



ST. BONIFACE
CATHOLIC SCHOOL



On Fire with the Spirit
Awaken - Illuminate - Rejoice



Catholic Education Week Prayer

Hope is our calling, O Lord, and the destination of our pilgrim journeys. As we mark this Jubilee Year of hope, keep our eyes focused on Jesus, and on the hope he reveals to us. All our hope is in you, O God, in the name of Jesus our Lord and companion. Amen.

October 30, 2024

Members Present: Stacie Mathonia, April Eilers, Melanie Levinson, Lori-Lynn Stapleton, Jen Predergast, Lorie Sorger-Needham, Mary Earle, Josie Webster

Opening Prayer led by April Eilers

1. Business arising from minutes:

- a. **Faye Murray - Wed. Oct. 2 from 6:30-8 PM** - Faye is a mental health and physical wellness coach who shared about the positive benefits of mindfulness, physical strategies to calm/de-stress such as tapping and regulation strategies while making resource suggestions available to parents - minimal attendance of parents/a few staff - need to advertise more/ explanation of what is along with it so parents know that it applies to them, and they should make time to come -
 - i. Offer more hospitality - coffee, babysitting, pizza to host - repetitive communication
 - ii. Discussion if communication (flyers) be sent home in backpacks would be more beneficial?
 - iii. Repetitive communication: Sent in weekly memo, school messenger, Facebook page
- b. **Graduation next year - Gr. 7 parents to decorate** for the Gr. 8's each year - communicate in the fall - Mr. Fisher is communicating about Grad/Gr. 7 trip expectations In Grant's email to the Gr. 7 & 8 parents he mentioned that in the past years parents haven't shown interest in volunteering to organize fundraising to offset costs of the trip, but it **should be noted that parents are not allowed to fundraise.**

- i. Mr. Fisher discussed with students about ways for them to make their own trip funds (eg. - rake leaves, etc)
 - ii. Conclusion: parents are not to fundraise - students will raise their own funds
 - c. **Ball diamond update?** Community support? No update yet as we don't have any funds to spend on gravel (\$500) in the meantime we can start thinking of talking to people to find volunteers with the right equipment to do the work. **If we raise \$, we can purchase new gravel for ball diamond.**
 - i. Money fundraised can go towards gravel (like the gravel already out there)
 - ii. Once money is raised - we will start communicating about parent volunteers
 - iii. Did not follow through with the Community Grant - need 10% of the total cost (show receipts). Were advised to "hold back until we have the funds"
 - d. Bibles- what would the school like? which one was bought in past that was mentioned last meeting that they do like? (few samples here) - **Adventure Bible - need a primary Bible - Jen or Monique to find out need/good one**
 - i. Looking for/in need of primary Bibles (with graphics, etc)
 - ii. April to look into the Adventure Bible. Catholic Bible only available online in a digital version - waiting to hear back from Publisher if there is a printed version
 - 1. Adventure Bible - geared to Grade 2 to 5, includes all Books, questions, etc
 - iii. Jen will discuss with Monique about finding the "correct" one from year's past
 - e. Stem? April has info on some sources- kits for classes? or individual one time kits, or general stem supplies that single use, or other? Syringes and hoses for hydraulics, gears, electronic components, or other- what would the teachers like to see? (some samples here)
 - i. April connected with Jenna Meyers - Makers Space - what do we need?
 - ii. Suggestions from teaching staff reps: magnifying glasses, hammers, nails, screws, building stuff like Lego
 - iii. Discussion about how the School would benefit from a Lego Wall
 - 1. Lego Drive announcement to be sent in the weekly memo from Mary
2. **Financial report - Current CSAC funds = \$0** (all funds were spent on trees/Grad) - remaining \$2049.25 HST rebate is from school portion of HST
- i. Stacie stated the current CSAC bank account is still at \$0
 - ii. Dieleman's: only a few orders so far (about \$95.00).
 - 1. School receives 30% on snacks, foods and gifts. 40% on gift wrap
 - iii. Lily's Love: About 5 orders so far (about \$125.00)
 - 1. School receives 25%
 - iv. Mary to send out separate School Messenger with Dieleman's and Lily's Love links
 - v. Fundraising initiatives: 2 big/2 small at max - needs a purpose
 - 1. Suggestions (also ideas for next year): Mitchell Soup Co., Purdy's Chocolate, Rheo Thompson's Chocolate, Sugar And Spice, Elmira Chicken, 50/50 Website, Online Auction
 - 2. Small Fundraiser: Rheo Thompson's Chocolate - Spring Fundraiser (run during Easter and School Play). April to call Rheo's for more information
 - 3. Big Fundraiser: 50/50 Draw Online - run during January to March Break. Stacie to contact Jocelyn Klopp about her

