

## St. Marguerite d'Youville School Council Meeting Minutes

Monday, November 25, 2024

6:00-7:00 pm

Learning Commons



In attendance: Jon Hogg (principal), Iyami Lewandowski, Natasha Tajik (chair), Sonya Coatsworth (treasurer), Mara Chapeskie (secretary), Rose Ayafor (teacher rep), Lesley Bilton-Bravo, Miracle Chukwu, Teri Muhl, Carla, Stacey, Sandra

1. Call to Order
2. Land Acknowledgement – Jon Hogg
3. Prayer – Miracle
4. Report from Principal – Jon Hogg
  - Last week was Bullying Awareness and Prevention week so students were discussing that in their classrooms as well as we had messages and prayers specific to that over the announcements each day. The Bullying Awareness and Prevention Magic Show by Michael Bourada was cancelled and we will have him in in January.
  - Our boys volleyball team participated in their tournament last week.
  - Our girls volleyball team is practising preparing for their tournament which is tomorrow.
  - The book fair went well and we will be receiving some money to go back for our Learning Commons.
  - Bharati our Library Technician is no longer working here and has moved to work at St. Gabriel and Holy Redeemer. Myself and another principal are currently reviewing candidates to fill her role and will hopefully have interviews this week and have someone hired to start next week.
  - Monday, December 2 is a PD day.
  - We will have our Advent Mass with Father Rick on December 10 in the afternoon.
5. Teacher report – Rose Ayafor
  - Complaint received from kinder parent regarding sending cash with children to school for the chocolate fundraiser. Council will not be running the fundraiser again in the near future but consideration will be given to alternate methods of payment such as tap or etransfer in the future. Natasha to draft response to parent.

- Rose to check over winter equipment and find out what equipment council could purchase (outdoor or indoor)

#### 6. Financial Report – Sonya Coatsworth

- We have 31K and 20 K in GIC
- Movie night brought in \$240
- Hot dog day brought in \$300
- About 20K in revenue from chocolate fundraiser which should come to about 10K in profit. We will try to sell leftover chocolates from open boxes and donate some towards the Christmas hampers. We can sell some at movie nights and Family fun night
- We will donate \$1000-\$1500 towards Christmas hampers for families in need – 30 families identified so far at the school
- Sonya will prepare the \$300 cheque for the CEFO donation
- Pizza and Subway to go up on School Cash Dec 17 and 19 respectively

#### 7. Cookie day – Dec 12

- Sandra to get paper bags
- Iyami to check numbers of students
- Teri to create volunteer form
- Miracle, Natasha, Iyami, Teri, Carla and Mara to volunteer on Cookie Day
- Natasha will bring music or we will use the speakers from Movie Night

#### 8. Movie night – Dec 13

- Iyami to send out movie ideas
- Will sell pizza (pre-paid on school cash)
- Lesley, Stacey, Iyami, Natasha, Sandra, Sonya, Teri, Miracle to volunteer

#### 9. Play structure

- Will use “obstacle course” language instead of “parkours”
- Playground planners suggested a new design due to accessibility concerns brought by the OCSB. The new design has a momentum corridor
- Everyone agreed on the new design
- Jon will submit new design to the board
- Natasha will write up thank you for newsletter to express our gratitude for families who sold chocolates

#### 10. Communications

- We now have an Insta page
- Teri will do more videos at our events to post on our Insta
- Teri will create QR code to be posted throughout the school and at events to have parents follow us on Insta
- Discussed timing of when to advertise our events as we had low numbers for Hot Dog day. Events to be advertised close enough so that folks don’t forget. There may be an issue with School cash as many did not get an email when School Cash for Hot Dogs went up.

