH Events - Margaret E. (equipment)?

Volunteer - needed at the Learning Commons to pull out old books.

Parish Liaison - same info as in St. Michael's newsletter (duplicate of info), so discontinued this role for school council meetings.

Parking pass draw: Kendra Wallace

Adjournment: 7:38 pm

Next meeting: February 21, 2018