



ST. KATERI TEKAKWITHA CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL 2019-2020

MINUTES

Tuesday, November 23, 2020

Present: Jennifer Deeley, Pauline Hyde, Mario Ferretti, Daniella Doyon, Tracey Brown

Regrets: Raviella Green, Honeylyn Taruc, Letara Couto-Tavares

1. PRAYER

2. Approval of Minutes October 20,2020

- Move to next meeting (Quorum)

3. Treasurer's Report – see attached

- Profit of \$212 on the Virtual Candy Store

4. PRO Grant Application (Due: November 30, 2020)

Some ideas include:

- Virtual open house-community engagement event
- Virtual open house – what a day in the life of their kids in the school – dismissal, entry, safety precautions, learning, fun, etc.
- Motivational Talk – Light at the end of the tunnel – positive attitude – mental wellness. Parents feel engaged with what is happening in the school – student testimonials – examples of each division – classrooms – images of each class learning – each class can do something – navigating the cash online
- Choose one day – Open House – Dr. Josie Lombardi – Hope/Spiritual First Aid – January/February – aim for mid-to-end of February.

ACTION:

- Tracey will finish the Pro-Grant and send to Mrs. Hyde for final thoughts before submitting.
- Tracey will book Dr. Josie Lombardi for mid-end of February.

5. School Uniform update:

- July 1, 2021 – McCarthy's – would like us to sign the contract to allow parents to do summer orders so they can embroider what is needed.

ACTION:

- Pauline will follow up with McCarthy's to start the process of signing the new contract.

6. Virtual Candy store

- The first round was very successful. We sold over 100 items and quite a bit of the community participated.
- Josie will look at the cash online report and follow up with families who may not be able to use cash online

- Pick-up of November orders lands on the same day as Virtual School Picture Days so for students in the virtual school the packages will be ready to pick up at the gym door.
- December orders:
 - Cash Online will be open from December 1-13 at midnight. Mrs. DeSantis will collate the orders and provide them to Mrs. Hyde on Monday, December 14 by 9 am. Delivery will happen on Friday, December 18
 - Flyer will be shared with families via School Connects by November 30 – Cotton Candy, Candy Apples, Christmas packages ...
 - Package #1: Chocolate Marshmallow – Christmas Gummies – Chocolate Lollipop - \$6.00 – Charge \$9.50
 - Package #2: 2 oreo cookies – chocolate-dipped with peppermint; 6 foil chocolates, white and milk chocolate covered pretzels - \$5 and sell for \$9.50
 - Cotton Candy – maple; cherry-berry; candy cane flavour
 - Green Candy Apple

The Catholic School Council and the school staff are so happy to be able to support a small business during these unprecedented times.

7. Major fundraiser update

- Easter Chocolate Drive (Note: Good Friday – April 2; March Break 15-19)
- Ensure parents know that the company will no longer accept returns of open boxes. Families will be responsible for selling/purchasing the full box.

ACTION:

- Mrs. Brown will provide the contact information for World's Finest Chocolates to Mrs. Hyde who will firm up dates and details for the fundraiser.

8. Principal update

- Staffing
 - i. Mrs. Simpson – Congratulations to Mrs. Simpson who has taken on the role of school secretary at a new school!
 - ii. Ms. Myers – Congratulations to Ms. Myers who has taken on the role of Special Education Resource Teacher at a new school!
- School Readiness for Remote Learning
 - i. Staff have been preparing themselves and their students since October in the event we go to remote learning. Students have been taught how to access their LMS, view lessons, complete tasks, and submit them online. They have also had the opportunity to practice using the “Teams” platform to access live lessons with their teacher.
 - ii. Technology: We have taken a survey of technology needs for staff and students for those students who may need to borrow a device in the event we go remote and are working towards preparing devices for this purpose.
- Advent
 - i. Thank you to Mrs. Persaud, Ms. Spadano, Mrs. D'Amico, Mrs. Spanier, Ms. Peachey and our Student Council for preparing beautiful liturgies for the weeks of Advent and to our virtual choir.

- First Communion
 - i. Our current Grade 3 students received their First Holy Communion on Saturday, November 7 and Sunday, November 8. Both days were perfect. First communicants each received a composite photo as a gift from the school.

- Spirit Wear
 - i. Spirit Wear will be available for purchase beginning December 1 through Cash Online for a Christmas delivery. We will call parents for students in the virtual school to make arrangements for pick up at the school.

- School Fundraisers
 - i. FlipGive: We have a FlipGive Team where families and friends can sign up to make their regular online purchases through this app and a percentage is returned to the school. Please share the code with family and friends. There is no additional cost to you. FlipGive connects to many popular stores (i.e., Tim Horton's, Starbucks, Indigo, Sportcheck, Amazon, etc.) and you can purchase items, gift cards and more.

 - ii. Valentine's Raffle: Student Council will run a Valentine's Raffle as the school's second fundraiser. More details to follow.

9. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm

10. Next meeting scheduled: January 19, 2020 @ 6:30 pm