experience/suggestions from using Rafflebox with Zurich Minor Hockey. Stacie also to complete gaming license

4.

2024-5:

Item/Fundraiser	Debit	Credit	Purpose
Open House - cookies/juice	\$137.70	-	Hospitality/Meet the educators/partnership (use extra Grad \$ to cover costs)
Dieleman fall fundraiser (catalogue) - October/receive by November Receive 30% on gifts/food and 45% on gift wrap	Only a few orders so far with about \$60 raised for school Closes Nov. 8	Anticipate raising \$500	Purchase STEM learning materials for classes and bibles
Lilly's Love - natural products (we receive 25% of funds raised) - November/December	Only 5 orders so far with \$125 raised for school	Anticipate raising \$500	Purchase Children's bibles/STEM or lining of tarmac
School Play Bake Sale	Costs about \$1000 For Graduation Cover costs of open house (\$200)	Anticipate raising \$1200	Cover costs of Graduation support for 19 Grads - composite/meal/decorations Use \$200 to cover costs of Open house cookies/juice Sell coffee/chips/chocolate STudents to create bake sale posters - canva
Gr. 7½ trip - mini-fundraisers for 7½ students with other classes to help raise funds to minimize costs	Teacher encouraging students to work and raise \$150 throughout the year		Teacher doesn't deem as necessary
Winter fundraiser - January to March break 50/50 draw - Stacie M to complete lottery license and get help from Jocelyn Klopp - Rafflebox 50/50			School yard improvements...i.e. Ball diamond (grating/lining); lining of tarmac for basketball...; more trees (all dependent on \$ raised)
Rheo Thompson Chocolate - mint smoothies	Easter & Play		
<u>Other ideas for next year:</u> Online Auction Purdy's chocolate Mitchell soup company Elmira chicken			

Metzgers meats			
Parish BBQ at our Open House/Meet the teacher			

3. Principal Report:

- a. Thanks for your support: Terry Fox, Thanksgiving food drive/Blessings
 - i. **November - giving to the United Way**; Advent - Angel Tree, January - St. Andre Bessette, Lent - Sleeping Children Around the World
- b. Pray the Rosary - CWL - wonderful support - Bulldog Packs
- c. Soccer, Cross-Country - next is Volleyball on Nov. 12
- d. St. Joseph's historical village & SAB relic tour
- e. EQAO - R, W, M
 - i. Primary - 84, 88, 67 (Board 78, 68, 67);
 - ii. Junior - 89, 85, 46 (88, 83, 46) - **Math was the lowest scores**
- f. SIPSA goals - RE, early literacy, numeracy, equity/inclusivity/anti-racism (EIAR)
 - i. OCGE's, Umbrella skills, pastoral plan
- g. Emergency and medical processes
- h. School spirit and celebrations
 - i. CCAT, photo day, Peer Pals interviews/training, Parish - Sacraments
- j. IEP's, School Masses, MMP
- k. SGF due/budgeting - decide on all fundraisers
- l. Budget -
 - i. **Lori Lynn advised they purchased 2 electric drums**
- m. FOOD
 - i. **Godfather's - maybe bring in Dominoes to check preferences**
- n. DQ
 - i. **we have a list of parent volunteers to pick up DQ orders**

Upcoming:

Vocations week

Peace & Kindness Week - anti-bullying - **Guest speaker: OPP coming in**

United Way

Picture retakes - Nov. 7

Remembrance day - 11th: **Grade 6/7s and Legion members**

Volleyball - 12

Progress Reports home on 14 - **interviews on Nov. 20**

PD day Nov. 15

CATYO - Nov. 21 - **Mary advised there are 20 JKs already signed up for next school year**

Stem clubs, Resthome visits, team meetings, excursions...

