



## **CATHOLIC SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL**

**Tuesday, November 5, 2024 6-8pm**  
**OLOF Learning Commons**

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

Review of Previous Minutes - approved

Updates from Prior meeting

- CSAC Budget Presentation
  - Amy, Krista and Michelle R met to put together a proposed budget for our standard list of spending allowances - Halloween Dance-a-thon (\$500), Turkey Lunch (\$5000), Pancake Day (\$200), Classroom recess allowance (\$1900), Sacrament Gifts (\$300), Gaga Ball Pit maintenance (\$200), Falcon Care (\$300), Grad Gifts (\$200) Agendas (\$500) and Home Reading Cart (\$500), Misc (\$50)
  - Approved for this year
  - We need to think of ideas for grad gifts as we haven't done this for several years, bring ideas next month.
  - Line Painting - quote was received (\$2800) and Dan approved work to be done, as school would cover it if we did not. Job has been started, still in progress. Council approved to cover. Funds to come from the foundation account.
  - OLOF Tent for track events - discussion around branded vs plain. Council agreed to 3 plain tents. These are not needed until May so we will shop around for pricing. \$1500, but could likely find it cheaper.
  - Pancake overhaul - replace spatulas and buy additional griddles (approximate cost \$370). Will look for lower cost items.
  - Garden area around sign (\$500) Royal City will come in for no charge and advise on what plants would be best for this spot. Approved
  - Flag Football equipment - these have been donated from an online NFL form
- Sports equipment for recess - \$100/classroom - hasn't been spent yet.
- Wagons for Kindergarten - one has been received through a donation. Kindie team will advise if they still need a second.
- Additional Hot Lunch options - Costs are prohibitive for most items. If anything new is found we can discuss at a future meeting
- School sign - installed, school is still working on connection issues.
- Shelf Grade 1 hallway above their hooks - Custodian has put in a work order
- Possible funding of buses for the Shades Mills trips - Grade 2/4/6/8. \$260 each, approximately 6 buses. No decision made for this year.

Treasurer Report

- \$14,805.26 in Council Account, \$25,419.63 in Foundation. Not all Dance-a-thon transactions have been entered.
- Need to come up with ideas for the Foundation money
  - Soccer nets, turf or grass - concern here is this may be on city property
  - Natural or Low level playgrounds so they don't need to be inspected after winter.
    - Would need to know the height limit to qualify.
    - Need vendors - Michelle M to get list
    - Rockwall and monkey bars like at Chalmers School
- Can we have another fundraiser? Food items are not an option. Tabled for now

#### Principal Report

- All students will be getting a tshirt with the new logo on it
- Parent Teacher interviews are coming later this month, bookings will be through the online booking platform again this year.

#### Dance-a-thon wrap up

- Overall the event was a success. We introduced activity tables in the gym this year and they were well received by the lower grades.
- We are waiting on confirmed final fundraising numbers, but the numbers are down from last year.
- Discussion of ideas to make the event more attractive to the older kids - limbo, freeze dance, minute to win it style games, Just Dance videos.
- Will form a more formal committee for next year to ensure there are a good variety of activities for all grades.

#### Turkey Lunch update

- Several businesses have donated gift cards and other items to help us offset costs. Renee is still working on more but things look to be on track for sourcing the items for the lunch.
- Michelle R can get small wooden ornaments, can the kindies decorate these for the tree in the gym? They can team up with their Grade 8 Buddies and create these.

#### School Clubs

- The school offers many clubs and teams including Flag Football, 3 Pitch, Volleyball, Choir, Crochet Club, Tech Crew, Track and Field, Homework Club, Soccer, Book Club, Art Club, Chess Club, Folk Dance, Grade 8 Girls Club, Morning Announcements, Cross Country, Leadership
- 2 new clubs this year
  - Lego Robotics - Grades 7 & 8 - 22 students have signed up. Competition in May at St. Benedict
  - E-Sports - Will run like a traditional sports team with similar form, but it's a non athletic style team. Students will learn about Minecraft and then Super Mario Kart and compete against other school later in the year

#### Teacher Wishlists

- Scoreboard for gym - approximately \$7000. This could be a foundation idea.
- Decodable books for primary home reading
- Reading carts have new decodable books this year. Cost is around \$300/70 titles. They would need multiple sets.

Next Meeting - December 3rd