St. Francis Xavier High School

Meeting of the School Council
Monday Oct. 28, 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), Andrea Huck, Ariadne Spontone, Claudia Carson, Hiwot Abebe, Iman Thabet, Irene Gosende Seeney, Leona Chivizhe, Simon Pillay, Terence Scheltema, Victoria Ibeji, Alesia Panetta, Matthew Bernabo, Melissa Mayrink, Remy Takam.

AGENDA

1.0 **Welcome & Introduction** S. Power

2.0 Prayer & Land Acknowledgement T. Moloney

3.0 Administration

3.1 Meeting Agenda - Motion: Terrence, second: Leona. Passed

3.2 **Previous Meeting Minutes -** Motion: Terrence, second: Dave. Passed

4.0 **School Reports**

4.1 **Student Report** Matthew Bernabo and Alesia Panetta

- Presentation by co-prime ministers Matthew Bernabo and Alesia Panetta.
- 1st event – coyote prowl, successful. Food trucks, great event, lots of involvement. Spirit week for Halloween. Nov 18th another spirit week. Lots of activities planned for December.

4.2 Principal Report S. Power

- High school report cards for semester 1 will be out Nov. 19 through the parent portal.
- Parent/teacher interviews and letters of intervention went well.
- Grades 7 and 8 progress reports coming Nov. 14.
- Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT) Preparation for grade 10 students is coming. This is a literacy test that is required to graduate.
- Coyote Prowl was held and linked to a canned food drive. Well received and very successful.
- Spirit Week this week. Halloween will involve a cake auction for charitable organisations and a dance for grades 7 and 8.
- We are hosting a Coffee House on Nov. 26 from 6-8 pm.
- Our sports teams are in full swing. Lots of success. Football team / soccer team / basketball team / ultimate team.

- Student Associations are up and running. Lots of associations being formed for student advocacy including ISA / MSA / HUGS / Hispanic Student Association / BSA / Asian Student Association.
- Student Leadership – lots of events being planned: Student Council, YCO (Youth Mental Health Group - Group to raise awareness for mental Health), Student Ambassadors, Peer Helpers, Best Buddies, Prezzy, Relay for Life, St.FX Key Club.
- AI – staff teaching students how to use AI effectively. Lots of benefits (use self-assessments / reviews / summarizes etc.). We are developing AI tools to help with student education.
- Remembrance Day Ceremony will be held virtually.
- Career Week is happening the fist week of November. The launch will be Nov. 6 and coincides with Take our Kids to Work Day for grade 9 students. A Career Fair will be held on Nov. 7 with members of the community participating.
- Nov. 12 is Club Day Fair for student association and athletic teams to advertise and help student be aware of the associations, clubs and teams they can be involved in.
- Nov. 13 grade 7 and 8 students will be attending an Ottawa 67s Game.
- Our grade 11 religion classes had a field trip last week.
- New lockers were installed over the weekend. These have been long-awaited. They will be completely installed soon. The phys-ed doors were removed that separated the gym and are being replaced with a curtain (installation soon).
- Dome support letters – Mr. Power is asking parent council to provide letters of support for a potential dome. There are partners that are willing to partner with the Board. Letters of support would go a long way. Maryanne King will write a letter on behalf of council.
  ***Motion: Terence, Second: Simon. Passed.**

4.3 **Teacher Report** R. Royko

- Things are going well. AI technology – lunch and learns, lots of teachers attending. Lots to navigate.

4.4 Chaplaincy Report T. Moloney

- Busy year already.
- Linked to school events will be charitable initiatives. Canned food drive was one – with the coyote prowl. Very successful. We delivered to local food cupboards. Lots of need in the community – they welcome your support.
- Our mental health worked assigned to our school (Daniella) has been working closely with us – linking mental health with faith.
- Some of the grade 7 classes have been in for their first chapel visit, more to come.
- Next month we start chapel masses (1-2 classes at a time).
- Christmas hampers – we will start the last week of November and first week of December. Big fundraising initiative with a goal of $10-12k.

- How can parent council support and promote this initiative? – suggest sharing stories from last year's campaign, use the usual channels (weekly newsletter, emails, daily announcements, Facebook etc.)

4.5 **CSPA Report** S. Power

- Cheryl McEwan will be the CPSA rep this year.
- Upcoming Events:
  - **An Inclusive Education, incl. Community Resource Café**

    Wednesday, October 30th
    Community Resource Cafe 5:45pm / Workshops: 6:30pm
    Location: St Paul High School, 2675 Draper Ave
    Come learn about supporting your neurodiverse and differently-abled child, with workshops supporting:

    - Understanding & Supporting Behaviour with a Neuroscience & Attachment-Based Lens
    - Equity for All Abilities
    - Oral Language Development & Literacy
    - Positive Behaviour Supports
    - Assistive Technology

    and visit with service providers and association representatives during our Community Resource Cafe!

  - **Hello Hope: Battling Stress, Loneliness and other things that can weigh us down! with Guest Speaker Aubrey Noronha**

    Saturday, November 2nd at 9:30am *Child Minding Available
    Location: OCSB Main Office - CEC Boardroom, 570 West Hunt Club Rd
    This session focuses on bringing encouragement and relief to participants to tackle stress and anxiety during and after a pandemic. Learning components include the connection between social media, empathy and the health benefits of face to face interaction, and practical take-aways on how to create stronger bonds with others.

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

- NA

4.7 **Treasurer Report** D. Bergevin

- No update

4.8 Media Communications Andrea Huck

- No update

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4.9 New Business

- Fundraising – ideas to discuss.
    - Purdy's (already approved) is ready to go near the end of November.
    - Fundraising Bricks – Terence, they can be engraved with what you want, people buy them for graduates, in memory or someone, teams, families, retiring teachers etc. Creates a lasting memory/tie to the school. The company is located in Ontario, they offer the bricks and the engraving. The more you buy, the lower the cost. Fixed $700 shipping charge for the pallet. That's the big risk. If we sell 500 @ $35 it would generate $10,000. If we only sell 100 at $23, we would only break even. Suggestions: survey for interest, possibly someone who can bring them back on a truck, details on plans on where/how the bricks can be used around the school (Mr. Power to work on this). To be discussed at our next meeting.
    - Flipgive will continue.
    - Other ideas, bring them forward.
- Other Items:
    - Shrove Tuesday. Maryanne will meet with the sponsoring family and will report back.
    - PIC and PRO grants to be discussed next meeting.

END 5:42 PM – Motion Remy, second, Simon. Passed.

NEXT MEETING: December 9, 2024 – 4:45pm**.**