

MINUTES

Holy Family School Council Meeting
February 5th 2024, 1900-2100h

Attendance:

Gina Anderson (GA)	Maria Gray, (MG) Principal
Lisa Christensen (LC)	Patti Oxford, (PO) Vice-Principal
Shirah Davis (SD) (via phone)	
Carrie Gillis (CG)	
Daniel Harms (DH)	

Regrets:

Secretary/Treasurer: Kirsten Behnka (KB)

7:00pm Opening prayer and land acknowledgement (CG)

- 1) Adoption of Minutes – 2 min
 - N/A
 - KB to send minutes from January, 2024 meeting
- 2) Vacancies Update (CG/DH) – 2 min
 - DH sworn in since last meeting –all members now up-to-date on this.
 - All council members need to fill out honorarium forms again for '24 tax year
- 3) Financial Update (CG/KB) – 5 min
 - \$3,520.42 in the bank account. Includes cheques cashed from BBQ, babysitting/stay-at-home safe courses.
 - KB met with Erin, re-instated bank card – all up-to-date on treasurer things.
- 4) Spelling Bee Planning (GA) – 15 min
 - Dates:
 - Thursday, April 25th, HFES gym booked for the whole day.
 - Monday, April 29th, gym booked for the afternoon (finale set up 12:30-1:30, BEE 1:30-2:30, Pizza/Clean up (2:30-3pm).
 - Contests
 - Bee door decorating April 15th Judge on April 19th (prize pizza)
 - Dress up like a bee day April 24th.
 - Prizes/goodies (feedback from parents considered from last year):
 - Popcorn and goody bags (pencils, erasers).
 - Smaller number of prizes for winners, so they're special (2 prizes per grade).
 - Action: MG to contact Angelina's re: donations again this year.
 - Action: GA to send MG donation letter request to businesses.
 - MG to weigh in on prizes (assess after business donations come in)
 - Ribbons and Air North cookies for finalists.
 - Tasks:
 - Word Wednesday - SD will print from google drive and drop off at HFES office; remind office WHEN to distribute (April 3, 10, 17, 24).

- Decorations:
 - Refresh cardboard bee – DH
 - Flowers for volunteers/decorations – LC
 - MG will email asking for volunteers April 24 to set up (7-9pm)
 - GA will see if Shawn O'Donovan will head up decoration planning
 - Other
 - Thank you cards for volunteers: CG
 - Popcorn: CG (plus GA can ask Erin if she is able to also help)
- 5) Council and Committees update – 20 min:
- a. CEAY, communication policy feedback (SD)
 - SD to send word version of the policy to council members by Sunday Feb. 11th.
 - CEAY has meeting owl
 - St. Francis doing a survey of our school.
 - Catholic PD day coming soon - \$ for this.
 - b. Busing Committee (LC)
 - Next meeting Thursday, Feb. 8th, will revisit the Keno Street bus stop issue. Have followed up via email, but no response yet,
- 6) Teacher On Call shortage follow-up – 5 min (CG)
- TOC info night confirmed for Wednesday, February 7th
 - LC and GA to share to radio stations, facebook sites
- 7) Principal's report (MG/PO) – 10-15 min
- Literacy team – 4 schools taking same approach. Schneider/Gillis.
 - PD Day update.
 - Wheelchair basketball a big success.
 - Showshoes purchased this year – maybe kicksleds can be purchased next yr. to add to outdoor time options.
 - Speech and language OT consultants at HFES this month.
 - Whistlebend school not expected to impact HFES numbers – no families have said they'd be transferring.
 - Terri Forest now retired – Leah Savoie new EA – need to hire a 0.5 EA, as Leah was working as an EA.
 - Retirement lunch planned for March 7th – council may help provide \$ if possible.
 - School will celebrate Valentine's Day on Tuesday February 13th; 14th is the beginning of Lent.
 - Mr. Colachi will be back in April; likely on reduced hours.
 - Wednesday nights are booked for school things in the '24/'25 calendar year.
- 8) School Community Communication to Council – 5 min
- a. N/A
- 9) Other:
- a. School clubs
 - For primary students? Tough with small # of school staff (over the lunch hour need to have staff with students eating lunch and staff with students outside).
 - b. Community building activities
 - Discuss at next meeting.
 - c. Grants (community clean-up, babysitter's course application)
 - Community clean-up – CG will apply (grade 7s will do it and the money will go towards grad).
 - Babysitter's course application – LC to apply.

10) In-camera session

9:00pm Adjournment