

St. Patrick's Community School

School Council Minutes

Date: September 30, 2019

Time: 4:15pm-5:15pm

Location: Makerspace 1300- beside the office.

(Please enter through the front doors.)

Chair: Mrs. Mundorf

1. **Call School Council Meeting to Order at 4:19 pm-** Mrs. Mundorf- Principal
2. **Prayer-** Mrs. Andrea Gringhuis - Vice Principal
3. **Introductions: minutes approved from August 26th, 2019 -** Mrs. Mundorf, Brandon Heck, Andrea Gringhuis, Beverly Sumayang, Teddy Suggah, Jonathan Suggah, Graciella Chinchilla, Danielle Finlayson, Marilyn Hurtubise, Cindy Stables, Patricia Cej, Teresa Braun, Jessie Whittlelor, Glorice Cayogo, Tristan Guerrero, Hanna Kidane
4. **School Council Executive Positions:**
 - Thank you for the following parents who have agreed to be part of our 2019-2020 School Council Executive.
 - Ms. Teresa Braun- Vice- Chair
 - Mrs. Cindy Stables- Treasurer
 - Mrs. Danielle Finlayson- Recording Assistant
 - Voting:
 - Last year:
 1. Decision making - all parents will have a vote.
Quorum- 3 - 2 executive members and 1 parent.
5. **School Council Fees/Fundraising:**
 - \$30.00/child is what St. Patrick's Community School Council Executive agreed to 2 years ago.
 - Discussion about the current budget and surplus from last year not being spent. Mrs. Mundorf made a motion to approve the use of the \$24,000 surplus and allow the teachers \$1000 per homeroom class to be spent on resources that enhance student learning. Motion seconded by Cindy Stables. Voted: passed unanimously

- It was then discussed whether or not we should do any fundraising for the year. It was decided to forego fundraising at this time due to the renovations and lack of space to hold items. Will revisit later in the year if needed.
- Discussion about different types of fundraisers available. (examples - cookie dough, pizza, Steeped Tea, Grandma's attic)

6. School Council sponsored events:

- Halloween Dance booked for Monday, October 28th from 6:00 pm-7:30 pm. Details to follow
- Advent Craft Night to be planned
 - Suggestions:
 1. Make crafts for Points West at the craft night
 2. Wreath making
 - Easter Egg Hunt - will revisit this idea at a later date

7. Breakfast Program funding:

- As per the letter of September 27, we have been given \$60 000.00 to support our school breakfast program.
- Purchased:
 - 4 KitchenAid Stand Mixers
 - 4 toasters
 - Exploring partnership with St. Joseph High School who would prepare and deliver breakfasts.
- Teresa Braun suggested purchasing a couple of roasters to hold the hot food if doing a hot breakfast for students.

8. Hot Lunch:

- We are unable to offer a hot lunch program at this time, as we have no space to organize the food. Once the modernization is complete, we can revisit this volunteer position.

9. Modernization update:

- Completion of Phase 3 of the modernization is scheduled for the end of November 2019. We will update the parents closer to the date.
- Flooring- the existing tile is to be removed and replaced with polished concrete over the Christmas break.
- Once all is complete, the school will hold a celebration possibly at the end of February 2020.

10. PAT (Provincial Achievement Test) Results:

- 2019 St. Patrick's Community School Provincial Achievement Test Results for Grade 6 and 9:
 - In the category of 'Acceptable' 5 out of 8 subjects are above the Provincial average.
 - In the category of 'Excellence' - 3 out of 8 subjects are above the Provincial average.
- This is absolutely outstanding news for our school community and we couldn't be more proud. This is the first time in over 15 years that our PAT results are so strong. Our school continues to trend upwards and we are most grateful for all our parent's support.

11. SIP- School Improvement Plan:

- This year, instead of giving an update on LIFT: Literacy, Inclusion, Faith, and Technology, there will be updates about our School Improvement Plan.
- The school improvement plan will be ready in November and we will have an update at our next meeting.
 - **Parent Learning Section:**
 1. VBRD- Virtue Based Restorative Discipline
 - VBRD incorporates Indigenous Talking Circles, develops classroom inclusivity and a sense of belonging, and integrates our Catholic faith virtues. Each month a new virtue will be introduced to students and at least one talking circle about the virtue will follow.
 - September - Kindness
 - October - Gratefulness

12. Next meeting: Monday, November 4th at 4:15 pm, in the Makerspace area beside the office.

13. Meeting adjourned- 5:33 pm