

St. Francis Catholic School Council Minutes

Meeting # 4 – February 22, 2022

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 Anishnawbek.

2. Prayer

Heavenly Father, we come to you today asking for your guidance, wisdom, and support as we begin this meeting. Help us to engage in meaningful discussion; allow us to grow closer as a group and nurture the bonds of community. Fill us with your grace as we make decisions that might affect the students, staff and faculty of St. Francis Catholic School. And continue to remind us that all that we do here today, all that we accomplish, is in service of our school community. We ask this in your name, Amen.

ATTENDEES: Natasha Folino, Meghan Dopson, Amanda Nesci-Spry, Adrian Courtney, Brooke, Chris Anselmo, Vanessa Margia, Marius, Kristin Hall, Denise Renaud

3. School Update

- Snowshoes Grant and Purchase: We've had lots of snow days. We applied for a grant to get funding for outdoor education. We were successful and acquired a class set of snowshoes. We have different sizes. They will be in, hopefully, next week.
- Little Caesars Fundraiser: We sold over 900 Kits and raised over \$5000 for equipment (including replacement of older technology) and outdoor activities. The pizza kits will be delivered on March 2nd, 2022. We will send out a notification to parents.
- Pilot Project – Reading Intervention: Shannon Duguay asked if we would host her to do a pilot project with three different grades. She started last week with Gr 1 students with letter identification and sounds. She is working with Gr 2 students doing LLI – a target intervention for students reading below where they need to be. She is also working with Gr 4 students – practice and confidence building. We're excited to see the research from the project. She comes every day for a half day.
- Indigenous Support Worker in January: Joel Agowissa worked with us in school and online while we did virtual learning.
- Increasing Registrations – 24 since December. This is good news for the future of our school. Most of the new registrants are new to the Sudbury community.
- Cookbook Project – Catholic Education Week: Reconnecting and rebuilding communities. We talked about the importance of food and eating together. We are making a cookbook. Students are working on procedural writing. We asked students to talk to their families about their traditions that they would like to share with the community. We hope to sell them during Catholic Education week and use funds for community events.

4. Regional School Council Update

- PIC meeting – Next Meeting will have guest speaker from SCDSB Indigenous Education Program
- Last meeting had Guest Speaker - Compass Lead – Community mental health

5. Library Revamp Project Update

- Book Collection – Team got together last week to sort through books from the book drive. They are working on a database of all of our books.
- School Board Update. Natasha met with the Superintendent on Friday. The library space could potentially be turned into two classrooms if needed. When we purchase bookshelves and furniture, we will need to get them on casters so that they are moveable. Natasha spoke to the head purchaser – we would like to see some options with bookshelves.
- Fundraising
 - \$6689.84
 - \$2000.00 – Approximately from Pasta Sales

In person Scholastic book fair – hopefully we can have families come in-person in May.

6. Miscellaneous

- 500\$ grant – we have been holding on to it to gather people at the end of the school year. If we can't gather by then, we will brainstorm how we can use the money. Perhaps a dance in May or June, if allowed.

Library subcommittee will come together before next meeting.

EQAQ will be last week of May –first week of June

7. Last Meeting of Year – Tuesday May 17th, 2022 @ 5pm.

8. Adjournment