

St. Francis Catholic School Council Agenda

Meeting # 2 – October 19, 2021

Attendees: Natasha Folino, Meghan Dopson, Kristin Hall, Marcie Courtney, Giulia Carpenter, Sibailly Baoli, Andrea, Brooke, Amanda Nesci- Spry, April, Vanessa Mariga (sent regrets), Chris Anselmo (sends regrets)

1. Territorial acknowledgment

- As we begin this evening, we would like to acknowledge that the land on which we gather is the traditional territory of the Atikameksheng Anishnaabek.

2. Prayer

God, the source of every good gift,
You have called us together as servants to do Your will.
Grant us the light of Your Spirit
To guide us in our responsibilities as a School Council.
May we work together in harmony for the common good.
May we listen to one another in a spirit of genuine respect.
May we encourage and reverence one another's unique talents.
May we use the gifts of the Spirit in creative Christian leadership.
May we approach our decision making through discernment and prayer.
May we respond effectively to the needs of the children in our care.
God of Love,
You give us the gifts of the Holy Spirit for the common good.
May Your blessings radiate from us to others in a new spirit of service.
We ask this through Jesus Christ the Light of the World. Amen.

1. School Update

- 1 Positive COVID - 19 case – Grade 3/4 class. The school found out mid-day yesterday. Two bus-lines were also affected. The students are isolating and will hopefully return on Tuesday. When there is a positive Covid case, the classrooms and common spaces get a double-deep clean.
- Breakfast Program has been up and running. Hot breakfast is provided once per week.
- Pizza and Pasta days have started. Pasta orders have doubled since last year.
- Natasha & Meghan met with Father Pat a couple weeks ago and discussed plans and his vision. He will start attending virtual prayer services and, hopefully, start classroom visits in November. He made a big impression with the kids. He will be attending Student of the Month Awards.
- Junction Creek learning started last week. The Stewardship Committee did their first outdoor meeting. Primary students had an opportunity to collect water and examine bugs to determine if the water is a healthy waterway. Meghan reached out to them, and they will be returning in the winter so we can track the changes over seasons.
- Recycling program has begun for paper products. Anything that the school brings in will be recycled at the school.

2. Regional School Council Update

- PIC meeting
Upcoming meeting: October 28th via zoom. Every couple of months – school councils come together and share ideas.

3. Upcoming Learning Sessions

- For Families

Human Trafficking Educational session will be this Thursday in person or via Zoom. Link will be sent out.

- For Staff

PA day on Monday. The focus is on Mental Health and next steps.

4. Library Revamp Project

- Starting from scratch. Fundraising amount available is 6614.84 dollars.
- First step for the library revamp is to start collecting books. We need people to go over the list of books for best practices in a school library. Meghan and Natasha can meet with the students to go over the lists.
- Natasha will check how much money is left from the Scholastic Book Fair.
- We are open to collecting used books and having a book drive. This would need to be a priority and we would need volunteers.
- Guilia will speak to Bay Used Books about a partnership and possible discount.
- Ideas for getting the books we need:
 - Book donations – We would have to let them sit before sorting them due to Covid
 - Walk a-thon fundraising
 - Grants – Ontario Library Association, Canada Posts, etc.
 - FlipGive is an app for online shopping that would give cash back for fundraisers. Marcie will be looking into registration
 - Amazon Wish lists for books
- What is our goal for fundraising? We wanted a student from Laurentian University's Architecture Program to come in and then start a budget with that information. We are hoping to purchase books this year.
- Sub committee meeting:
 - Kristin will be reaching out to the School of Architecture again.
 - Andrea will be helping with project management.
 - Brooke and Denise will join sub committee. If you are interested in joining the sub-committee for the Library Revamp Project, please email Kristin at klhall@laurentian.ca
 - Meghan or Natasha can attend these sub committee meetings. Natasha will let the Superintendent know that we are moving forward with the library revamp.
 - Old shelves have been removed due to safety risks. We have a few bins of books.
 - Kristin will send out best practice book lists.

5. Next Meeting

- November 16th, 2021 at 5:00 pm via zoom

6. Adjournment