



St. Bernard Catholic School
School Council Meeting
Meeting Schedule for 2017 / 2018

Date: September 28th, 2017
Time: 6:30pm – 8:00pm
Location: Atrium, St. Bernard C.S., Whitby

Present	Regrets	Name	Role
X		Kathryn Hadden	Principal
X		Rodrigo Fernandez	Chair
X		Andrea Keogan	Vice-Chair
	X	Sue Kanemy	Parish Representative
X		Anya Murphy	Financial Representative
X		Sonia Tipping-Edwards	Secretary
X		Krista MacNeil	Volunteer Coordinator
X		Amanda McGinnes	Teacher Representative
X		Colleen Finn	Non Teacher Representative
	X	Denise St. Marie	Parent Representative
	X	Tanya Baglole	Parent Representative
	X	Janine D'Souza	Parent Representative
	X	Erin Groat	Parent Representative
	X	Stacey Morrison-Hadden	Parent Representative
	X	Christine Wood	Parent Representative
	X	Claudia Nosseir	Parent Representative
X		Claudia Deyong	Parent Representative

Agenda Item	Decision / Action Taken	Person(s) Responsible
1. Opening Prayer	Rodrigo welcomed those present and opened the meeting at 6:30pm with a prayer.	
2. Greetings & Introductions	<p>Introductions were made around the table</p> <p>Rodrigo gave those present a copy of the article: <u>The Fountain of Love: How Parents Form Children for Prayerful Participation in the Eucharist</u>. Copy attached to the Minutes.</p>	



<p>3. Principal's Report</p>	<p>Kathryn Hadden presented the Principal's Report.</p> <p>Meet the Teacher on September 14th was a success. The money raised from the pizza sales at this event are to cover the costs of bussing for the Grade 8 students to go to Taunton Mills (cost is \$100 each time). This is the only fundraiser that the Grade 8's do for this cost. The Grade 8's go to Taunton Mills as part of their Service for Others and to prepare them for high school.</p> <p>Watershed Festival: Grade 4's will be attending</p> <p>Cross Country is on Tuesday October 3, 2017. Grades 3-8 students will be participating – everyone interested in running makes the team.</p> <p>EQAO results from last year are in and individual reports will be going home. Keep in mind that our school has a small population size.</p> <p><u>Grade 3 Results</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 29% above the Provincial standard.• Reading: 78%• Writing: 87%• Math 91% <p><u>Grade 6 Results:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reading: 70% - 14% increase from the previous year• Writing: 74% - 7% over the Provincial Standard• Math: 56% - 6% above the Board average <p>Overall, the biggest impact was on the children's mindset. There was a tremendous increase in attitudes towards math & numeracy. The Junior grades have hands-on math centres.</p> <p>Safe & Accepting Schools Week: all the drills performed during this week were successful. Everyone knew their alternate exits. Teachers must take attendance within one minute of exiting the school. The children had fun.</p>	
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<p>Principal's Report continued...</p>	<p>Fresh from the Farm Fundraiser: not as great a response, possibly because of the chocolate fundraiser as well. This fundraiser was to support local farmers. A few more reminders will be sent home.</p> <p>Laura Secord Chocolates fundraiser: 240 cases of chocolates went home on Monday, September 25th. They have been selling great. Already 40 cases have been paid for. There are only 24 cases remaining to go out for students who want more cases. Each case costs \$90 including tax, St. Bernard will receive approx. \$42 for each case sold (1/2 the cost of the case, pre-tax). If all cases are sold, the school would receive approximately \$10,000.</p> <p>Christmas Market: 1st Annual Christmas Market will be held on December 1st, 2017. Everyone is welcome. Currently there are 20 paid vendors (jewelry, cleaning, woodwork, Scentsy, hair clips, knitting...). We are still looking for more local vendors: cost is \$30/table and a donation for a raffle prize (no minimum price). Ideally, we can host 30 vendors but can extend it up to 50 vendors. Every class will make and donate a Christmas wreath for the raffle. There will be a tea room, photos with Santa (photos available instantly). Mrs. Kottis has made a Facebook page which can be shared. There will be more advertising in the community.</p> <p>“Vendors Wanted” advertisement attached to minutes.</p> <p>Children's Christmas Store: we are taking donations now of new and gently used items that the children will be able to purchase for \$1-\$2 as gifts for their family. Items will also go to the Christmas Family that St. Bernard will sponsor this year. The co-op students will be running this.</p>	
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	<p>Grade 8 Graduation: will be Friday June 22, 2018</p> <p>End of the Year BBQ: will be on June 14th. 2018. Food will be provided by Starr Burger.</p>	
4. Review & Approval of Minutes	No minutes to review.	
5. Ideas for Volunteer Activities	<p>Thank you to Krista MacNeil for taking on the role of Volunteer Coordinator.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kiss & Ride – this has not been done for 2 years • Hallowe'en Dance – decorate, clean-up & be present • Valentine's Day Dance • Shrove Tuesday – pancakes • End of the year BBQ – set-up, food, games • Grad Committee • Wednesday & Friday lunches – deliver to students. Note: Wednesdays are pizza lunches & Fridays alternate between Subway and Wok Box; special days will be Pita Pi • Hepatitis B vaccinations: October 11 & April 12 • Share Life Fridays – Ice Cream sandwiches in May • Cake Walk • Christmas Market • Fresh from the Farm – pick up night 4pm – 7pm. Pick up date is not known (date will be determined when harvest is ready). The Grade 8's will put the bags together for pick-up. • Candy Grams • Gardening Committee 	<p>Andrea Keogan will put together a Survey Monkey for parents to include: Name, Contact details – phone, email, volunteer opportunities for sub-committees</p> <p>Posters to be created for events / sign-up – to be decided</p>
6. Hallowe'en Dance	<p>Will be held on Tuesday October 31st. There will be Pita Pit lunch that day</p> <p>Approved to spend \$100 on new decorations.</p>	<p>Anya Murphy and Claudia deYong to take the lead on the Hallowe'en Dance</p>



