

Sir Edgar Bauer Catholic School Council Meeting minutes

January 12, 2017



Present: Kathryn Peace, Caroline Karlgard, Cathy McDonald-Reis, Cheryl Beaupre, Darlene Francis, Harris Boyiatzis, Ian Sine, Jason Gorrie, Julie Kalbfleisch, Linda Hayes, Linda Kawecki, Melissa Lehmann, Melissa Schuett, Natalie Ferrier, Sara Kaptein, Teresa Iacuzzi, Tina Chonko

Regrets: Ron Dennis, Doreen Weise, Eric Thuss, Nicola Goertz, Charlie Van Alphen

Kathryn led the opening prayer in Charlie's absence.

Meeting minutes from November 24, 2016 were not approved – Melissa L to email Tina with updated dollar amounts.

Parish Updates - Kathryn:

- Skating social is February 19, 2-3pm at Albert McCormick.
- Ash Wednesday liturgy at school - March 1, 10:15am

ESQ wrap up - Jason:

- Approx 120 people, so decent turnout.
- 35 survey responses. Almost everyone liked the event. 75% wanted ESQ again. Biggest comment was that some of the leaders were not as enthusiastic and educational as they could have been.
- Better signage needed next year – some families weren't sure where to go.
- We used all our funds from this year, but we have a little remaining that was carried over from last year.

Financial Report – Melissa L:

- PRO Grant – used just over \$900.
- Only expenditures approved so far are busses.
- Can use PIC funds for meet the teacher night expenses.

Expenditures:

- Discussed agendas and whether every student needs one. Some of the older grades aren't using them in favour of electronic scheduling methods. Kathryn will look into it and let us know how many she thinks we might need, as opposed to one for every student (currently 355 students).
- Can we use some of the PIC funds for Bingo? It's a great turnout. We purchased chips last year, but may need more. Council approved \$200 from PIC for prizes and \$100 through general funds (if needed, since we typically earn money from concession sales, so that \$100 is recuperated).
- Approving other expenditures is deferred until a future meeting.

Movie night – Tina - Wednesday March 8:

- Need movie suggestions; please send to Tina.
- Tina to create Survey Monkey survey with a few options for February newsletter. Need to make sure the link in the newsletter is a clickable (live) link. Winning movies will be announced in March newsletter.
- Learn 360? Can we show those movies? Kathryn doesn't think we can use those.

Pancake Tuesday – Jason/Darlene:

- 7:15am arrival.
- We have foil warming trays in the staff room and art room. Should be enough to keep warm prior to serving in the classrooms.
- Kathryn will check with Nicola to see if we can get juice via Nutrition for Learning.
- We have a number of griddles and will verify to make sure we don't need more.
- Cathy can help shop for supplies if needed.
- Email Jason and Darlene if you can help or provide supplies/griddles.

Bingo Night – Thursday April 20:

- Cathy will organize, with Melissa S helping.
- Council approved \$200 from PIC for prizes on top of the \$100 that was approved previously to cover upfront expenses (money from concession sales covers the \$100).
- We need more prizes.
- Organizing on bingo night: set up tables and chairs, laptop, food/drinks, cash float. Grade 8s to help with set up, selling concessions, calling and verifying numbers, and handing out prizes.
- We have bingo chips and a collection of beans to use as markers.

Yearbook – Melissa S:

- Melissa drafted a letter to send home with the kids. We will wait and see what type of response we receive from families.

Playground Update:

- To help raise funds through corporate matching, we need to create a list of companies that have some connection to the school. Ideally, we would like 1 company/classroom to match funds.
- Using a website will make it easier – get a tax receipt immediately for any donations and can provide good exposure for corporate sponsors.

Other business:

- Different fundraising options... how can we continue to fundraise while still upholding the board policy? For example, could we offer the Stemmler's fundraiser more than once during the school year as the same fundraiser?
- As a council, we would like to express our concerns with the current policy, especially when fundraising for large items like a playground. Jason and Melissa will draft a letter and bring it to council for approval.
- For playground purchases, can we buy pieces from Parcs Inc. separately and then have them installed through someone approved? They sell off individual pieces at a discount. Kathryn will check if we can purchase that way and what quality guidelines/restrictions we need to consider.

Meeting ended: 7:35pm