



ST. KATERI TEKAKWITHA CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL 2021-2022

MINUTES

Monday, November 3, 2021

PRESENT: P. Hyde, S. Mitchell, B. Sy, C. Wright, M. Ferretti, T. Brown, J. DeSantis
REGRETS: D. Doyon, J. Deeley

1. Guest Presenter: Daniel Chong from 'Daily School Route Project'

- Daniel grew up in Hamilton and is a graduate of Bishop Tonnos Catholic Secondary School and McMaster University.
- The Daily School Route (DSR) School Project started with "Bike for Mike" and evolved to focus on mental health and physical activity for children and youth through encouraging active transportation to and from school ("walk/wheel"). The DSR is modelled after the HSR and is comprised of the following components: Vehicles (walking, bikes, wheelchairs, etc.); schedules; routes; safe infrastructure (crosswalks, speed bumps, speed limits, bike racks, snow removal, car free zones); age appropriate signage; safety training; marketing and bicycle maintenance. The DSR school route works with the City of Hamilton to improve the safety around a school. School Safety Packages are prepared based on the specific school community and shared with the City of Hamilton.
- 2019-2021 – 5 HWCDSB elementary schools participated in the pilot project. Please visit the website at www.dailyschoolroute.org for examples of this project.
- The first step is to complete a parent survey to determine the modes of getting to and from school; barriers to active transportation; and some of the concerns. Once the data has been received and collated then next steps for implementation will be determined.
- Mrs. Deeley is the parent rep on this project.
- Survey will go out through school messenger on November 12 and will be due back by November 26. Hard copies of the survey will be sent home as well.
- A report back to the community can be expected for February.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - Oct. 4, 2021

Moved: Mrs. Zettle

Seconded: Mr. Sy

3. Treasurer's Report

Pizza – Preliminary Numbers suggest approximately a \$660 profit/month. This is record numbers for our school. A full detailed Treasurer's Report will be provided at our next meeting.

4. Major Fundraiser Update (Big Box of Cards)

Mrs. Hyde was able to secure a Spring date for the Box of Cards fundraiser. There are two options to consider:

1. Traditional: Every family would receive a box of cards to enable them to see and feel the product. Parents can keep the box and submit the money (\$33/box) to SKT; and order more boxes if they wish. Or they can choose to return the box of cards to the school if they do not wish to purchase them.
Pros: Historically, this option raises the most money.

Cons: Concerns about the box not being returned if no purchase made. Company offers a grace of a # boxes in this case but school would be responsible beyond the grace #.

2. Digital Option: A video showcasing the product is shared with parents along with a colour paper flyer to advertise. Families can purchase the box of cards. All orders will be delivered to the school for distribution.
3. There is no mixed option.

5. Minor Fundraiser Update

- **Fun food day:**
 - Pogo Day and Chocolate Milk for \$2.00. Will provide individual ketchup/mustard in biodegradable disposable cups, but encourage parents to send.
- **Krispy Kreme**
 - February 8 and May 5 are booked for the order pick up days.
 - Mrs. Hyde and Mrs. Deeley will pick up and deliver orders to the school for parent pick up.
- **Pizza**

6. Christmas Festivities and CSC Support

- Student Council along with Mrs. D'Amico and Mr. Ferretti are organizing a Christmas Raffle and fund activities for the "12 Days of Christmas"
- We will also have a virtual Christmas concert with a link shared with families via the LMS page.
- CSC has offered support in any way needed. It would be helpful for CSC to support the gathering of donations for raffle prizes.

7. PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE:

- **Healthy Schools OPHEA Certification**
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-DvlutAziMI&list=PL-3fUblIRJtLLQgboTjt25aKrsWKibL_&index=1
 - i. **Nutrition Program:** We receive funding from Tastebuds to provide a healthy snack 5 days/week.
 - ii. **Recess Action Plan (with Community Partner Playocracy)** Our focus is on inclusion and physical activity during recess to support students' mental health and well-being. Our team is comprised of: Mrs. Brown, Mr. Ferretti, Mr. D'Amico, Miss Gallagher, Mr. Sy (Parent), Sri and Kaitlyn (students), John Madalena (Consultant), Lynn Campanella (Playocracy)
 - iii. **Restorative Practice Student Leaders (Mr. Ferretti)**
Mr. Ferretti shared the training powerpoint used with our Grade 8 student leaders and explained how the program will work. Students have been trained to support students with resolving minor conflicts using the scripted questions and when to have and adult intervene and assist. Students will begin in December with our primary students and will work in teams of 2.
- **Items of Information:**
 - i. **Sacraments – Dates:**
 1. November 16, Grade 8 Confirmation and
 2. February 11, Grade 7 Confirmation.
 3. We do not have a date for the Spring First Communion yet.

- ii. **Treaty Recognition Week – Nov 1-7**
- iii. **National Bullying Prevention Week – Nov. 14-18**

- **Student Council Updates (Mr. Ferretti):**

- i. Halloween Celebrations: Student Council organized a fabulous event with several options for fundraising. We were overwhelmed with the number of prizes donated from the community and very appreciative. We had “Guess the Candy in the Jar” and the Raffle. Our profit was approximately \$1000. Thank you to our Student Council and Teacher Advisors for their incredible creativity and work!
- ii. November 11 – Virtual Liturgy

8. Closing Prayer

9. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

10. NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, February 9, 2022