Angel Tree Campaign

CSAC Christmas crafts/feast? Dec. 17 - **CSAC will provide hot chocolate and candy canes this year**

Concert - 18th

NOTES: - FOLLOW-UP FOR NEXT MEETING

- Gr. 7/8 trip survey - teacher - no need to fundraise unless we receive different parental feedback (time for students to earn - likely \$150)

- No need to fundraise - students to raise own funds
- **Need \$** - Volleyball uni posts/standards & safety pads - Litzen quote: \$2500 (posts, shipping, post pads, tax) - we need them to fit (legs to wall) - very expensive and needs fundraiser - this year/next year...
 - Volleyball nets to be purchased by Pizza Day money
- Spirit wear? Same items or add any items? New supplier ? feedback from parents it fades after multiple washes. Should we go with Macleans Exeter instead? (skating club uses them and recommends) local, good prices, decent selection (can add things like cinch sacs, blankets etc..)
 - Dunny's for fall and maybe Macleans in fall/next year??
 - Need to compare pricing with Macleans
- A few inquiries about alternating pizza providers
 - Try out Domino's Pizza to compare - will have a Domino's Pizza day in December
 - Mary to check with Pizza Day provider about having an option of both cheese pizza and pepperoni pizza
 - Mary has a list of volunteers to pick up DQ
- Music program potential - update about possible options, storage, band aid grant. Just bringing the info, understanding there's a lot more that would have to go into this (music teacher capability, approval etc..)
 - Possibility of Church storage - need insurance/climate control/permission to teach music in Church. Storage/instruments/music teacher able?
- Thank you CSAC for the trees
- Skating
 - Mayor Klopp came to visit the school to speak with Ms. Stapleton two times
 - Council will cover skating for the year = no fee to skate for students
- Music
 - Church needs further details to store musical instruments - just wanted to inquire.
 - If we had any kind of instrumental program - would we have insurance/temperature control in the Church basement - could we even teach in the Church?

Next meeting - possibly December for a virtual meeting

1. update on 50/50 fundraiser to begin in January
 - a. lottery license/online 50/50 set up. Communication/posters/social media, etc.
2. Next meeting in person - March 19, 2025

Reminder:

Parent Memo - CSAC to post here. All members to be part of a school email/sub-committees

CSAC Meeting dates (4/year)
Open House – Sept. 11; Terry Fox Walk – 13 September 18 mtg – nominations, SIPSA goals, playground, enrol/staffing, code of conducts, fundraising goals, planning, dates, budget, committees, food days, SCOnline...sports/Grad;; Soccer 25 & 26
October 16 mtg – fall fundraisers & student achievement/EQAO, goals, PD day – 25; X–Country 16
Parish led guest speaker – November – Sacramental People – TBC Peace & Kindness Week – November 4–8 – anti–bullying campaign (guest speakers – OPP, etc.) Fundraising committee, Parent–teacher interviews – Nov. 20 (3:30–9 PM), PD day – 15; Volleyball TBA
Christmas concert – 18

Christmas feast??t –17
Bordenball – 30; PD day – 31st
Jr. Bordenball –
Shrove Tues. pancakes – March 4 Jr. Hockey tourney – TBA March 19 mtg – spring fundraisers, prep T&F –
April 16 meeting; Basketball TBA
Awaken the Spirit BBQ – parish led – TBC? School T&F – May 14 mtg System T&F – EQAO –
System T&F – June 11, 2–pitch – 17 & 24; Graduation – 18 PD day – 27

References:

3E:1 Catholic School Advisory Councils and Catholic Parent Involvement Committee

3E:7 School Fundraising

3E:22 School Generated Funds