



JOHN SWEENEY CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Tuesday, September 24, 2024

Present: Kendra Duench (Principal), Sacha Targosz (Vice Principal), Maggie Stephens (School Rep), Kim Burke (School Rep), Joanne Neeb (Community Rep), Laurie Geschi, Pernilla Snethlage, Kyle Brennan, Jessica Sokolowski, Renita D'Souza

Regrets: Sandra Soehner, Cynthia James, Catherine Silver

Prayer

Kendra led us in a prayer and land acknowledgement

Welcome and Introductions

Kendra welcomed all to the meeting and then invited each attendee to introduce themselves.

Role of CSAC, Communication Guidelines

- Catholic School Advisory Councils are made up of many stakeholders
- Copies of the roles of council and parent communication guidelines were shared and reviewed as well

Vote on council positions

Council positions roles were discussed with self-nominations taking place. Council position outcomes were:

- Co-chairs – Sandra & Pernilla
- Secretary – Jo
- Treasurer – Kyle
- Parish Representative – Renita

Meeting Dates for 2024/2025

- Tuesday, November 26/24 – 6:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, January 28/25 – 6:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, March 25/25 – 6:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, May 27/25 – 6:00 p.m.

Living, Learning, and Growing in the Holy Spirit

Regular Agenda Items

School Report

- Very smooth start up!
- The cell phone ban policy/procedure has been well received
- Sept. 9-13 – Safety Week
- Sept. 18 – Intermediate Boys' and Girls' 3-Pitch Tournaments – Boys earned 1st place!
- Sept. 19 – Junior Co-ed Soccer Tournament
- Sept. 24 – Opening Liturgy
- Sept. 27 – Terry Fox Run in p.m.
- Week of Oct. 7 – Girls' Basketball and Boys' Volleyball League Play Begins
- Oct. 11 – P.A. Day
- Oct. 14 – Thanksgiving
- Nov. 1 – P.A. Day
- Nov. 6 – Grade 8s to visit SMH
- Nov. 25 – Progress Report Distribution
- Nov. 26 – Grade 8 Night at SMH for students and parents
- Nov. 26 – Next CSAC Meeting
- Nov. 28 – Parent-Student-Teacher Conferences
- Student Action Plan results will be discussed at the November meeting

Financial Report

- Copy of report shared showing opening balances

Referenced conversation from May 28/24 meeting regarding Parent Involvement \$

- *Settled on CSAC booth at school Open House September 18th to promote parent involvement – it was decided to do this at Parent-Teacher Conference date instead*
- *Purchase Tim Cards for door prizes that night and possibly at CSAC meetings – Kendra will purchase*
- *A discussion took place about the possibility of offering virtual option to attend meeting for council members who may be unable to attend all meetings in person – this was re-visited and due to only having four remaining meetings for the school year, will not be offered*

Sub-committee updates – Review of playscape renewal progress to date

- Laurie presented a slide deck update on progress
- John Sweeney Playscape – Accessible, Safe, Natural
- Plan was shared with next steps being the sourcing of funds/grants
- The committee is planning to meet 6 times this school year for a one hour virtual meeting. Next meeting is October 15th at 7:30. Volunteers are needed and welcome. Please reach out to Kendra if you would like to join.

Dance-a-thon – School Fundraiser

- Thursday, October 31st
- Halloween themed
- DJ Nicholas Nicholson has been booked
- Kendra will take care of communication to the school community. She will also connect with Catherine regarding the donation forms.
- Tax receipts for donations over \$20.00 may be an option

Meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.