

## Sir Edgar Bauer Catholic School Council Meeting minutes

April 18, 2019



Present: Cheryl Beaupre, Dave Rozek, Doreen Weise, Jason Gorrie, Krista Mooney, Nicola Goertz, Sara Kaptein, Tina Chonko, Vanessa Lopak

Regrets: Andrea Laughlin, Cathy McDonald-Reis, Darlene Francis, Eric Thuss, Erika Hayes, Harris Boyiatzis, Ian Sine, Linda Hayes, Linda Kawecki, Maria Lowerison, Natalie Ferrier, Melissa Lehmann, Melissa Schuett, Teresa Iacuzzi

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

Meeting minutes from February 28, 2019 were approved.

### Parish Updates:

- First communion is April 28 so the grade 2s have been preparing for that.
- Lenten food drive was successful, although we don't have a final tally of what was collected.

### Financial Report:

- Melissa not available tonight, so Jason did a short recap.
- We have \$748.82 available for use, but there are a few outstanding questions about allocation; more money has been allocated to sacred space than we originally approved, but we had approved funds for sports jerseys that the school did not need after receiving a grant. We will revisit this allocation at the last council meeting.

### Expenditures/Allocation of Funds:

- Movie night earned \$214 profit. Council approved allocating \$215 to the grade 8 grad party if they need the funds. They are meeting next week, so will revisit at the final council meeting.
- No other allocations were brought forth, and we are deferring allocating funds for agendas until the final council meeting.

### School Climate Survey:

- Krista handed out copies of the recent School Climate Survey and discussed its background.
- 39 parent responses were received from the online survey and grades 4-8 did a similar survey on their Chromebooks.

- Council looked through the questions and noted that the survey was framed slightly negatively with many comments about bullying and harassment, so we wondered how the questions were framed for the kids and whether any of the kids were upset by the survey itself. Krista noted that there was an option for the kids to speak to any adult at the school if they wished to do so.
- Krista handed out a feedback sheet to council members so that we could provide feedback to the school on how we felt about the school community. It is separate from the school climate survey.

#### Bingo Night:

- Cathy needs a couple of additional adult volunteers for the evening. If you can help on Tuesday, April 30, please contact Cathy directly.
- Krista to look for a sponsorship letter that we can print out – Vanessa was asking so she can approach sponsors for prizes.

#### PRO Grant:

- Digital citizenship and internet safety: Set for May 15, 2019
- Provider is Big Kid Entertainment. Afternoon assembly for the whole school with Q&A/classroom visits, then they repeat the play in the evening for parents/families and hold discussion groups.
- Council talked about ways to structure the evening and how to increase attendance. Traditionally, parents come if kids ask them to, but not sure how to get kids involved in the evening portion.
- Jason will open up the event to other schools to try and increase evening attendance.

#### Pancake Tuesday (Recap):

- Jason wrote up and handed out a recap sheet.
- Spend was slightly higher, with juice as the biggest cost. Juice is also a lot of sugar on top of the syrup. Council agreed that juice isn't necessary and the kids can bring their own drinks or just drink water in future years.
- Delivery was smooth. Would like a pizza cutter to help with cutting pancakes for younger grades.

#### Movie Night (Recap):

- Movie night was CRAZY busy!! We had 143 RSVP for Smallfoot and 23 RSVP for Princess Bride, and the count in the gym was higher than that.
- We sold out of all snacks/drinks: 214 snacks (114 popcorn, 100 bags of chips), 131 drinks (6 cases pop, 35 water, 24 juice boxes).
- We made \$344 – expenses (about \$130), so about \$214 profit.

#### Outdoor Classroom/Playground Update:

- Vanessa is researching materials and looking at possible locations on the school grounds.
- Might be nice to incorporate seating into one of the slopes, but need to consider accessibility and class sizes. Can consult the teachers as well once we have some ideas.

#### Other Business:

- OAPCE held their conference in early April. One discussion topic was their level of involvement with the new government legislation, but they indicated that they are not associated with the government and have little pull or insight into changes.
- School council newsletter – do we want to do one?
- St. David's is doing an event on April 30 for mental wellness – conflicts with Bingo night.
- Cheryl will be at the kindergarten welcome evening on May 14, so has agreed to talk to incoming parents about school council and other volunteer positions at the school. Nicola/others can write up some notes and Cheryl will address the parents. (Discuss council activities, volunteer opportunities like Nutrition for Learning and StrongStart, etc.)

Meeting ended: 7:55pm

#### Important dates:

- Bingo Night – April 30, 2019
- PRO Grant evening – May 15, 2019
- Last council meeting – May 23, 2019