

H.N.O.M Catholic Parent Council Meeting

January 13th, 2020 @6:30pm

Attendees: Mr. Hucal (Superintendent), Mrs. Fraser, Mary Hopper, Mandy Condell, Tanya Saleh, Fiona Chiu, Fiona Verrall, Sarah DeMedeiros, Alessandra Zecconi Mitchell, Mariann Cerovac, Francesco Paolozza, Shade Obienu, Joe Palthingal (parent not on CSC), and Neda Azkiya (parent not on CSC)

Absent: Olya Disyak Chan, Emy Trombello, Mrs. Belisario,

1. Prayer and Welcome- Mandy conducted the opening prayer and welcome to the meeting.
2. Review and Acceptance of previous minutes- No contest or changes made
3. Principal's Report-
 - a) OECTA Job Action- This is the union that the HWCDSB belongs to (Ontario English Catholic Teachers Association). There is a one day strike planned for January 21st tentatively if no agreement is reached. The changes that will be taking place under the work to rule will be for self- directed professional development. Staff will not be required to attend staff meetings, divisional meetings, CSC Meetings, professional development training sessions and other similar type events. Also, they will not elaborate on report cards and provide only marks. They will be engaging in a one day work withdrawal on Jan. 21.
 - b) J.K Registration- will be taking place in February. A date has not been confirmed due to the possibility of Strike action by the union.
 - c) Out of Boundary Policy Review- In the past it was open access for all because the schools weren't overpopulated. Not that we have some overcrowding in the schools such as Bishop Ryan, the board must focus on the following 3 criteria: Impact on achievement, Class size, and Class space. Exceptions may be granted if applications are submitted on or before Feb.1st or the first week of February. Exceptions need a completed form and must be sent to Superintendent for review. Approval or denial comes from Superintendent for Stage 1. Stage 1 means that you get to meet with the principal, not necessarily guaranteed admission.
 - d) Bullying Prevention Plan- Mrs. Fraser distributed a Handout of the Schools Bullying Prevention Plan for our review. The plan details activities that raise

- awareness and increase positive behaviors for the entire school. It is broken down into sections for the students, staff, classroom strategies, parents/guardians, as well as the community. The plan details inclusion and awareness and inclusion so that students feel welcomed and are able to freely participate in school activities. The plan will be posted on the school website for parents review and assistance.
- e) Frost Fest- Begins the Tuesday after Family Day holiday from February 18-21st. The school will be going skating at Morgan Firestone arena on February 21st. Other activities will be planned based on weather conditions.
 - f) Help needed- Mrs. Fraser discussed the need for volunteers for upcoming events and everyday activities. School Uniform Donations- Mrs. Obienu has volunteered to take over organization of the school uniform donations. Cupcake pick up from Beyond the Batter on Valentine's day- Fiona Chiu volunteered to pick up cupcakes. Pancake Tuesday- Tanya, Frank and Mandy have volunteered so far. More volunteers may be needed.
 - g) Fire Lane Update- Mr. Hucal provided an update as to the parking situation at end of day. The school is working with Paul from plant at the school board to find a solution to the traffic congestion and danger to students at pick up. Our current set up has been validated by the fire department and city permits are required and certain permissions are needed to expand the fire lane. We are still waiting on more information from the fire department before a solution can be made. More information to come as provided by plant. In addition, there is a new bus boundary policy due to the shortage of school bus drivers. 1500 students throughout the board are now not eligible for bus service due to the new boundaries required for bussing.
4. Treasurer's Report- Fiona Chiu reported on the fundraising monies earned. The Move a Thon raised a total of \$6984.74 after expenses. Gingerbread House Night made a profit of 49.59 after expenses. It should be noted that this event was designed to provide an experience and not to make money. For charitable donations, Kabuki Syndrome day raised a total of \$800. There was a balance from last year's donations of \$1000 so a total of \$1800 was donated to Kabuki Syndrome. The school raised \$1271.10 for the United Way and Santa Photos raised \$626.50 that was donated to Mission Services. Holy Name has a total of \$7034.33 ready to use where needed.
5. New Items-

