

## **December School Council Meeting**

Monday, December 13, 2021 from 6:00 – 7:00 pm

1. Call to Order – 6:00 pm – Laurie Catonio
  - a. Opening Prayer – Devon Dempsey
2. Land Acknowledgement – Devon Dempsey
3. Introductions  
(11 present)
4. Approval of Minutes for November 15<sup>th</sup> School Council Meeting - Michelle approves minutes, Devon seconded
5. Treasurer Report – Tokunbo Walter-Enudi
  - shouldn't have a lot left over each year, small amount should be carried over
  - \$750 to the library passed last month - motion to up amount to \$1000 - (Trish) Jackie second, motion carried
  - Update to budget - October statement missing so follow up if award amounts have been removed or not
6. Trustee Report – Bob Spitzig - sends his regrets
7. Old Business:
  - a. Updating School Council Mission – looking to make it more succinct and precise, and update, making it more like “bringing to light the best that we can become”, Laurie will come with examples next week
  - b. By-laws – a few edits (will vote on at next meeting). Takes 21 days to make amendments to update by-laws - voting next month - notice to vote on bylaws
    - quorum is 7 currently, lets change to less? Does school size matter?
    - The same executive position may not be held for more than 2 consecutive years by one school council member. Discussion of changing it to 3 years. Laurie to check if we can eliminate this entirely.
    - Trustee appointed - voted in, ability to vote? Someone from the community
    - Add treasure duties to document
    - “they” replaced in document instead of “he”
    - update document annually

**Fundraising and LLI Conversation** - Don't want to fundraise for no cause, school council is not designed for fundraising, the chocolate sales is the main fundraising for SF. If we want to fundraise for something specific then we will. Look back at this in January.

- Wish list presented in the new year towards LLI
- Chocolates - we raised approx. \$25,000 - in the past we were able to delegate amounts post fundraising, until this year - they needed to provide a list ahead of time which has caused many challenges. Decisions were based on the number of students impacted
- Devon collaborated with staff to create a pre-emptive list of delegation of funds
- LLI takes \$7,100 per unit
- Funds being asked for this year to make LLI happen - want to pursue this program - Lisa Palmerin follow up [palmarinl@holyspirit.ab.ca](mailto:palmarinl@holyspirit.ab.ca)
- Donations being asked for at the musical? (I think we already have a fifty fifty at the play?) What does the money from the ticket sales go to now? To break even - play cost.
- Want to be included in the grant process, School Council wants to inquire with the board, and ask community members
- Ask District 51 how they are funding LLI - Devon to follow up
- Literacy levels have gaps in them, want to make this a priority
- Director of learning (Carmen Larson) assisting school with grants and supporting
- Contact city libraries for grants
- French immersion LLI program? They do not take part in LLI at this time, maybe there is an opportunity to do this with the French Immersion program - Devon to follow up
- Next month - present fundraiser proposal and vote next month

#### 8. New Business:

- a. Grade 9 Farewell (June 9<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm) – Jackie
  - Mass at CCH with a slideshow
  - Grade 9 social back at the school
  - the past two years it has been a drive through grade 9 farewell
  - last year \$500 was asked by School Council
  - talk to Corey/Leadership about farewell
  - parent group for Farewell? Maybe with students as well? Let's follow up closer to Farewell time
- b. Guest Speakers (15 minutes) for next 3 meetings booked:
  - January 17 – Constable Don Realini - internet safety, online challenges, can we make Don longer? Maybe he can do his own separate presentation, he's right at the start, make the meeting after really short
  - March 21 – Nikita Villiger, school counsellor - connecting with students, anxiety and depression
  - April 11 – some Grade 9's from 9CH will be presenting - want to connect with students - "what parents need to know"
    - at later meetings maybe we have a couple kids from each grade if the grade 9's go well (May/June)

- c. Laurie - commitment to encourage parent/guardian, teacher, student and community participation.
  - all roles are filled, any other roles we want to add?

9. Principal Report – SFJH News (Devon Dempsey)

- interns are wrapping up
- school survey done today and tomorrow
- faith formation for probationary teachers all year
- Advent food bingo - raised \$5000 in non perishable foods for hampers at CCH (santas anonymous blessing the hampers; could SF be a part of that at all?) It's during CCH mass time - **Devon to follow up on this/attach to our mass?**
- Grant for \$500 to strengthen parent engagement in schools - how does the council want to use this money- follow up/think about it

Meeting times on the website/school calendar - Devon to follow up to ensure it's on the calendar

- social media posts for meeting reminders
- agenda given to executive
- put it in student announcements
- agenda posted on website - **Devon to update**
- Meeting time change? Or go to zoom? This can be given some thought in the future, survey for times moving forward, survey monkey, right now the protocol is you are not suppose to change meeting times - **Lauria and Devon to follow up**

10. Closing Prayer – Laurie Catonio

11. Adjournment - Laurie adjourns meeting at 7:05 pm, Candy seconds

**Special Notes:**

- Contact information and numbers required for Executive – Please see Laurie Catonio
- Next meeting will be January 17, 2021 at 6 pm. We will have a special guest speaker, so spread the word!

Thank you for your commitment to St. Francis Junior High