

Parent Council Meeting Tuesday, January 19, 2016

Sacred Heart Senior School, Mildmay 5:30pm

Attendance: Nicole Wise Co-Chair, Anne Dietz Co-Chair, Steve Schwippl Secretary (PTA), Monique Van Alphen-Flear Principal, Jane Schiestel, Jen Durrer, Nicole Huber, Jody Weber, Sarah Borth, Erin Wettlaufer, Katie Weishar, Lori Johnson, Bryan Johnson, Ben Inglis, Ashley Inglis, Michelle Schmidt, Jennifer Fortney, Kendra Bross (Treasurer)

Welcome: Monique:

- Monique welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Opening Prayer Monique Van Alphen-Flear

Minutes:

Minutes from the previous meeting were approved.

- Approved by Jen Durrer
- Seconded by Jane Scheistel
 - o Passed

Principal's Report:

Jamie McKinnon – Director of Education:

- Filled those in attendance the process of the decision to close the Jr. School.
 - o Health and Safety concerns
 - o Short time line for funding grant May-June deadline and because of this timeline they needed to make a decision in a timely matter.
 - o Out of everything that has happened the quality of education that the children are receiving has not changed for the children attending Sacred Heart school.
- Showed preliminary drawings of the new addition to the school as well as the outdoor space.
- Jamie reiterated that Catholic Education in Mildmay is important.

Open discussion:

- Why are kids playing at the school instead of at the Jr. School now?
 - o Was successful before winter set in but was changed due to pressure by other parents to not have children walking to the Jr. building.
 - o Letter was sent home prior to Christmas stating that recess would resume at the playground when construction begins or when snow is melted

Lockdown Procedure:

- Is there a procedure for a lockdown and is it being done on a regular basis and what happens if something were to happen when the kids are at the Jr. building playing?
 - o Lockdowns are practiced on a regular basis and depending on the circumstance depends on where the children would go. First choice is always to take them back to the school but if that is not possible then the arena or the church is the next options.

Upcoming Events:

- List has gone out to the families
- Anything to add to the list just let Monique know.

Chairs' Report:

- Nikki thought it would be a good idea to have an article in the paper every two weeks to let parents as well as residents know what is happening at the school. Thought maybe a good project for a grade 7-8 student(s).
- No cost to place the article in the paper.

Fundraising Chart:

- Target goals for everyone to see.
- Place on the bulletin board outside of the office.

Family Fun Night:

- February 3 at 6:00 doors open
- 6:30 movie will start
- Munchies and beverages will be sold
- Free admission / popcorn

Financial:

- Motion to transfer teacher support of \$1,532.46 to Green Space.
 - o Moved by Anne Dietz
 - o Seconded by Jen Durrer
 - Carried

Committee's:**Shrove Tuesday:**

- February 9 from 9-1
- Invite Father and ask to use the Church basement (Monique will talk to Father)
- Need 20 volunteers

Green Space:

- Needing to talk to the engineers to discuss options of what they can be looking at for the space.
- Mandy and Jane will sit on the Board Committee for the expansion of the school and green space.

Fundraising:

- Motion to donate \$25 per child to the grade 7/8 trip to Muskoka that is attending from Parent Council.
 - o Moved by Nikki wise
 - o Seconded by Anne Dietz
 - Carried

Adjourn:

- Jen Durrer

Next Meeting:

- February 2 at 6:00pm at the senior building in the library.

Submitted by Steve Schwippl – Secretary