

Sir Edgar Bauer Catholic School Council Meeting minutes

November 22, 2018



Present: Andrea Laughlin, Cathy McDonald-Reis, Cheryl Beaupre, Dave Rozek, Eric Thuss, Harris Boyiatzis, Jason Gorrie, Krista Mooney, Linda Kawecky, Maria Lowerison, Melissa Lehmann, Melissa Schuett, Natalie Ferrier, Nicola Goertz, Sara Kaptein, Tina Chonko, Vanessa Lopak

Regrets: Darlene Francis, Doreen Weise, Erika Hayes, Ian Sine, Linda Hayes, Teresa Iacuzzi

Guests: Christine Kipfer, Richelle Kocher

Andrea led the opening prayer.

Meeting minutes from October 11, 2018 were approved.

Parish Updates:

- First reconciliation occurred on November 15, 2018.
- Confirmation retreats for grade 7s are next week, with confirmation on December 1.
- First communion is on April 28, 2019.

Financial Report:

- Spook-a-thon raised net of 4892.82; bake sale raised net of 1000.25. Total net of \$5893.07. Will change slightly when final expenses have been submitted. (Please submit as soon as possible.)
- Council received the \$500 PIC grant.

School Improvement Plan:

- Krista discussed school improvement plan (SIPSA) and said that upcoming focus is on math improvements. The most recent PD day was used for math learning. As a demonstration, Ms. Kipfer and Ms. Kocher ran an exercise, breaking council into groups to solve a math problem. Involved basic math and learning to adapt to new situations.
- Open discussion from council about how math is being taught, strategies that teachers use to develop skills of the students, whether or not students need to memorize times tables.

Cheryl entered 7pm.

Expenditures:

- Council approved allocations of:
 - \$550 for community building events (\$350 for Pancake Tuesday, \$200 for Bingo Night, and no money required for Movie Night)
 - \$150 for faith gifts
 - \$1900 for busses
 - \$1900 for sports jerseys
 - \$1200 for technology-based toys
 - \$200 for grad composites
- Deferring allocation for agendas until later in the school year.
- Council can run a second fundraiser to raise money for the sacred space. Need to get board approval, but should be ok since it's for a specific cause. Sacred space has already gotten an altar and building a cross is under way. Mural artist is \$1500, and we need to obtain some seating. Krista has applied for grants as well.
- Can send out a request to parents for rainy day games, with an emphasis on math-related games.

Better Beginnings:

- Heather has no volunteers so far for a community event at SEB scheduled for Tuesday, Dec 11 – gingerbread house decorating, \$10 cost.
- Cheryl said that the event hasn't been posted on their website yet; posting it first and asking for volunteers along with registration might get better results.
- Jason will find out if volunteers need to be adults, or if we can request high-school students to help run the evening.

Outdoor Playground:

- Vanessa has some wood set aside and drying to be used for some of the seating and furniture. Biggest expense is preparing the ground/location.
- Set up a sub-committee to determine needs, expenses, possible grants. Vanessa, Cathy, Maria.

Umbrella Project:

- Dr. Jen will be speaking about the umbrella project, putting on a presentation for the school community. Will be Tuesday, January 15, 6-7pm at St. Luke's.
- She will be doing a complimentary assembly for all the students at SEB from 10:15-11:15am.

Other Business:

- PRO Grant is still being deferred.
- OAPCE conference is on November 24 in Mississauga.
- OAPCE Toronto chapter is trying to get the PRO Grant reinstated.

- Vanessa will write up parent council highlights for newsblast – include fundraising successes, next council meeting, important events. We can also post some highlights on the school website council page and can do a short twitter post to mention funds raised and thank everyone for their support.

Meeting ended: 8:07pm

2018 important dates:

- Council meetings:
 - Thursday, January 24, 2019
 - Thursday, February 28, 2019
 - Thursday, April 4, 2019
 - Thursday, May 23, 2019
- PRO Grant evening – TBD
- Pancake Tuesday – March 5, 2019
- Movie Night – March 2019 (TBD)
- Bingo Night –April 2019 (TBD)