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December 2015

CATHOLIC PARENT COUNCIL
Thursday, December 3, 2015.
6:00 p.m. – Parent Room

PRESENT: Mr. Berthier, Mrs. Alexander, Mrs. Fenton, Mr. Chenier,
Mrs. Savard, Mrs. Taylor, Mrs. Oliver

REGRETS: Mrs. Lauziere, Mrs. Miller, Mr. Westerling, Mr. Corbett,
Mrs. Bird, Mr. Dupont

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

1. Opening prayer.

1. It was mentioned that attendance to Council meetings should be confirmed in advance via email.

3. Mr. Berthier reviewed the minutes from last Council meeting

4. Accommodation Review

Mrs. Taylor shared with the Council that the Northeastern Catholic School Board had announced that beginning in January of 2016 it will be conducting an Accommodation Review of several of its schools, including Sacred Heart School. The details of this review are not very well known at this moment; however it will include a review of school occupancy and will provide opportunities for parents to express their opinions. The possible outcomes of the review were briefly

discussed.

5. Outdoor concept

An analysis of the current outdoor situation with a proposal for several improvements was presented by Mrs. Alexander. The need for a long-term strategy was identified as a requirement for a successful development. This will involve a safety analysis, as well as a master, multi-phase plan, and identification of possible funding sources.

5. EQAO

Mr. Berthier shared the results of last year EQAO exam, which have now been released. Sacred Heart School students showed great improvement in all areas analyzed - writing, reading and math- and performed above the Board average.

A plan for further student development is being implemented and will be available for review on the Board website. It includes strategies for improvement in reading, math and catholicity.

6. 80th Birthday Celebration

It was proposed that Sacred Heart School 80th birthday be celebrated at the Dante Club, which could also provide an opportunity for fundraising by including an auction. Some alumni could be invited and share their memories of the old times.

7. IPP pathway

Organizers of the Co-op program at O'Gorman High School have indicated that they would be willing to assist in the creation of a program at Sacred Heart.

8. Subcommittees

It was proposed that subcommittees should be created within the Parent Committee. The areas identified as possibly requiring a subcommittee were:

- IPP
- Fundraising
- 80th birthday festivities

8. Mr. Berthier shared that the school has accumulated CAD \$3400 in the previous years, money that should be used for outdoor development.

9. Mr. Berthier shared that nominations for Student Council were presented and elections will take place soon.

10. Mr. Berthier provided an update on the Red Cross Breakfast program which will be implemented at Sacred Heart School. Given the fact that the school does not come with a full kitchen - particularly a stove - only two food groups will be offered. It was also mentioned that a pantry could be created to offer lunch to students who may need it.

11. Mr. Berthier mentioned that a food drive will be in effect during December, where the school will collect food items for the church. Food items will be collected in lieu of admission fee during the Christmas Concert.

12. An update was provided regarding attendance at parent-teacher conferences, which was perceived to be low.

13. Mr. Berthier shared that science and math pods are being created at Sacred Heart School to further enhance the education experience in those areas.

14. Adjournment. Meeting was adjourned at 7:45.