

St. Patrick's School Parent Council

Date: September 19, 2023

Time: 6:00pm

Attendees - Renee Tatro, Angela Bosch, Dwayne Unreiner, Tennille Erb, Ron Pisoni, Steph Kurtz, Natalie Long, Francis, Sonya Brown, Mr. Syverson, Madison Halmrast, Danielle Buye, Alison Carr, Mrs. Buckle, Mrs. Zelentini, Mrs. Kozachenko, Daniel Marion, Jill Gaeten, Kristina Easdon, Christie Klassen, Nicole St. Onge, Lisa Frost, Sara Neufeld

1. Call to Order - 6:04pm
2. Opening Prayer
3. Review and Approval of minutes from March 7, 2023
 - a. Recommendation that the minutes of the meeting St. Patrick's School Parent Council dated March 7, 2023 be approved as circulated.
First - Steph Kurtz, Second - Kristina Easdon
4. Sonya Brown/Mr.Syverson/Francis- green space thinking
 - Outdoor classrooms, school gardens, natural playgrounds, outdoor learning environments, enhancing outdoor spaces
 - Central location - making sure it works with the watering system that is currently in place
 - Trees, rocks, perennial areas, benches
 - Trying to do most of the work ourselves (volunteers)
 - 3 year plan - this way it keeps costs manageable
 - Year 1 - 3 Solid Trees (trees that don't tend to lose branches and will provide shade) and Perennials/Shrubs
 - Year 2 - Rocks and 2 Benches
 - Year 3 - Natural Large Logs (these are treated)
 - Trying to move away from plastics and use more natural things
 - TD Friends of the Environment Foundation Grant - Sonya would be willing to apply for this, the grant could provide up to \$ 8000
 - Francis - No problem with trees but would need to be maintained regularly - there is no money in the budget for this from the school board, trees cannot effect the soccer fields/ball diamonds, treating natural surfaces can be harmful to kids, Francis would not want any standing water as this can attract bugs. For this to be approved from the School Division there has to be a very specific, detailed plan for maintenance, how expenses would be handled, all materials have to be approved, as well as insurance on this, and what would happen in the event of vandalism. There is playground codes that would need to be followed
 - If we want to explore this, Mr. Unreiner suggested coming up with a smaller committee that could lead this and coming up with a detailed plan that could be submitted to Francis and the senior admin at the School Division
5. School Administrator Report
 - Current Enrolment - 465 students
 - New Assembly Recognitions (Pandarrific and Classroom) - Parents invited into classrooms
 - Clothing Order - online access to Sports Connection
 - New School Community Support - Learning Support Teacher (LST) to all MHCBE Schools (Susan Flanagan and Mr. Pisoni)
 - Grades 1, 2, 3 literacy and numeracy assessments - mandatory

- School Entry Plan
 - SLC Inquiry - Therapeutic Use of Play in Therapy - Mrs. Lori Swatsky - Sand tray and Play Sand (\$200), Art Easel (\$140), Mini Characters (\$140)
 - Nutrition Program (Breakfast) starts Monday October 2 (no cost to families or school)
 - Gaga Ball (similar to Pickle Ball)
 - School Presentations
 - Wacky Science Show
 - Earth Rangers
 - Science in Motion - approx \$5200
6. Teacher Representative Report
 - Teacher Wish List - Teachers have asked if they will be getting the \$ 150/teacher, New Classroom Bins, Green Space
 7. Division Wide Catholic School Board Parent Council - this is scheduled for next Monday September 25 at 6pm- Natalie Long will attend, encouraged to have two rep's from each school
 8. Open positions to be elected at the AGM in October = Treasurer (will be transferring to Danielle Buye), Vice Chair
 9. Parent Council and Parent Society Insurance paperwork for this current school year has been signed and given back to the school board office for submission to insurance provider.
 10. All minutes from last year's parent council and parent society have been submitted to the school board for compliance as well as list of all activities parent council hosted. Financial statements will be provided to the school board after the AGM in October.
 11. Adjournment - 7:17pm

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First - Angela Bosch, Second - Christie Klassen
3. Treasurer's Report - Angela Bosch
 - Angela Bosch made a motion that Danielle Buye become the new St. Patrick's School Parent Council Treasurer - First - Steph Kurtz, Second - Natalie Long
4. School Hot Lunch - Tennille Erb
5. Fundraising and Events
 - a. Fundraising and Events Plan for this year
- Halloween Dance - October 27
 - b. Looking for volunteers for planning fundraising
6. Next Meeting Date and Time - Oct 3 at 6:00pm
7. Adjournment - 7:54pm