

# Sir Edgar Bauer Catholic School Council Meeting minutes

## February 28, 2019



Present: Cathy McDonald-Reis, Cheryl Beaupre, Darlene Francis, Dave Rozek, Harris Boyiatzis, Jason Gorrie, Krista Mooney, Maria Lowerison, Melissa Lehmann, Natalie Ferrier, Tina Chonko, Vanessa Lopak

Regrets: Andrea Laughlin, Doreen Weise, Eric Thuss, Erika Hayes, Ian Sine, Linda Hayes, Linda Kaweck, Melissa Schuett, Nicola Goertz, Sara Kaptein, Teresa Iacuzzi

Krista led the opening prayer since Andrea is still home with the new baby.

Meeting minutes from January 24, 2019 were approved.

### Parish Updates:

- Father Freitas is coming in to facilitate Ash Wednesday mass at the school.
- Students travel to St. Michael's for Lenten mass on March 19 at 10am.

### Financial Report:

- Some expenses still to be submitted for Spook-a-thon prizes – winter carnival is Friday March 1, so expenses coming for hot chocolate, marshmallows, and cups.
- Expected cash available for use is \$678.23.

### Expenditures/Allocation of Funds:

- Council approved increase to allocation for Bingo night from \$200 to \$300. Melissa pointed out that there is already an expense submitted in December for some Funworx passes, so Cathy will follow up on that before purchasing more prizes.
- Deferring any allocation for student agendas until a later council meeting.

### WCDSB Multi-Year Strategic Plan:

- Krista reviewed the 2018-2021 strategic plan for Waterloo Catholic District Schools.
- Focuses on three main elements: nurturing Catholic community; student engagement, achievement and innovation; and building capacity to lead, learn and live authentically.

#### Pancake Tuesday:

- Council approved increase to allocation for pancake Tuesday from \$350 to \$450. Proposed expenses are based on 450 students. If there are unopened leftovers, they can be returned.
- Serve students, staff members, and make some extras for after-school program.
- Discussed having teachers hand out pancakes to their class so that volunteers can go faster for handing out and replenishing. Seems like a good plan. Will get more foil warming dishes to have one for each classroom.

#### PRO Grant:

- Grant application is for internet safety.
- We still don't have a speaker since other schools booked ahead before the grant was allotted, but we didn't have the ability to do that and now many speakers are booked.
- Krista checking with Mike Redfearn. He does an internet safety presentation and no longer works for the board, so he qualifies.
- Email correspondence indicated that PRO Grants may not be available in the future, and if there is an application period, it might be require a quick turnaround. Council discussed possible topics: mathematics, ESQ, mind/body/spirit, brickworks, technology night with tech toys (grant money went to a tech toy lending library). Jason cautioned though that we need to be wary about how much setup time is involved from council and school staff.

#### Movie Night:

- Tina, Cathy, Melissa L can volunteer; Dave Rozek and Darlene are a maybe.
- Tina to email Krista about movies, Mr. Sine about having grade 8s do setup for chairs and audio.
- Set for Thursday, March 21. Probable start time is 6:15 since Smallfoot is a slightly longer movie.

#### Bingo Night:

- Cathy will set up volunteers. Other details can be handled via email.
- Still looking for prize donations.

#### Outdoor Classroom/Playground Update:

- Subcommittee didn't have a chance to meet. Discussion deferred.

#### Other Business:

- OAPCE conference is April 5/6.
- Discussion about using schools for election days. Unlocking doors and letting people in goes against safe schools act. Could book a PD day on election days, but the board sets PD days well in advance and they don't consider election dates. If we feel strongly about the conflict, council can

petition the board to make changes. Jason can bring the issue up at the next council of chairs meeting to see about getting more wide-spread support?

- Discussed volunteer burnout. We need to appeal to some more parents to increase the number of council members and school volunteers, especially with a few of us having kids who are close to graduating. Krista mentioned that we could have reps come out to kindergarten orientation and possibly for the French immersion orientation.

Meeting ended: 7:58pm

Important dates:

- Council meetings:  
Thursday, April 4, 2019  
Thursday, May 23, 2019
- PRO Grant evening – TBD
- Pancake Tuesday – March 5, 2019
- Movie Night – March 21, 2019
- Bingo Night – April 30, 2019