



CATHOLIC SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL
Tuesday, October 1, 2024 (6:00 – 7:40 p.m.)
OLOF Learning Commons

Attended: Parents – Amy Ross, Jay Gonzalvo, Michelle McKee, Michelle Raymond, Karen Bartlett, Krista Smith, Monique, Renee Ciotti, Sarah Reel, Sarah Walwyn **Staff** - Dan Mastroianni, Amanda O'Brien, Steph Gorloff

1. Elections
 - Chairs - Michelle Raymond and Krista Smith
 - Treasurer - Amy Ross

2. Treasurer Report
 - School General Account - \$8361.97
 - Foundation Account - \$25419.63
 - Total - \$33781.60
 - Chairs and treasurer to meet and plan a yearly budget, look at annual commitments before the next meeting
 - PRO Grant - this needs to be applied for when the application goes live, but we need to know what we would use it for. Must go towards a parent initiative like a guest speaker. Michelle M has a quote from last year for Hannah Beach. Possible virtual option, but we would need to look at the school's wifi capabilities if we hosted in the gym.
 - All money that we raise each year should be spent in the same year, no carry over unless for a specific target. We can allocate money for expected expenses though.
 - Discussion around playground - very expensive (60K+) and we would need to consider the time it cannot be used (winter), maintenance and vandalism repairs.
 - Foundation Account money can be used but it needs to have an invoice attached.
 - Amy inquired about how to get more businesses on the board's preferred vendor list to ensure we are always getting a good deal. Dan is not sure of the process so Amy will inquire with the board.

3. Dance-a-thon update
 - Event will take place on Halloween, Thursday October 31
 - Pledge forms to go out this week
 - We will form a committee for planning/execution of the event
 - Door decorating will be happening again, more info to come

4. Turkey Dinner
 - Caterer and tables have been booked for Thursday December 19th
 - We will be sourcing donations for the food the cater doesn't cover as that portion alone is almost \$5000 - Renee will look into options

5. Grade 7 Fundraising for Camp Brebeuf
 - Weekly Popcorn sales will continue this year, waiting on some admin access right now.
 - School looks after this fundraiser now and will allocate as required. Grade 7s manage the distribution and the funding goes towards their trip the following year.

6. Teacher Wishlists
 - Updated and new painted lines/games on the black top
 - This has been a wishlist from parents as well, we will need a quote. Dan to bring info to the next meeting for voting, or beforehand if they can fit us in sooner.
 - Wagons for the Kindergarten classes.
 - They received new toys last year, however they need a way to transport them to the school yard. Wish is for 2 wagons. Quote needed for approval.
 - Jay may be able to get them donated.
 - Sports equipment for recess
 - Scoreboard for gym - Amanda or Dan to get a quote
 - Suggestion to fund a school bus for each class - cost would be \$250-\$300 per class.
 - Not all classes go on field trips.
 - Alternate idea is to fund the buses for the Shades Mills trips as the kids go every 2 years - grade 2/4/6/8. The program is free, currently the only cost is the bus.

7. New Items
 - Hot Lunch options - can we get more?
 - There are hands off options, however they have rules around other food options coming in and their prices are often higher with a smaller serving size and lower quality food.
 - Some places (Pita Pit and Booster Juice) offer direct delivery but it's dependent on location and delivery area. Michelle M may have a contact/quote option for some.
 - School sign - was to be replaced with an electronic sign, however a survey was not done in the community (re: distractions etc) so that is on hold right now.
 - Is there a possibility to have a shelf installed in the grade 1 hallway above their hooks, similar to the rest of the school?
 - Facilities would have to answer this, Dan will look into.
 - Spirit Wear - link is coming soon. It will have the new logo.
 - Meet the Teacher Night - there was discussion that parents missed having the BBQ, we'd like to bring that back next year.
 - Dan has some ideas. We will table this until the spring.
 - Motivational quotes wall at Meet the Teacher night. Parents can write notes for students to read later. Unsigned notes so that students whose parents are not able to attend don't feel left out. Could be one per class or just a big one for the whole school. Sarah W has offered to lead this idea for next year.

Next meeting November 5, 2024