

## AGENDA

Holy Family School Council Meeting  
Mon, Sept 13, 2021, 1830-2030

### Attendance:

#### Members:

- Gina Anderson
- Amy Fry
- Myriam Lafrance
- Erin Spiewak
- John Williams

Principal:  
Vice-Principal:  
Guests:

- Maria Gray
- Patti Oxford
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- 1) Opening prayer (MG)
- 2) Welcome and ice breaker (AF)
- 3) New council housekeeping:
  - a. Confirmed meeting date/time (be sure to post/publish on website/newsletter)  
**First Monday of each month – 7pm**
  - b. Selection of Chair - Amy
  - c. Secretary/treasurer – Erin
  - d. Appoint committee members: Newsletter update (Amy) , CEAY (John/Myriam), Student Transportation (Amy)
- 4) Financial update (special thanks to Erin!)
  - Closing ledger at \$6668.53
  - Still not signed yet but reviewed with LQ. ES to follow up with LC about final review
- 5) In-camera session if necessary (In at 7- 7:06pm)
- 6) Parental communication and concerns
  - Bus schedule has been sporadic for a few buses but getting more reliable
- 7) Principal's report (MG/PO)
  - Start up days for staff went well.
  - Office admin took a temporary temp position outside of the school. Require a 6 month admin person
  - Still need a .5 EA
  - TOC – No subs are available for staff coverage. Managing to move support staff to cover classes
  - Property Management returning tomorrow to repair front fencing. Sidewalk near the staff parking has not been poured and likely will not occur this year. MG in constant contact with DOE for updates. Parking lot improvement was completed the day before school started. Lines to be painted this week.
  - Health and Safety Committee – starting up tomorrow
  - School growth plan – review and update this fall
  - Student support services – experiencing delays in getting support from department
  - YFNED programming – amazing program for educational and nutritional needs. Teachers submit online order to receive classroom snacks. Blenders were supplied to start a smoothie program – GA will make an announcement on FB for parent to help make smoothies in the morning for students (8:30 -9am)

- 8) HFES calendar to include student-led conference/parent teacher days (AF, ES)
- All “dates to remember” (non instructional days) will be included on website
- 9) Pizza lunch (ES)
- Support for regular pizza lunch
  - MG to talk to CL about gr 7 class taking over pizza lunch as fundraiser for grad party
  - SC should oversee organization
  - ES will meet with MG to talk details outside of meeting next week
- 10) Front entrance landscaping (ES)
- School Council was trying to coordinate front entrance landscaping with the parking lot improvements but it was not included in the original plan
  - Landscaping at entrance was not altered with parking upgrades
  - MG will follow up with DOE representative
- 11) First Nations School Board (JW)
- An information session was held by the First Nation Education Directorate and AYSCB to discuss the progress of establishing the new Board. Information can be found at <https://www.yfned.ca/fnsb>
  - SC will continue to monitor the progress
- 12) Student Vote Canada (ML)
- Elections Canada offers school based election during federal elections (mainly gr 4-7)
  - School runs their own election to learn about democracy and results are published across Canada
  - Kit can be ordered online but likely missed the opportunity. MG will bring info to gr 6-7 and see what available to download/print. Discussed a similar program for the municipal election.
- 13) CEAY update (JW)
- AGM scheduled for Sept 28<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. JW to invite LC to event.
- 14) Catholic book donation (JW)
- Author donated sets of books for NET as a fundraiser. Proceeds go to the parish
  - Proposing that SC purchase a set for \$100 for the school library (6 books).
- Motion: School Council will purchase the books (1<sup>st</sup> JW/2<sup>nd</sup> ML). All in favour.
- 15) Outstanding items from last year
- Website improvements (GA). LC has scheduled IT time this year. In absence of office admin, PO/MG will ask LC to update the website (complete calendar and staff bios)
  - Every Student, Every Day grant for sensory room
    - Signed agreement but have not received cheque yet
  - School Council purchased recess equipment since funding was not approved
    - Still need to purchase winter equipment. JW brought some supplies from Canadian Tire and delivered them to the school
    - Request for portable volleyball net that can be taken in each night to avoid after school vandalism
- 16) Fundraising ideas/community building
- Contest – Student Thank card design for SC to make cards
  - Thanksgiving - Door decorating contest. Theme: what are you grateful for? Judging on the Oct 4<sup>th</sup>. Party on the Friday Oct 9<sup>th</sup> for primary and intermediate classrooms. Prize: Pizza party? ML to lea
  - Sledding party?
    - i. Yes – Week of December 6-10<sup>th</sup>. ML to book venue ASAP
  - Spelling Bee – yes
    - ii. GA will look in apply in upcoming Youth Investment Fund. Deadline October 1, 2021