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November 2015 Minutes

CATHOLIC PARENT COUNCIL
Monday, November 9th, 2015.
6:00 p.m. – Parent Room

PRESENT: Mr. Berthier, Mrs. Alexander, Mrs. Fenton, Mr. Chenier, Mrs. Savard, Mrs. Taylor, Mrs. Bird, Mr. Dupont, and Mrs. Oliver (Secretary)

REGRETS: Mrs. Lauziere, Mrs. Miller, Mr. Westerling

The meeting was called to order at 6:10 p.m.

1. Welcome to everybody and welcome to Mrs. Savard - teacher representative
2. Opening prayer
3. Mr. Berthier reviewed the minutes from last Council meeting
4. Agenda/Standing items were reviewed:
 - It was proposed that assistance to Council meetings be confirmed in advance
 - The minutes from each Council meeting will be posted on the Board website
 - Possible pathways to increase parent involvement in school activities are to be explored
 - Sacred Heart School is celebrating its 80th Birthday this year
 - Fundraising options for beautification of school yard
 - Status of school website
 - Parent/teacher conferences
 - Fundraising

5. EQAO

Mr. Berthier mentioned that results of the EQAO assessment will be released on

November 18.

6. IPP Pathway

It was proposed that an activity be organized where students are offered the opportunity to explore their career interests.

7. School Birthday

It is the school 80th Birthday this year, and it was proposed that it should be celebrated. This could be done as a dinner at the Dante Club or a BBQ at the end of the year.

8. School yard beautification/purchase of new play structure

- Safety concerns have been raised in regards to the old play structure currently installed on the school yard, hence the idea of acquiring a new one. This is a very costly endeavour, and would require raising large amounts of funds. A complete proposal has been prepared to apply for grants. The council expressed interest in becoming familiar with this proposal, which will be done at next meeting.
- The need for green areas and trees on the school yard was identified.
- The possibility of installing an outdoor classroom was presented.

9. School involvement in the community

- Students will be making Christmas Cards, which will be personally delivered to the community with the purpose of building a relationship with the neighbours.

10. Buddy bench

Mr. Berthier shared the idea of building buddy benches on the school yard, which students can help decorate.

11. Parent-teacher conference

It was proposed that council members be available during parent-teacher conferences to provide orientation to the parents as they come in, particularly the ones that are new to the school.

12. Date of next meeting

Next meeting was scheduled for December 3rd at 6:00. At that time a picture of all members of the council will be taken.

13. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm.

Mr. D. Berthier
Principal

Mrs. Taylor and Mr. Dupont
Co-Chairs