

Venerable Michael J. McGivney School
Catholic School Council Minutes - Monday, September 23, 2019

Attendees:

Mr. Daniel Birkenbergs

Mrs. Jen Silva

Mr. Frank Ferreira

Ms. Nancy Rebelo

Mrs. Maria Sciarretta

Mrs. Mariela Lopez-Diaz

Mrs. Fernandes

- 6:30 Opening prayer, welcome and introductions. Introduction of Vice Principal, Natalie Grossi
- Voting and appointment of Council positions; as follows:
 - o Chair: Mrs. Jen Silva
 - o Treasurer: Mr. Frank Ferreira
 - o Secretary: Mrs. Mariela Lopez-Diaz
 - o Parish Rep: Nancy Rebelo
 - o OAPCE/DRAPCE: Maria Sciarretta
- Chair motioned to approve amendment from last meeting regarding Council's approval to purchase 10 Chrome carts and 1 Smart Board with Laptop using raised funds by Council.
 - o Mr. Ferreira and Mrs. Fernandes seconded the motion.
 - o Live amendment made by Mr. Birkenbergs
- Chair to provide dates to council for council training for those who are interested.
- Proposed list of dates for 2019/2020 council school meetings discussed and confirmed for 6:30pm start.
- Financial report from May 2019. June has not been provided.
- Chair inquired about HST rebate application from the Chocolate fundraiser.
 - o Mr Birkenbergs advised HST rebate had indeed been submitted.

- Chair outlined Halloween Dance-a-thon Fundraiser
 - o DJ has already been signed up. No increase in fee.
 - o Discussed \$800 out of budgeted \$1000 were spent on last years prizes for fundraisers.
 - o Proposed to keep this year's budget the same at \$1000. Council approved
 - o Kick off to start the 1st week of October
 - o Donations will be cash online as per Mr. Birkenbergs.
 - o Chair raised concerns about the ability to raise as much funds as last year's due to cash online. Cash online -a great tool for services offered but may not be the best option for fundraising as we are unable to control the minimum amount to be submitted through cash online. Dance a thon requires pledge form that allows students to collect and keep track of pledges they receive. The main concern is the total amount may not be submitted by the parent as there is no mandatory payment required. (in contrast to the Chocolate Fundraiser either \$90 for the whole box OR \$45 donation)
 - o Mr. Birkenbergs advised pledge forms will still be provided to students for tracking purposes only. There will be no cash collected for this fundraiser.
- Vote approved by to ensure there will be coverage of lunches on the day of Halloween for parent council
- Mr. Birkenbergs discussed ideas for upcoming events
 - o Brave Presentation Gr3 to 8 -Oct 7th
 - o Chris Vollum- Speaker on Digital Interaction with Social Media- Junior/Intermediate grades during school hours and will also be doing a parent engagement in the evening- date TBA
 - o Power of 1- November 14
 - o Rings and Rocks- possible TV commercial may be filmed at with our students
 - o Staff Christmas Open House- Same as last year with the Santa Photos as well as Poinsettias. Mrs. Silva advised same gentleman will be used from last year and that he does not charge for delivery.
 - o discussed the monies from Santa Pictures will go towards helping our communities.
- Reviewed 2018/2019 Commitments and made adjustments for our 2019/2020 Commitments
- Mr. Birkenbergs advised the Angel Tree was a great success as it helped many families within our communities.

Other ideas were discussed regarding Fundraising, but Council discussed Chocolate Fundraiser will give us the most return for the school.

8:30pm- Closing Prayer and Adjournment