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November 2016 Minutes

CATHOLIC PARENT COUNCIL
Tuesday, 22nd November 2016
6:30 p.m. – Staff Room

PRESENT: Mr. Berthier, Mrs. Taylor, Mr. Dupont, Mrs. Alexander, Mrs. Lamothe
REGRETS: Mrs. Miller, Mr. Westerling, Mrs. Truscott, Mrs. Hynes, Mrs. Does, Mrs. Courchesne, Mrs. Mason, Mrs. Gauthier, Mrs. Pelletier, Mrs. Pontarelli, Mr. Chartrand

The meeting was called to order at 6:40 p.m.

1. Welcome

2. Opening Prayer

The meeting was opened with prayer.

3. Minutes from Last Meeting

Minutes of last meeting were approved with amendment to Item No. 8 “next meeting should be after the Parent / Teacher conferences”. Motion was made (Rob DuPont) and seconded (Colleen Taylor). Approved.

4. Membership and Communication

Mr. Berthier to finalize distribution list. In future meeting requests and agendas to be communicated by email. It was decided that Tuesdays are preferable for monthly meetings.

5. New Business

Framework for accomplishments was discussed:

(a) Mental Health Conference

- Mrs. Taylor proposed we look at organizing an Mental Health Initiative
- Dr. Alex Russell was suggested as a possible guest speaker.
- Mr. DuPont suggested we might access the Bell Mental Health Initiative although doesn't have to co-incide with mental health week.
- Encourage both parent and student engagement. Consider inclusion of Intermediate and High School (Board).

(b) Leadership Pathways

- The benefits of the 'Pathways to Success Program' were discussed.
- This will be done in small groups (students can be bussed to 2-3 locations). Timeline and age groups will have to be considered.
- It was proposed that staff survey students to determine interests and narrow down choices. Dates will be determined at next meeting.

(c) Distribution of Fundraising Funds

- The appropriate distribution of CPC funds was discussed. Mr. Berthier explained money was raised for playground improvement and therefore must be used for outdoor improvement preferably with some permanency.
- Ideas that were raised: bike racks, soccer nets, buddy benches, books / literacy projects, disposable cutlery and plates for catering, clothing and spirit-wear. Mr. Berthier will discuss further with staff to determine Student Need and report back at next meeting.

(d) Student Led Conferences

- The Student Led Conference was held in November and deemed a success. Mrs. Taylor suggested that next time we combine the SLC with a fund-raising activity (eg. art-work sale/auction).
- Mr. Berthier requested feedback and asked that Members send him email providing their thoughts and impressions.

(e) Student Need

- Annual 'Family Christmas Basket Project' is being undertaken in co-ordination with NEOFACS. CPC might look to donating to this also.
- Sacred Heart will be running a Food Drive (with Church) and Feed a Family Drive (for local families) in the Advent Season.

(f) Breakfast Program

- Mr. Berthier reported that he had noted benefits since introduction of the program. This is another area where CPC might look to donate.

5. Transition

- Mr. Berthier reported that the relationship with the church will have to be restructured. The Bishop will allocate which priest looks after which school.
- The announcement of the name should happen soon now that everyone has voted, the next step will be design of Mascot and Logo.
- Toward end of year 'transition visits' will be arranged to new school.
- Both Sacred Heart and St. Paul's to participate in a 'memory box' project.
- BBQ to be held at end of year to celebrate transition.

6. Date of next meeting

Next meeting will take place in December, date to be determined.

7. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm.

Mr. D. Berthier
Principal

Mrs. Taylor & Mr. Dupont
Co-Chairs