

Sir Edgar Bauer Catholic School Council Meeting minutes

May 23, 2019



Present: Cheryl Beaupre, Darlene Francis, Doreen Weise, Jason Gorrie, Krista Mooney, Natalie Ferrier, Tina Chonko, Vanessa Lopak

Regrets: Andrea Laughlin, Cathy McDonald-Reis, Dave Rozek, Eric Thuss, Erika Hayes, Harris Boyiatzis, Ian Sine, Linda Hayes, Linda Kawecki, Maria Lowerison, Melissa Lehmann, Melissa Schuett, Nicola Goertz, Sara Kaptein, Teresa Iacuzzi

Krista led the opening prayer since Andrea is still on maternity leave.

Changes to the list of council members that were present/absent for the April 18, 2019 meeting were reviewed after corrections were required. Meeting minutes from April 18, 2019 were then approved.

Parish Updates:

- Celebrated Catholic education week with an opening liturgy.
- Book "Invisible Jerry" was read as a tie in to the activities happening that week.
- Closing mass on June 12 at the school, 10:15am.

Financial Report:

- Expected \$868.82 available for allocation.

Doreen entered: 6:45pm

Expenditures/Allocation of Funds:

- Council approved \$215 to grade 8 class graduation party; this amount reflects the profits from movie night.
- Council approved \$550 for student agendas.
- Remaining funds of \$318.82 will be the opening cash balance for next year. This is a typical amount to carry over to ensure we have funds available for Meet-the-Teacher night.

Playground Update/Outdoor Classroom (Costing):

- The group hasn't had a chance to meet yet, so no updates at this point.

Vendor Fair:

- Discussed the possibility of doing another vendor fair next year. It was a lot of work, but the community seemed to enjoy it and it pulls in funds that are not necessarily coming from school families. We wondered if there were any specific initiatives that the school was hoping for in the next couple of years: Krista mentioned repainting the playground games on the pavement.
- The kindergarten playground is covered by the school, so we don't need to raise funds for that.
- Final determination was to bring it up at the first meeting of the school council for 2019/2020; we do not want to replace the Spook-a-thon, so this fundraiser only makes sense if we have permission from the board to run a second fundraiser to raise funds for a specific purpose.

St. Davids Parent Council:

- Christine Dickson was here to talk about joining the parent council at St. Davids. You get to meet people, be involved, and studies show that students do better when parents are involved.
- The parent council meets 6-7 times/year.
- They run one fundraiser – the used clothing sale. It doesn't consume a lot of time.
- The council supports some activities, such as staff appreciation and graduation parties, and approves funding requests from new/existing school groups.
- Do not worry about a nomination process to be on council, just come out to see what it's all about and they can help you through any paperwork that is required.
- Consider joining council when your kids reach high school!

Jason entered: 7:25

Darlene entered: 7:35

Recap of school events:

- Movie Night: Earned \$214. High attendance, over 170 people. Yes we should do it again, but someone new should run it with Tina's guidance.
- Spook-a-thon: Earned \$5208. Kids love it and we have a lot of decorations. Yes we should do it again, but someone new should run it with Teresa/Tina's guidance. Need to increase promotion/communications. Consider activities that could be associated with it to raise funds.
- Bake Sale: Earned \$1050. Was successful run on parent/teacher interview night. Can do it again on that evening or during a vendor fair if that event happens.
- Bingo Night: Not as well attended, but always a great night. Should move back to Thursday evening and increase communications before the event.
- Meet the Teacher and Playground Opening: Selling pizza slices instead of pre-ordering pizza took extra time from volunteers, but worked out ok. Pre-ordering whole pizzas was easier to organize. Was nice to see the kids playing on the new playground. Next year, might be able to incorporate meet-the-teacher with a dedication of the sacred space?
- PRO Grant Evening: Low attendance. Date was a challenge because many of the groups were booked up. Need to have this event in November or January/February timeframe.

Dates for 2019/2020:

- Requesting Tuesday and Thursday nights as our school reserve nights, where the gym is not booked out. This will be helpful when school events are planned mainly for Tues/Thurs evenings.
- Discussed possible nights for council meetings next year. Proposed switching to Tuesdays (ideally, first Tuesday of every month). Will revisit at first council meeting in September.
- First council meeting: Tuesday, September 10, 2019
- Meet-the-teacher night: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 from 5-7pm. Doreen and Tina will organize the event.

Other Business:

- OAPCE Report – They are continuing to lobby the government to stop cuts.
- Officer intentions for next year – Melissa L is done from council this year, so treasurer position is open. Vanessa is up in the air about co-chair – she is not leaving council but may put her efforts elsewhere, such as communications. Jason (co-chair) and Tina (secretary) are willing to continue in their positions unless other/new council members wish to do so.
- Mission Day is coming! Friday, June 21 from 12:40-2:30. Many volunteers are needed – please contact Tracy Coutts. Tickets will be sold only via school cash online.
- Yearbook should be posted for sale on school cash online soon.

Meeting ended: 8:15pm