

Catholic School Advisory Committee

October 10, 2019 ~ Minutes

Attending: Kathy Rowland, Michelle Van Loon, Jess Mahon, Alicia Verberne, Kristin Schoonderwoerd, Julie Schoonderwoerd, Sharon Stephens, Claire Krempien, Dayna Mahon & Kim Gaynor.

Regrets: Mary Fisher, Steph Crowley & Lisa Seyler.

Opening Prayer: Led by Sharon

Introductions

Review and acceptance of Agenda for October 10, 2019 meeting

1st – Alicia 2nd - Kristin

Review and accept the minutes from September 10, 2019

1st – Dayna 2nd - Claire

Business arising from the Minutes:

School BBQ

- Great turn out!
- Kathy reported positive feedback from other staff.
- Alicia pointed out it was difficult for the teachers to “meet and greet” when they were stuck barbequing. Also noted it is nice for kids to get to show parents their classroom/artwork which has been done in the past.
- Thoughts shared on doing the BBQ and an open house next year to give families a chance to tour the classrooms.
- Next year we would consider having parent volunteers and/or older students cook and serve so teachers would be free to mingle and be present in the classrooms. We could start open house at St. Columban with approx. times from 5-6 pm suggested them move to St. Patrick’s for a BBQ starting at 5:30pm. Wrap up by 7:00 pm. Finishing the evening at St. Pat’s allows for the school community to be gathered together as a whole.

Environmental Grant/Outdoor Learning Area

- TD grant was approved. We received \$5600.00
 - \$1500.00 for picnic tables (CSAC had provided deposit of \$1300.00 to St. Mikes)
 - \$ 300.00 for large chalk board
 - \$500.00 for drawings /permits (this was paid for by school)
- Kristin and Dayna have each picked up one picnic table. Michelle or Kristin will contact Steve Manzo to arrange for pick up of last two tables when they are completed.

- Debbie Terpstra is donating soil and hopes to deliver this weekend. She is working with Mrs. Salter to order trees and bushes through connection that can order them at cost.
- Discussion was had over adding eavestrough to the north and south ends of the pavilion to protect run off into newly planted gardens. Downspouts could run off the back towards the fence.
- Dayna will get a quote from Dan Diehl and pass on the information via email for a final vote.
- Sharon's husband may be able to make the raised planter boxes or we could look at purchasing them? May be able to seek volunteers in the school community over the winter months for someone to make them?

St. Columban Sandbox

- Sharon reports the sandbox should come this week.
- Sand is being donated by the Noom Family.

Fundraising for Swings at St. Columban

- Fundraising letter will be sent home (hard copy) October 15 or 16th. Weekly reminders will be sent out in WAAG emails. Final reminder email November 1st. Fundraising campaign end date November 7/19.
- Michelle provided a draft of the letter for review.
- We would like to aim to get 4 swings, with option to purchase an additional accessible swing now or at a later time.
- Sharon reported that an example given to her was for 2 swings, base, ground prep and inspection for \$5000.00
- Sharon reported there is lots of room for the swings in the school yard. Locates would need to be obtained and the playground inspector would be able to tell us some options where they could be placed. They need to be on school property.
- Claire presented draft of fundraising letter to local community groups ie. K of C, CWL and St. Columban Soccer Club. Dayna had spoken with soccer club at a recent meeting and it sounds like they would be willing to make a contribution.
- Michelle mentioned we may also be able to explore applying for another grant.

Flip Give

- Jess passed on some information on Flip Give, an app that acts as a fundraiser while users are doing online shopping. Users would shop under St. Columban/St. Patrick's and a portion of money spent would come back to school. She is going to find out some more information on this and draft an announcement to attach to WAAG with information for school families.
- Monthly updates could be provided via WAG to show money raised using the app.
- Would be great to do around Christmas time when a lot of people will be online shopping.
- This could be considered our 2nd fundraiser.

Treasurer's Report

\$3522.63 currently in the bank.

Recent Expenses

BBQ rental - \$155.66

Sandbox (approximate) - \$1507.74

BBQ food expenses - \$545.71

Deposit for picnic tables - \$1300.00 (this money will be returned from TD grant)

Upcoming Expenses

\$650.00 towards turkey's and ice cream for the Christmas dinner. 1st – Kristin 2nd - Alicia

\$800.00 towards graduation. 1st – Michelle 2nd – Kristin

\$300.00 towards St. Andre Bessette fund. 1st – Dayna 2nd – Kim

\$200.00 towards Shrove Tuesday pancake lunch. 1st – Kristin 2nd – Michelle

\$100.00 towards new FIAT team t-shirts for each school (\$200.00) 1st – Claire 2nd - Kristin

Principals Report:

Hot Lunches:

Beth and Kerri are working on putting together extra food days.

Going to try St. Mike's food program.

Alternating Fridays between schools.

Some lunches they offer include; chicken burgers, chicken fingers, cheeseburgers & tacos. Option to order juice box with meals.

Christmas Concert/Mass

Julie asked about plans for Christmas concert? Sharon reported that there will be a Family Advent Mass on December 19/19 @ 6pm where school choir(s) will perform.

They will have separate individual class performances like the talent shows they have had in the past, where parents are welcome to come and watch.

The Christmas dinner will be held at the Lion's Pavilion on December 12/19.

Spirit Wear:

Dayna presented her findings on spirit wear from Dunny's in Stratford.

Discussion was had re: concerns with scale/size of logo and the possibility of developing a new logo before we proceed with ordering. Dayna is going to see if they can draft us an updated logo and will email for approval of members.

Can do t-shirts, long sleeved shirts, hoodies, toques. Possibly baseball hats and warm up pants or sweat pants?

Plan to present new spirit wear at BBQ open house next fall – that will give lots of time for orders before Christmas and a chance for parents to view and choose sizes.

This year we will offer toques before Christmas, maybe baseball hats in the spring? Could set up a display on parent teacher interview night. Dayna will send email confirming colour options. Approximate price \$18.00/toque.

Next meeting date: Thursday January 23/20 @ 6:30 pm

Motion to Adjourn: 1st – Alicia 2nd - Kristin