St. Francis Xavier High School

Meeting of the School Council
Monday Dec. 9, 2024
4:45 PM

Attendees: Maryanne King (chair), Dave Bergevin (treasurer), Dawn-Marie Jamieson (secretary), Robert Royko (teacher rep), Sean Power (principal), Thomas Moloney (chaplain), Alessia Panetta, Andrea Dawn Huck, Angie Pasquini, Ariadne Spontone, Claudia Carson, Iman Thabet, Piraba Santhiralingam, Simon Pillay, Terence Scheltema, Dulce Paiva.

AGENDA

1.0 **Welcome & Introduction** S. Power

2.0 Prayer & Land Acknowledgement T. Moloney

3.0 Administration

3.1 Meeting Agenda and Previous Meeting Minutes – Motion and second: Andrea, Terence. Passed

4.0 **School Reports**

4.1 **Student Report** A. Panetta

- Snowball ticket sales – were not as good as we had hoped, but it has been cancelled
- Candygrams – not enough lunches to do this so we gave it to key club
- Door decorating has started – voting on Dec 18
- Minister of events – holiday lunch game day on Dec 19 (TBD)
- Annual reindeer hunt is ongoing, ending soon, going well.
- Charity bazaar coming soon – with the religion classes Dec 11

4.2 Principal Report S. Power

- Students getting ready for end of semester 1 – RSTs and exams are coming soon.
- OSSLT (literacy tests) were completion for grade 10s and senior students.
- Grade 9 Math EQAO coming soon as well during exam period.
- Sports Teams – Well underway, and going well. Hosting tchoukball tournament (grades 7/8) and wrestling tournament (grades 9-12) in January.
- Student Leadership Groups – all very busy. Helping with exam preparation (reducing exam anxiety) Mentors / Ambassadors / School Mental Health / Student Council / Student Associations / Key Club (Kiwanis), spirit weeks have also been great.
- Black History Month preparations are underway (February), working on presentations.
- Prom Updates – working on alleviating concerns on the prom brought forward. June 4th is the date scheduled. Looking at other dates if that might be possible. Looking at something different this year due to problems in the past (not just our school). New this year will be a prom contract for all grads and parents and we will vet guests with photo ID. This is a school

sanctioned event. Adding a garden party for the parents to attend before the promo – take photos, gather together to help alleviate some of the problems in the past. Safety and inclusion are most important.

- Christmas Concert – Dec 17th (same day as student teacher hockey game).
- Spirit Week will be held the last week before Christmas break.
- Lots of activities for grades 7&8s the last week before holidays – movie afternoon, dance, student/staff games.
- Grades 7/8 students who are in need of Chromebooks can sign out a device for the year.
- Grades 7/8 Play – December 11th, evening and daytime performances.
- New lockers – it took 3 years to get these but we are happy they are installed. Every student has a locker.
- Curtain installation – the doors were not able to be repaired and we have replaced them with curtains so the gyms can be separated.
- Dome support letters – thank you for these. They have been sent to the board. Beneficial to not just the school but the community as a whole. No timelines provided. Maryanne to send additional follow-up letter in January.

4.3 **Teacher Report** R. Royko

- Countdown is on for the holidays. Keeping the students focused is a challenge. Busy with tests and assessments before the holidays. Exams will be here soon.

4.4 Chaplaincy Report T. Moloney

- Advent season is very busy. Conclude our fundraising for Christmas hampers – next step is to buy the gift cars and get them to the families that are in need. Classes helped with decorating the atrium (stars on ceiling that lead to the nativity scene, windows decorated too). Nativity themed escape room in planned.
- Question – is there a multi-faith room available to be used (including mid-day daily prayer)? Yes, on Fridays there is an opportunity for prayer in the afternoon. Sign up through Mystudent info and the Muslim Student Association. We are trying to accommodate, where we can, and respect the times that prayers normally fall and in balance with the duty to supervise/attendance for this time (so we know where the students are). Any other questions, speak to Mr. Power, Mr. Moloney or the student's vice principal.

4.5 **CSPA Report** Cheryl McEwan

- No report

4.6 **Parish Report (Our Lady of the Visitation)** TBD

- NA

4.7 **Treasurer Report** D. Bergevin

- We have $79 in our account
- Purdy's fundraiser raised $527 coming
- We owe Mr. Power $200

4.8 Media Communications Andrea Huck

- The sooner the better (for fundraising notices) to help us share this with the community.

4.9 New Business

- Fundraising
    - Bricks – Great idea for a legacy piece. Our outdoor classroom would be a good place for them. Survey for parents, aim for early January (maybe ask parents if there is anyone who can help with transportation from Toronto and donation of the installation). Mr. Power to look into the rules with the board but he believes this can be done. Quota considerations: we would have to sell 100 @ $23 to break even (need to cover the bricks and the $700 shipping charge). We can set the price, this would change the profit margins as well especially if the shipping change could be covered by a parent. There are also options for having controls in place for what is printed on the bricks.

END 5:55 PM – Motion and second: Maryanne, Dave. Passed.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday February 11, 2024 – 4:45pm**.**