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School Council Meeting of St. Gabriel Catholic School

September 24, 2024

MINUTES

Present

2024/2025 Council Members		
X	Christine Pepin	Principal
X	Kelly Bean	Teacher Rep
X	Leanne Vo	Chair
X	Jason McDonald	Co-Chair / Treasurer
X	Antonella Del papa	Parish Rep
X	Marie Leclair	Parent / Fundraising
X	Ling Tiang	Member
X	Michael Allcock	Parent
X	Ryan Dowling	Co-Chair / Secretary
X	Susan Shea	CSPA
Other		
	Shawna Pasini (regrets)	Member
	Christina Trepannier (regrets)	Member

1.0 Call to Order at 7:03pm

2.0 Opening Prayer - Leanne Vo

3.0 Welcome by Leanne

4.0 Introductions

5.0 Principal Report - Christine Pepin

St. Gabriel in a nutshell is:

- Enrollment: 189
- Staff: 30 + EDP
- 10 classrooms including a Kindergarten Special Education Program
- Superintendent Tim Slack, Trustee Sandra Moore, Parish: St. Isidore with Msgnor Kevin Beach
- Spiritual Theme: first year of our new theme: We are called to open doors, build bridges, nourish new beginnings
- St. Gabriel remains a vibrant school, our open house had a good turnout and we received positive feedback.
- New Staff: Ms Hall, Mme Laroche, Mme Preston, Ms Benson, Mrs. Macdonald and Mr. Joanisse
- One of our challenges is that our grade 4 blended class doesn't have an assigned teacher. We are lucky to have Ms Benson filling in until HR finalizes the placement of a teacher for that class.

- Many events are taking place: Terry Fox, Orange Shirt Day, sports and clubs, students' presentations, etc.
- We invite our community to read our weekly newsletter to stay up to date with what's going on at school.
- As for this year's council, please know that the previous Council has made it very easy for anyone to come and to transition to this year. They have created sustainable, easy to transfer initiatives, and they have established and nurtured a welcoming and very supportive community. I am very grateful for their dedication and can not thank them enough for everything they have done despite the small group that they are. Leanne, Jason, Marie, and Antonella, we are grateful for all of your work, St. Gabriel School is thankful for all you have done for the school and the students. Without you, the students would have missed out on many exciting activities.
- The plan that I suggested last year for Council is as follow:
 - Meet in September in person for the first meeting and elections.
 - Then switch to virtual meetings to make it more accessible.
 - Decrease the number of meetings so we meet only in September, November, January, March and April or May. Have a final social meeting in June.
 - Budget requested: \$10,000 :
 - Buses for trips: \$3000
 - Activities/Equipment for kids: \$2000
 - Teacher Allowance: \$1500 - 100 for teachers, 50 for CUPE
 - School End of Year BBQ: \$3500

Any more funds could be used to sponsor a new sound system in the gym: +-\$5000

6.0 Elections - (see above for results)

7.0 Treasurer Report - Jason McDonald

- Approximately \$3,000 in CO-OP account
- No information available for the school cash online account
- Treasurers report submitted to Leanne and Christine

7.0 Other Business

- Pizza Pizza – Antonella to look into
- E-Waste – Jason to look into
- Craft fair –Antonella/Marie to talk to All Saints/Facebook, Christine to talk to caretakers
- Movie Night – 2 prospective dates

Meeting was adjourned by Leanne Vo at 8:02pm