

Wednesday, October 25, 2023

School Council Agenda

Present for the meeting.

Jennifer Connelly, Lisa Levecque, Deana Ferguson, Amanda Dittrich, Amanda Nesci-Spry, Christina Pierobon, Chris Anselmo, Cortney Taylor, Brooke Beange, Giulia Carpenter, Kristin Hall, Jenni Donohue

Absent: Melissa Mathieu, Rosa Munari, Hope Anselmo, Pauline Hall, Jimmy Bartolucci, Mercy Kingsley-Emereuwa, Ayobami Ajeigbe and Hannah Thompson, Bayode Gegeojy

1. Territorial acknowledgement
2. Prayer
3. School Update – Ms. Connelly updated us on the Edsby app that was newly introduced this year as per the Catholic school board. An e-mail went out to 700 users at St. Francis to join Edsby this year. Only 111 e-mail addresses that have not been answered/accepted as some parents share the same e-mail address. The office will start to contact the parents who's e-mail as not been registered to see if any help is needed about the program. So far, no big bugs to report about the new app. Some parents tonight that kids are in the French Immersion class asked how to find the English teacher on the application. *Ms. Connelly was going to investigate this and get back to parents.*

Remembrance Day celebration will take place again this year in the school gym on November 9th at 10:45am as the Friday is a professional development day and Remembrance Day falls on a Saturday this year. The school will be asking if anyone has a special Veteran in their life to share pictures etc. Mrs. Caridade's class will lead the ceremony this year.

Nov 16th- Will be parent teacher interview 4pm to 6pm. The bookfair will also be open and running late this night. Looking for parent volunteers to help run the bookfair on the 16th as well as if any parent could volunteer during the day so we could open up to anyone who wants to shop during the day.

Bookfair dates need to be added to Edsby

Nov 30th – There will be picture retake day as well as Gr 6 grad photos and class picture day. There was an error with proofs sent out the 1st time so they have reissued all proofs again and should arrive shortly. Keep an eye out for them.

Dec 1st- Christmas Dance. We will once again host a family Christmas dance on Friday Dec 1st from 5:30pm to 7:00pm. *We will have a sub dance committee to*

help organize this event. We will need volunteers for various stations to help. More information to come. Including baskets that will raffle off. Start thinking of themes we incorporate with our baskets. Mrs. Nesci-Spry asking for a list of volunteers that will be needed. She will reach out to the teachers.

The school board has approved another prep teacher. This teacher will have five English health classes. Just waiting on board to assign a teacher. Right now, Ms. Connelly and Mrs. Levecque are doing the prep plans and a sub is teaching.

4. Regional School Council Update. Each school can have up to two individuals to attend the pic meetings. Deana Ferguson and Amanda Dittrich will represent St. Francis as well as the principal or the VP(only 1 admin attends at a time). Deana has reached out to see if we are allowed any more to attend but waiting on an answer. Think of anything you would like them to bring with them to these meeting. (Things talked about Edsby learning, Library app to be approved by the school board)

5. Current Business

Library- Since Spring 2023. The library has moved from downstairs up to the gathering space as we originally lost the room to share with daycare but since then that room has been transformed into a classroom. We have two options. Continue with the library vision in its current space and make it usable for all. Leave it as is and move on to another project. Three members of parent council have been working on this project from day one. They have voiced their concerns if this project does not get completed. We have fundraised to the community and don't believe ending this without it being finished is an option. Some teachers have brought concerns that the state of the books right now is not organized or maintained. This room is quite large and can be very noisy. The board has not approved of the free book app to use. The school has asked four times with approval. We have roughly \$6,000 worth of cash raised to date. After much of discussion parent council has voted to continue and move on with this project. Chris suggested right now sign out procedure to be done on paper to track what's in and out. Parents can volunteer on a weekly basis to check the lists and follow up with teachers if books are not returned. Deana has some lunchroom monitors to help with this as well. Cortney said she has an old POS system that could be potentially used. Will need to dig it out and see if it's still operational. Deana has asked Kristin and Brooke to lead a subcommittee for the library project. Kristin asked if Cortney and Melissa would also sit on this committee to see it moving forward. This committee will need to look at some sort of privacy wall/screen to divide the space.

Date needs to be set for its first meeting to move forward.

School Fundraiser- Deana has brought to the group that with everyone fundraising we should concentrate on maybe 2 or 3 fundraisers for the year. Let them be annual

or review on a yearly basis but let's not spread us thin. Group as agreed. This year we will focus on the following.

- Freskiw Christmas Flowers (was already locked in)
- Christmas Dance this to include Christmas baskets.
- Little Caesars' Pizza kits. (Orders due in February kits to arrive in March)
- Spring Carnival Day

We will have a subcommittee for anyone who would love to help with fundraising.

We need to set the following meetings for our subcommittees.

Christmas Dance/Christmas Basket Committee Date: **ASAP**

Library Subcommittee Date

Carnival Subcommittee Date

Fundraising Subcommittee Date

6. Miscellaneous

Stay tuned for the weekly update email that is sent out each Friday. This communication will include ongoing progress details for sub-committees, as well as, new information or ideas for council to action

7. Next Meeting January 17th, 2024