<p>Valentine's Dance</p>	<p>New white lights are needed. Decorating can be done the evening of October 30th. Approved to spend \$127 to rent the DJ equipment and Mr. St.Jean has volunteered to be the DJ New white lights are needed</p> <p>Will be held on Thursday Feb 15th (Ash Wednesday is February 14th) Approved to spend \$127 to rent DJ equipment and Mr. St. Jean has volunteered to DJ</p>	<p>Kathryn Hadden to look at Smile Makers as giveaways to students at the dance.</p>
<p>7. Teacher Support</p>	<p>Amanda McGinnes stated that the teachers feel supported by the Parent Involvement Committee. A suggestion was made to do a Survey Monkey to the Teachers to see what they need / would like to see from this committee & suggestions of how fundraising money can be spent.</p>	<p>Andrea Keogan will make a survey monkey to solicit more feedback</p>
<p>8. Parent Recruitment</p>	<p>Rebrand the Parent Involvement Committee.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All parents are welcome • Idea to have a newsletter that can be sent out to parents include summary of meeting minutes • Discussion about having a parent representative at all school events to recruit members – such as the JK meeting, school BBQ. • It would helpful for parents to see the report from council monthly – see where the money is being spent. Details specifics of last year in the newsletter: graduation, Sacraments, technology, Chromebooks, tents in the yard for shade, Scientist in the School...the value of the fundraising • Can do an anonymous survey re: parent concerns. 	<p>Sonia Tipping-Edwards to do first draft of newsletter</p> <p>Andrea Keogan to put together Survey Monkey to be sent to parents.</p>
<p>9. Feedback & Wish lists</p>	<p>Membership Wish list:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To have this committee to be more social and have fun. 	



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need treats – compile a rotating treat schedule. • Meetings can be held at alternate locations: coffee shop. • Members make attending meetings a priority and attend all meetings – the meetings are on page 6 of the Agenda. There are 6 meetings scheduled this year (must meet a minimum of 4 times). Sub-Committees can meet more often. There will be no meeting in March because of the March Break. • Minutes to be emailed prior to the next meeting <p>How to spend money Wish list:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New jerseys for sports teams – approved • Reading programs • STEAM Program (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art & Math) – the February night will be on STEAM and every class will demonstrate coding • Robotics for Kindergarten to Gr. 8 • Garbage can at pick-up gate • Garbage can in female bathrooms for disposal of feminine sanitary napkins 	<p>Andrea McGinnes will bring treats to the next meeting</p>
<p>10. Closing Prayer / Dismissal</p>	<p>Rodrigo closed the meeting with a prayer at approximately 7:45pm.</p>	

Next Meeting:

October 26, 2017
The Atrium
St. Bernard Catholic School
1000 Dryden Blvd., Whitby