

Holy Name of Mary Catholic Elementary School

Parent Council Meeting Minutes

Monday September 24th, 2018

Attendance:

Denise Fraser, Mary Hopper, Angela Febbraro, Keri Belisario, Jennifer Grover, Sarah De Medeiros, Alessandra Zecconi, Tanya Saleh, Fiona Verrall, Mariann Cerovac, Aneeqa Gill, Amparo de la Garza Gonzalez, Shade Obienu, Mitzy Mizener.

1. The previous year's council was thanked for their participation and highlights of the year were provided by Angela Febbraro (past chair)
2. All 10 positions were acclaimed for the CSC Executive and positions were elected. Mrs. Fraser explained the rules of Council norms and how we are to conduct ourselves in a meeting. The election results are as follows:
Chair- Angela Febbraro
Vice-Chair- Tanya Saleh
Secretary- Jennifer Grover
Principal- Mrs. Fraser
Teaching Rep. - Keri Belisario
Non – Teaching Rep. - Mary Hopper
Church/School Liaison- Amparo de la Garza Gonzalez
No Treasurer elected as Mrs. Fraser said the role was not necessary.
3. The meeting commenced with an opening prayer and welcome to the members.
4. Members were introduced and provided with an explanation from Angela Febbraro on the role of parent council. Examples were given towards the fundraising aspect as well as how to include a topic for an upcoming meeting. The topic must be written in an email and asked to be included in the upcoming meeting. At that time it will be added to the agenda to be discussed at the next meeting.
5. **Catholic School Council FAQ's:**
 - The purpose of the Catholic Student council Members is provide the school with active participation of parents to promote school participation and faith to the students.
 - They are able to consult with senior administration as appropriate. Support and promote Catholic Activities for their children.
 - The Norms state that agenda is set by members and circulated in advance
 - Meetings begin and end on time (1-1.5 hr)
 - There is consensus decision making
 - All speakers and opinions are respected and speak one at a time
 - Individual students, parents and staff are not discussed,
 - Be open minded and objective
 - Refer all parent or student issues to the teacher or principal.

6. Mrs. Fraser gave her Principal's report:

- EQAO Results- HNOM students performed exceptionally well on the test in all areas, especially in Math. The school finished with very high marks in comparison to the provincial average. Mrs. Fraser has a detailed report on the breakdown should you wish to read them. EQAO results will be sent home for parent's perusal soon.
- Mrs. Fraser discussed the Purchase of Dreambox, a mathematical invention program designed for K-8. It is currently being used by the Halton School Board. Once the school is given a demonstration on how it works, a decision will be made on whether or not to purchase one. Math improvements with Geometry and Spatial sets continue to be an issue with students so extra time will be spent on these topics so that the students will learn what exactly they are looking for when trying to find these variables.
- Mrs. Fraser also stated that the school will be working on Topic Development in writing. It was discovered that the students had difficulty in elaboration on topics in writing without the aid of the teacher.
- The open house held on September 20th was successful. After a last minute cancellation, a food truck was secured, bouncy castles were a huge success. Parents discussed how to improve the night as there were concerns of not enough variety of food, missing teachers and locked classrooms. It was determined that next year will simply be titled as Fall Fair as opposed to Open House as teachers are not mandated to attend, although most were in attendance. Snacks will be sold instead of food and it will be more of the bouncy castles and fun for the students. Classrooms will be open. This was a simple oversight and Mrs. Fraser did not know as she was supervising on the top of the bouncy slide to ensure safety.
- Upcoming Racecar Fundraiser- Dave, a professional racecar driver, will be coming to Ancaster to do a fundraiser for HNOM. The driver will provide all BBQ items free of charge, the school will send a rep. (Fiona Verrall) to help with the BBQ from 4-7pm. Dave's demonstration of his car will occur at the school at 3:00pm. Subsequently, a bbq will be held at the Ancaster Fortinos. Food will be provided by Dave and his team and all proceeds go to the school. Mrs. Fraser asks that all families come out to build community and to support this event.
- Emails and School Messenger- due to the addition of School Messenger, the email system is no longer sending push notifications to parent's emails. Until a solution is found to correct this issue, parents are kindly asked to log on to the HWCDSB website each night to read the buzz board.
- Discussion as to whether or not to have another Parent Wellness Night and who to include as speakers and presenters ensued. Item was tabled until next meeting.

7. Setting Goals for 2018-2019-

- Graduation Funds- New and future amount determined to be \$800.00. There will be a Graduation Lunch at Jack Astor's and there was a discussion as to Whether or not the Graduation will take place at the school gym or another venue. There were pros and

cons to each argument. Mrs. Fraser said she would take options into consideration with the Grade 8 teachers and students.

- Parking Lot Issues with bus drop off and pick up of students- no permanent decision has been made as to the roundabout use. Mrs. Fraser said options are under consideration and she is awaiting a quote from plant about the removal of the berm.
8. Fundraising Activities- Move-a-thon, Chocolate Sales, possibly an ongoing gift card fundraiser, pizza, popcorn, Lunch Lady, and ice cream.
 9. Upcoming Days-
 - FDK Springridge Farm- October 1st
 - Cross Country- October 4th
 - Grade 8's attend McMaster Homecoming- October 5th
 - Picture Day- October 11th
 - Kabuki Awareness Day- October 23rd
 - Move-a-thon- October 31st
 10. Next Meeting Scheduled for October 29th at 6:30pm.
 11. Closing Prayer and Meeting Adjournment