

Minutes of meeting held on the 8<sup>th</sup> of October 2024

**Attendance:** Nadine Vigneault, Lauren Hayes-Van den Weghe, Julie Desjardins, Estelle Delogan, Ashley Guilfoyle, Deborah Quail-Blier, Hiba Hreiche, Ifeoma Okonji, Becky Ingersoll, Jesmine Onyeukwu

The meeting started at 18:05pm with Lauren kicking it off. The land acknowledgement was read by all. 18:07: Prayer on decision making by **Nadine**.

**Nadine** stated that Fr. Kevin can come do liturgy/mass with the kids and some dates had been proposed. He could also visit the **classes**, and he could be asked questions by the students and see how the church can support families in need during Christmas.

She stated that in September the inflatables were well received by kids, and they look forward to the next one.

3<sup>rd</sup> class of Kinder opened today and the maximum students is 15 as there was no ECE. The class is fully equipped as the board is yet to send in furniture etc. The French teacher starts tomorrow the 9<sup>th</sup> of October and educational assistants are available.

The first fire drill has been done and the second one will be at the end of October.

MAAP-Maths, Achievement, Action Plan program which St. Bro Andre is part of according to the EQAO had good grades in Maths, reading and writing for the grades 3 and 6. We would like to sustain this and keep going higher.

Oct 22<sup>nd</sup> -Grades 5 and 6 will be prepared through capacity building as they get ready for high school and learn the power of being leaders.

Oct 23<sup>rd</sup>- Bus driver appreciation day

Oct 29<sup>th</sup>- School photo retake

Newsletter to be sent bi-weekly

**Mrs. QB-** Cross country running team has been selected for Nov/Dec. Creative club meets in November. She thanked the parent's council on behalf of the teachers for the treats and signs during Teachers Day. \$600 was raised during the Terry Fox event. Dental screening was held yesterday and today. Thanksgiving Liturgy is for Thursday the 10<sup>th</sup> of October at the gym. Grades 5 and 6 will be knitting so they are soliciting for left over yarns

Funding for scientists at school is needed as it wasn't done last year in case PC wants to direct some funds this way. Apparently, the universities have cut back and need data at the moment to show the relevance. **Lauren** and **Becky** said it was a good idea and **Lauren** said the success of the chocolate bar fundraising may mean diverting some funds to the science project.

**Julie the treasurer** spoke on finances as the year ended with \$1523.45 and opening with \$1198.81.

**Lauren** spoke on the chocolate bar fundraising and said it's 143 was ordered in the beginning and extras were added and we have a total of 167 boxes and so far \$5610 is in and \$1530 left to be brought in. Families want more boxes so people are advised to send back what they have left and drop their sales money so far. This can be included in the school newsletter and the deadline is 18<sup>th</sup> October to send all back. The classroom that sells the most can have a pizza party paid for.

**Becky** feels a lot of people are waiting for Thanksgiving weekend so, **Lauren** suggested it should be gotten at the end of September and have it circulated the week of Thanksgiving and there'd be proper tracking since we know the families now etc.

The mode of sales like cash online or scanning was brought up by **Julie** and because people may be wary of payments especially with the complication of interracial transfers and carrying cash, Lauren said the option will be looked at. **Ifeoma** suggested that we may be looking towards another type of fundraiser if getting monies back isn't so feasible or people paying either.

**Becky** was nominated by Lauren for Communications and media officer and was seconded by Ifeoma.

**Estelle** noted that it will be nice to know what the job description of each role entails.

Nov 2<sup>nd</sup> is pizza day, and they would be speaking with the Caesars team rep to discuss price and offerings. She stated that a day after Halloween makes it a good date.

Dec 19<sup>th</sup> second pizza day. Lauren suggested that it will be nice to have a team of volunteers dedicated to the pizza fundraiser. **Nadine** says if the volunteers have a vulnerable sector check which isn't complicated these days, then they are good to go.

White elephant sale is for grade 6. Some parents

**Lauren** talked on the virtual meeting. Nadine said there will be a link that can be used all the time so we would try it in the next meeting and see. The link will be sent out in newsletters.

### **Any Other Business**

**Ifeoma** spoke on the grant that was available for parents and suggested a mental health workshop and Nadine said she will check with another school to pick their interest so that if collaborative efforts are made, it would mean more money.

**Jesmine** raised concerns over the security involved when kids leave the portable to go use the washroom in the main building. If there were cameras monitoring these kids, it will give some sort of peace of mind because the school is not fenced.

**Nadine** said she will reach out to the board to know what is doable as per fencing especially because in the case of an emergency, there should be exit routes that every student can use. The matter will be discussed further once the feedback comes.

The meeting ended at 19:30pm