



ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL, LISTOWEL



Agenda

1. Welcome and Prayer: 6:00 pm

Catholic School Advisory Council Prayer

God, the source of every good gift,

Grant us Your Spirit to guide us in our responsibilities as a School Council.

May we work together in harmony for the common good;

May we listen to one another in a spirit of genuine respect;

May we encourage and reverence one another's unique talents;

May we use the gifts of the Spirit in creative Christian leadership;

May we approach our decision-making through discernment and prayer;

May we respond effectively to the needs of the children in our care.

God of Love, May Your blessings radiate from us to others as we strive to do Your will, We ask this through Jesus Christ, the Light of the World. Amen.

2. Call to Order & Recording of Attendance: 6:05 pm

In attendance: Laurie Otten, Paula Valcke, Brianne Heffernan, Brianna Schlegel, Amelia Schaus, Marsha Auxilly, Eline Terpstra, Sherri Downey Julie Murtha, Tara Cullen (?? joined virtually)

Regrets:

3. **Election of New CSAC Chair** Motion by Brianne Heffernan to nominate Brianna Schlegel as new CSAC Chair. Seconded by Marsha Auxilly. Brianna Schlegel accepted.

4. Approval of Agenda 6:10 pm

5. Approval of Minutes from previous meeting 6:15 pm

-please add Marsha Auxilly's name to the regrets section for the last meeting

-motion by Brianne Heffernan and seconded by Brianne Schlegel

6. Treasurer's Financial Report & Approval of Financial Report ~ 6:20 pm

Same account balance as last meeting \$1739.01 plus \$3695.00 from pie fundraiser

7. Principal's Report & Business Arising from Report 6:25 pm **See document shared by Paula**

Discussion:

-concerning the back stop. The municipality likes the idea of using the space that we have but there was some concern about the parking issues that may arise because of it (in the subdivision). The municipality is interested in partnering with us and will get back to us once they have explored the parking concerns

-the walkway from the church to the school parking lot is a safety concern. Parent council members are wondering what

the timeline is for fixing it. They would like to see it made more accessible and possibly change the location of it since it is a tight squeeze between the building and the fence. Parents are wondering if it is on the Health & Safety list (as they are concerned someone could get hurt in the state it is in). Paula assured them that it is on the list and that she will inquire with the school board to make sure it is on the capital expenditures list. There might be an option to partner with the church on this project. Parents wondering about a Kiss and Go format (no parking, just a semi-circle drop off area). Also parents and school staff concerned with the speed at which vehicles travel on the street (Tara going to reach out to someone she knows about signage- Submission # SR3532)

Idea to put announcements (re: about parking etc) on social media (FB) as parents are more likely to check that than read the WAAG. Paula will try sending the next WAAG without a 'hyperlink' but rather just in the body of the email. Discussion around offering the WAAG in different languages.

8. Other Business: 6:35 pm

- Fundraisers were discussed and it was decided that everyone wanted to do the online auction. The Parent Council is willing to take this initiative on. The Schlegel family is going to allow the parent council to use their online auction platform. They will let the school know dates that would work and then the council can do some backwards planning to determine deadlines for everything. Lots of discussion around how to communicate this to families and potential sponsors (Paula will look for the info/advertisement that was used last year for Raise the Roof). Discussion around drop off options (at school, at a grandparents house, or in Palmerston). Discussion around each classroom being responsible for a themed basket that would also go in the online auction. Discussion around the possibility of someone reaching out to Hayloft again to see if a portion of the ticket sales can go towards our outdoor plans. Parents in attendance tonight would like to have another meeting in a few weeks to focus on organizing the online auction. Ask staff if anyone is willing to 'donate' to the auction (items or experiences eg. pie in the face, principal for the day). Also reference the list of things that were donated last year (eg. ride on a Fire Truck to school etc.)
- Discussion around bulking up the BBQ night a little (eg. a band playing, some outdoor games for children to play). Would like the communication that is sent home to include that parents should bring chairs or a blanket to the event.

8 . Closing Prayer: Our Father ~

9. Meeting Adjourned:

- parents went into the backyard to see the new addition

There must be a minimum of 5 parents/council members (Chair, Vice Chair (or Co-Chairs), Treasurer, Secretary and the chair or delegate from each committee and sub-committee) present in order for voting to be able to take place.

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