



Wednesday, February 5, 2020

St. Mary's Catholic School Advisory Council meeting took place on Wednesday, February 5th 2020. The meeting began at 5:35pm with a short prayer read by St. Mary's Principal, Jane Hartin in the school library. Council members were also asked to say the Our Father for Father Morrison's recovery.

Parents in attendance: Amy Gangl, Gillian Antoniadis, Derek Mendez, Julie Swenson, Penny Bajurny, Cheryl Rust, Stacey McLeod, Samantha Bajtos and Jill Wagemans.
Teacher Rep -Jenny McGrath.

Amy Gangl chaired this meeting as co-chair Ashley Vandenhoven was unable to make it. Council was asked to approve the Catholic School Advisory Council's February 5th meeting agenda. Stacey McLeod made the motion and Samantha Bajtos seconded it. Carried.*

Council members were asked to read through the November 20th meeting minutes for any errors or omissions. Samantha Bajtos made the motion to accept the minutes and Stacey McLeod seconded it. Derek Mendez asked why there were no *Parents in Attendance* list included in the Feb.5th meeting minutes and Secretary Jill Wagemans replied she had forgotten to include it. It was also brought to council's attention of adding Derek Mendez's CPIC report in future agendas. Amy Gangl then asked Samantha Bajtos to approve the amended meeting minutes and Penny Bajurny seconded the motion. Carried.*

TREASURER'S FINANCIAL REPORT AND APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORT – Tammy Fisher

Treasurer Tammy Fischer was absent from the meeting so Jane Hartin told council the current amount of \$2961.46 is in the Advisory Council budget. This includes a HST Rebate of \$ 256.03, and the Domino's Fundraiser which totalled \$1529.96. She also mentioned the Christmas dinner ended up going over budget by a total of \$461.60.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT & BUSINESS ARISING FROM REPORT – Jane Hartin

Jane Hartin told council the enhanced Speech and Language program is finishing up with the Grade 1&2 classrooms. There is a possibility that the Kindergarten students will also be included in this program. Christine Dale, the Math Coordinator has been



supporting NTIP teachers with the W model. Three professional development sessions have occurred already.

Term One Report Cards will be sent home on Friday, February 14th and will only have marks on them as teachers due to the labour sanctions with teachers. Jane Hartin told council the student's marks should not be a surprise to parents when reading the report cards as teachers have been communicating with them on a regular basis.

Jane Hartin told council that there are activities being held each day at recess to encourage the development of skills both socially and academically. Kindergarten teachers have started a Lego club for their students after lunch twice a week, while grade 1-3 students are invited to play board games. grade 4-6 students were playing Bordenball and are now playing intramurals. The grade 7-8 students are invited to both intramurals and card club. There is also chess club and homework club for the grade 4-8 students. A representative from the Public Health Unit will come to the school in March and do a half day training for junior students who are interested in organizing playground games.

In early April, there will be 12 Grade 4-6 students participating in cooking classes at the school. Volunteers from the Public Health Unit will be coming in to help prepare two different healthy food dishes.

The Health Unit will also be running a grade 4 girls' support program, similar to the elements program.

The Safe and Healthy School Team are presently working with Katherine Horst who has been coming to St. Mary's and leading the students in activities. The students will take a survey to the school population and meet again with Katherine Horst to discuss the results and develop a plan.

Jane Hartin said she was really pleased how the Christmas dinner went really well even if the food bill went over the budget.

The school addition update: steel beams have been delivered and the roof should be on by the end of February.

Liturgies will continue every other Monday morning as opposed to every week.

Miss Michie has been offered a new job at St. Michael's Catholic School in Stratford.

Ms. Balon will be taking over her position until June. Mrs. Miller will be returning to St. Mary's School on February 18th.

The Grade 8 students will receive their CPR certification during the week of February 10-14.

Tanya Terpstra has volunteered to help the Fiat Team continue with their monthly masses at St. Joseph's Church.

Jane Hartin gave the council a quote of \$4806.99 for the school's new sound system from RKH Enterprises.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT:

Co-chair Amy Gangl briefly spoke to council regarding Father Morrison's recovery.



She thanked everyone who helped in some way with the Christmas dinner. She also extended an invitation to council regarding the upcoming Celebration of Catholic Education taking place on Wednesday, March 25, beginning at 6pm at the Brodhagen Community Centre.

CPIC REPORT:

Derek Mendez told council that Dawne Boersen, HPCDSB's Superintendent of Education will retire on April 30th. He also mentioned the upcoming Volunteer Appreciation day which is scheduled for April 15th. Derek Mendez said the math focus is still going on throughout all the schools and there is talk of yet another expansion at St. Mary's School.

TEACHER'S REPORT:

Teacher rep Jenny McGrath told council she didn't have anything to report to council.

COMMITTEE'S REPORT & BUSINESS ARISING FROM REPORTS:

A) Safe and Healthy Schools Committee – Gillian Antoniadis

Gillian Antoniadis briefly talked to council regarding the upcoming Screen Free Week beginning the 1st week of May, and said she would continue program as it's been well-received amongst the students. She said spring is the most appropriate time to have the screen free week as students are encouraged to find other activities to do other than spending time near the computer or their smartphones paired with prize incentives. She also told council about the movie Screenagers targeted towards parents. Jane Hartin asked if Gillian Antoniadis would send more information regarding Screen Week. She also talked about continuing to promote Healthy Eating practices including sugar free snacks instead of sugary snacks to kids as rewards and the Positive Ticket program where kids are rewarded with their good deeds with tickets available at the office.

B) Snack Program - Jill Wagemans

Jill Wagemans told council she is happy with how the snack program is going with eight snack helpers now on board taking their turns in providing a healthy snack every Thursday to the students.

C) Fundraising Committee - Stacey McLeod and Samantha Bajtos

Stacey McLeod told council there wasn't anything to report to council.

D) Parish Reports - Stacey McLeod

Stacey McLeod asked council to keep praying for Father Morrison's recovery. She also said Deacon Wayne will be coming to talk to the Grade 2 students regarding their First Holy Communion. She also asked council that volunteers are urgently needed to go visit the sick and elderly as Father Morrison is currently unable to do so.

OTHER BUSINESS – Shrove Tuesday



Derek Mendez said he is in charge of making the pancakes at the Parish Hall Kitchen on Tuesday, February 25th. All he needs are people to make up the pancake mix and drivers to deliver the pancakes to St. Mary's School at the designated time.

The next Advisory Council meeting is set for May 6th beginning at 5:30pm. The closing prayer was read by Jane Hartin. The meeting was adjourned at 7:11pm. Carried.*

