

Venerable Michael J. McGivney School Catholic School Council Minutes

November 27th, 2019

Attendees:

Mr. Daniel Birkenbergs

Mrs. Jen Silva

Mr. Frank Ferreira

Nancy Rebelo

Maria Sciarretta

Mrs. Fernandes

April Ferreira

Mrs. Foster

- 6:45 pm Opening prayer and acknowledgment of First Nations Sacred Territory
- Chair motioned to approve minutes from last meeting. Approved by Nancy Rebelo, Mrs. Foster and Mariela Lopez-Diaz
- Principal Report- school generated funds will be posted publicly for transparency. Can be accessed via school page and is generated and controlled by the board on a monthly basis.
- Mr. Birkenbergs gave brief highlight on how to access from our school homepage.
- Tree of Hope - students share inspiring quotes from scriptures
- o Monthly activity
- o There will be a Lenten retreat and it will be the same as last year. Mass in the morning and retreat in the afternoon.
- Healthy Act Pledge- increase walking to the school.
- o Survey sent home to see how we can increase active walking. This will provide feedback for city to help determine what can be implemented or changed to help students walk more.
- Wellness Day- in March. Will focus on Mental and Physical health

- Virtue Assembly of Hope
- Advent mass Dec 12- seeking volunteers to go with students as mass will be held at our parish
- Christmas Break -Dec 23-Jan 3rd. Students back Jan 6, 2020
- Rings of Rock commercial shoot- should be aired mid January
- o Mrs. Foster's class and shoot took 6hrs. The experience was amazing and the kids did a great job.
- Halloween Dance-a-thon- well received
- Remembrance Day Presentation
- Bully Awareness/Prevention week- activities and presentations
- o Power of One Presentation
- o Spirit Days
- o Chris Vollum for Social and Digital Presentation
- Christmas Open House the following week
- o School Choir/Band
- o Santa Pictures
- o Help from the Knights of Columbus
- o Confirmed volunteers for the evening

CHAIR report

- November 4th training for council roles

Halloween Dance update

- Profit from Halloween Dance-a-Thon \$3716
- o Will return to sending envelope for individual donations so easier tracking
- o Get Kids reconnected
- o Prizes
- o DJ fee increase by \$25 for a total of \$375
- o \$80 Soccer Balls
- o \$25 early bird
- o Everything else was donated

- o Council to decide prizes
- o PJ and Pizza for winning pumpkin carving contest

Open House/Santa Photos

- Poinsettias- ordered 43 this year vs 65 last year
- o Approx. profit \$250
- Grand Knight has approved -\$500 for hot chocolate and cookies for Christmas Open house
- Maple Lodge donation to be used as a raffle item for the families that came to the open house.
- Shirts will also be used as prizes
- Shoe boxes - purchased already
- Last year proceeds from Santa photos went to Half Ministries that distribute to homeless, knights table and Shelters
- Monies from Santa pictures - goes back to community
- Commit \$400 for (... Ministries)

Photos

- Mr. Birkenbergs- Switch to Edge Imaging - Mr. Birkenbergs spoke with Rep
- o as per rep, green screen will be made available for next year
- o Santa pictures will be free
- o Spring sibling photos -Zero cost for the shoot, only fees for packages

Spirit wear

- HST does not need to be added for spirit wear
- o Will increase a touch more to account for delivery charges for spirit wear orders
- Discussion about adding another Milk Day

Milk and Cookie day

- Dec 19th- Milk and Cookies at 1st snack for 475 staff and students
- School is phasing out plastics- next year will be a ban on plastic water bottles

Treasurer Report

- Started with \$9866
- \$265 with spirit wear, total \$10,131.00
- Zero activity in October

- Halloween profit will be included in November report
 - o 2 cheques have yet to be cleared...(gift cards purchased by Jen for total of \$100 and cheque for DJ total \$375)

- Parish Report-this weekend advent promise weekend
 - o children receiving Reconciliation and Communion can still register
 - o Children Christmas choir students from Grade 1 + Wednesdays at 6pm

- OAPACE-next meeting is Jan 29th, 2020

- Other business- another fundraiser?
 - o Chocolates again?
 - o Cards (Jen to look into it for next meeting)

- Confirmation for next meeting -Jan 15, 2020

- Closing Prayer and Adjournment