

**St Matthew
Parent Council
Minutes November 15, 2017**

Present:

Suzanne Kitt
Carmen Darichuk

Michael Miller
Veronica Dixon

Kerri Barnett
Jamie Allen

Karen Russell

Agenda

1. Opening prayer by Kerri
2. Motion by Jamie, seconded by Carmen to approve the agenda as presented
3. Chairperson's report
 - a. Discussed:
 - i. Upcoming Parent/Trustee Forums - Nov 27 @ Bishop Grandin - Kerri and Karen are planning on attending.
 1. Post Meeting note: For personal reasons Kerri was unable to attend this session
4. Treasurer's Report
 - a. Discussed monthly report and balances as presented
5. Principals Report
 - a. School Goals: Faith Formation: Increase student awareness and participation of being responsible towards God's creation by protecting and respecting the earth and serving his people.
 - b. Added our suggestions to the school plan.
 - c. Glimpses of heaven (maintenance man & Bishop McGrattan)
 - d. Advent – chapel prayers
 - e. Discussed bringing Calgary Reads to St Matthews.
 - i. Action required: Kerri will send the contact information to Suzanne for further exploration.
 - f. Discussed inviting Jacqueline Guest for an author visit. She lives in Bragg Creek and is Metis, which ties in with the FNMI district goals.
 - g. Discussed Leadership Conference that Suzanne attended. Highlights include:
 - i. Presence, not position makes a great leader
 - ii. Who are the people in your life that have made a difference - Who is on your "wall"?
 - iii. Who are the people that will put you on their wall, that you've made a difference for/to? What seeds will you plant?
 - h. Discussed Father Cristino's presentation to principals
 - i. He stated that the goal of the school is to raise a culture of saints.
 - ii. Practice silence to hear God's voice
6. Suzanne presented parent council members with a photo/poster that states to not pray for what you want but to pray to be a strong person

7. Vice Principals Report
 - a. Discussed: Our School Surveys results. Generally speaking the results were very positive. One highlight is that students feel that they have a trusted adult within the school that they can go to. The formal result for this was higher than the norm.
 - b. Upcoming dates and events
 - c. CTF B update (2nd trimester starting soon and Elementary CTF B progress reports)
 - d. Literacy Parent Evening recap - good turnout and well received
 - e. CCSD Faith Day recap - Bishop McGratton introduced himself to the district.
 - f. Potluck thank you! (parent/teacher interviews)
 - g. Athletic report
 - h. Champions Update - Junior High
 - i. Champions Update (Elementary team building activities)
 - j. Thank you: Movie Night and Catholic Education Sunday
8. Fundraising
 - a. SPC Cards: 122 cards sold - this provided the school with a popcorn gift card and an entry for a pizza party
 - b. Purdy's Chocolate: There were about \$1,300 in orders which gives the school a 25% profit. Sorting will occur on Dec 13 at 6pm. Volunteers will be needed.
 - c. Mixing Spoon: Fundraising ready to go for March with a tentative delivery date in early May (hopefully prior to Mother's Day)
9. Motion by Carmen, seconded by Karen, to adjourn the meeting.
10. Closing Prayer by Kerri

Please note that as council does not have a Secretary, minutes are being taken by various members of council at each meeting

See the agenda for upcoming meeting dates and Parent Trustee Forums