

St. Matthew's School Council
Agenda- May 16th, 2018
6:00 pm
Meeting Location: Staff room

Attendees: Christine Heggart, Leanna St. Onge, Shoma Thomas, Lise Peterson, Teresa Johnson, Jessica Sliva

1. Call to Order: 6:04 pm by Christine

2. Opening Prayer- Jessica

3. Agenda Approval- Leanna motioned and Shoma seconded. All present in favour, motion. **CARRIED**

4. Adoption of Minutes- March 28th, 2018

- Addition of Request for Prayer cards under New Business
- Leanna motioned and Lise seconded. All present in favour, motion. **CARRIED.**

5. School Council Mail

- Alberta Opera- Pinocchio brochure
- DFS fundraiser
- Letter from WWJD Crew for a fund request- We will look at this as part of funding requests.

6. Treasurer's Report

- We are currently sitting at \$11, 140. 82 in the Hot Lunch account with 4 meals to still cover. As discussed last meeting, all but \$1000 of the remaining balance after all of the meals have been paid for will be transferred over to the School Council account on June 13th to help cover costs.
- In the School Council account, we are sitting at a balance of \$8 315.42. Plant Ranch brought in about \$9000. We made a profit of about \$3000 at 30%.
- We currently have \$11 330.00 in obligations with including the \$15 per student field trip allocation. For the Grade 3 Field Trip, they will be charging \$15 per individual or parent who is attending, so there may be a reduced amount for the bussing cost. The fees for Food and Fashion class will be covered with their option fees, so they will not need to access the \$900 that was set aside. Shoma motioned, Teresa seconded. All present in favour, motion. **CARRIED**

7. Trustee Report- Dorraine was not in attendance so this was struck.

8. Principal's Report

- ★ We had an amazing trip for Rosary with our Grade 5 students on May 8th.
- ★ We are looking forward to many of our student receiving First Communion on May 27th at the parish.

- ★ Our Easter mass took place on April 11, and thank you to Father Leon for a beautiful mass. The students really enjoyed it.
- ★ Our Grade 7 students attended a Red Deer Catholic event for Stations of the Cross.
- ★ We had the Grade 8 transition meetings with St. Dominic and are hosting Grade 5 transition on May 23 at 5:00pm.
- ★ Our Welcome to Kindergarten evening was a great success and we only had a few who didn't make it. All new families were made to feel welcome, received an information package and had a tour of the classroom, school and the bus.
- ★ We have set the dates for our track meets: Middle school is May 28th with the alternate day May 29th and the Elementary day is June 21st.
- ★ Back to School Supplies are ready to go and are posted on the website for next year.
- ★ We are finalizing the time for a year end awards, tentatively we have set June 28th at 1:00pm. Report cards to be distributed following the ceremony.
- ★ Plans are underway for our portable classrooms, learning commons and a few other renovations this summer. Projected completion is in October 2018. This means we will be moving classrooms near the end of October when we are able to get into the portables.
- ★ We had a great badminton season for our students. Many of the teams attended CWAJHAAs, and all students were able to attend tournaments to display their talents. Thank you to the coaches.
- ★ We are looking to transition our elementary reporting to our online powerschool reporting so our elementary parents have access to view their child's progress online for the 2018-2019 school year.
- ★ We are in the process of looking to fundraise for some new playground equipment. We have decided that the spider web is needing replacement, as well as a slide on the south playground. This will be a focus for next year.
- ★ We are beginning to look at staffing for the upcoming year and hope to secure this by the end of May.
- ★ Our year end band concert for Grades 4-8 will take place on June 12 at 1:00pm for rehearsal and 7:00pm concert time.
- ★ We have transitioned to online registration and have started to see some new registrations for the upcoming school year. Tours have also started for new families.
- ★ Lockdown follow - up we did have very positive feedback from how the whole event took place. We debriefed with staff and the RCMP afterwards and we are making slight changes to improve our practice. Thank you for your understanding and patience with regards to the situation.

9. Teachers' Report

- Nothing to add

10. ASCA Report- No representative so this was struck.

11. Old Business

- Spring Flowers Update- Made about \$3000
- Mom's Pantry- \$1016.67 revenue- delivery May 17th
- Reminder- Bottle Drop on May 26th- Admin will do a reminder on Social Media about the bottle drop from 9 am to 4:30 pm before the long weekend.
- Watoto Choir- They are coming tomorrow at 11:45 am to present to the school for 35 minutes. Teresa motioned to move the honorarium to \$750 and Leanna seconded. All present in favour, motion. **CARRIED.**

12. New Business

- A. Playground- Our Spiderweb and a slide needs to be replaced on the south side of the school. The spider web is currently taped up. This will hopefully be a focus for Parent Council next year and we can look at ways to fundraise for this project.
- B. Student Transportation Survey- Alberta Education- Due June 15th. The survey link can be found on the Alberta Education website.
- C. Provincial Curriculum - Christine shared a sheet about the information for the gr. 1-4 curriculum parent feedback meetings. There is not a meeting in Rocky Mountain House, however parents can check out the Alberta Education website to find out where the closest meeting is.

13. 2018 Fundraisers

- A. Spring Flowers Update- Made about \$3000 since we received 30%.
- B. Mom's Pantry Update- Made \$1016.67 in revenue

14. Funding Requests

- A. Prayer Cards- Teresa would like to request \$500 to purchase faith resources for our emergency bags. Shoma motioned, Leanna seconded. All present in favour, motion. **CARRIED.**
- B. What would Jesus do? Crew Request- It is a request for \$50 dollars to purchase pizza for the end of year party. Leanna motioned, Shoma seconded. All present in favour, motion. **CARRIED**

15. Bouquets

- Hot Lunch ladies
- Teachers and Administration for managing the kids during the lockdown and communicating with parents
- Christine Heggart for stepping up to be chair
- Badminton Coaches for their coaching
- Safety Patrol and Lise for always being out there
- School Division for our Portables and Modernization

16. Closing Prayer- Teresa

17. Adjourned at 6:59 pm.