- a) Donation and proposal from J. Byl Gopher Sports of \$100.00. This money can be used to purchase sporting goods from their extensive catalog. The company has also asked if H.N.O.M would be willing to let the students test new sporting equipment in exchange for them filming the students using it for instructional as well as promotional purposes.
- b) Participation in Ancaster Food Drive- Student council to run. Food drive takes place in March.
- c) Fundraising Updates on Pricing- 1. **Two-Way Radios**- Communication from duty teachers is non-existent while in the separate school yards. Mrs. Fraser has priced 6 new two-way radios at a cost of \$6000.00. Discussion was had on the enormous cost at \$1000.00 each as well as keeping them in a secure spot and keeping track of them while not in use. Mrs. Fraser is going ahead with the purchase as a means to ensure safety on the yard. 2. **Buddy Bench**- at \$1300.00 each, we are exploring more cost effective options to provide seating for students in the school yard. Sarah was going to check with her husband to find out the cost of his company making benches out of concrete for the school yard. 3. **Ice Cream Truck at the end of year**. Frank informed council that he has a friend with a couple of ice cream trucks that would be willing to come and supply ice cream to students at the end of year as a treat. The school will cover the cost of 1 ice cream per student (\$2.00) as long as they are completely nut free. 4. **Extra shade for JK area**. An enclosure would cost over \$30,000 so other options were discussed. The council decided to price an awning at Costco that could be rolled out to provide students with some sort of shade on hot days.
- d) Summary of Recent Past Events- **Santa Photos**. A huge thank you to Mandy for organizing Santa Photo Day. The Santa was amazing and volunteered his time as it was for charity.
- Gingerbread House Night**- A huge thank you to Tanya for organizing this family event. Many families came to participate and a lot of fun was had by all. A proposal was made to cancel the Christmas concert and have a family night with performances. Questions were raised as to how it would be possible to coordinate performances and have a family night at the same time, as well as the differences between a concert focused on Jesus and his birth and a gingerbread night focused on Santa. There were opinions about having the events separate or combined from members of the council. In the

end, Mrs. Fraser will take all perspectives into account (staff, parents and students) and then make an informed decision as to how to proceed with or without a concert or a combination of the two.

Little Angels- Another successful donation year for H.N.O.M's Little Angels Program. This year 24 families were sponsored. There were over 30 boxes of presents for the families as well as \$2093 in Gift Card donations. The school received donations of boxes from Home Depot, \$25 Gift Card from Costco, an Employee discount from Michaels for the purchase of Cellophane, boxes of donations collected by Frank such as bouncy balls, lunch bags, and toques. Thank you Frank! Thank you to Olya for her additional donations as well. Finally, heartfelt thanks to all of the parents and council members who donated and volunteered their time for this event.

Polar Express Hot Chocolate Day- It was an amazing afternoon loved by all students, teachers, and volunteers.

Retirement Home – Ms. Raniero–Seixiero's Grade 4 class took the bus to the Retirement home to perform and visit with the seniors.

Promotion of Catholic School Council at Open house- It was suggested that we set up a booth at the Open House Night in September to meet parents and explain the purpose of Parent council to raise awareness and interest in school website and social media pages, school cash online, used uniform sales, recruit volunteers etc. The council all agreed that it was an excellent idea.

6. Committee Chair Reports-

Yearbook- Alessandra has requested permission to have a drone picture of the school for the yearbook. A Family member has a drone and will take the photo if permission is granted from the school.

Social Media- Everything is going well with the Facebook page. Mariann would like information on upcoming sporting events to take some pictures of the teams.

Popcorn/Pizza- The school is still in need of a volunteer to help with the ordering and co-ordination of pizza and popcorn. If anyone is able to help out with one or both of these programs, please contact Mary Hopper at the office.

Graduation- Mrs. Fraser will coordinate with the Grade 8 teachers to get a theme for Graduation and set up a meeting with the teachers and Graduation parent volunteers after March Break.

7. Calendar Review- Here are some upcoming important dates:

January 21- One day Strike

January 24- P.A. Day

January 29- Spirit Day (one suggestion was Throwback Movie Day)

January 30- Grade 3 trip to Battlement

February 14- Cupcake Day (Civvies)

February 25- Pancake Day

March 24- Grad Photos

March 27- Down Syndrome Awareness Day

April 02- Autism Awareness Day

April 17- Spring Photos

8. The next Parent Council meeting is scheduled for May 4th at 6:30pm.
9. Closing prayer and meeting adjournment.