



St. Gerard CES Catholic School Council Meeting Minutes

November 8th 2023

Attendance: Kathleen Ferrao, Melissa English, Ana Pavao, Diana Da Ponte, Andrea Vieira, Beata Cymbrowicz, Jennifer Vassallo, Sandra Szewczyk

Minutes Approved: Diana, Sandra Agenda Approved: Diana, Beata

Principals Update:

- Mrs. Kornas ERW is on a leave of absence.
- Gd 3 EQAO results are in, we are mainly at a level 2 or higher, no one below a level 1
- Gd 6 EQAO results showed a big drop in math, the government changed the math curriculum with no added supports to teachers in delivering the new curriculum.
- Report cards are showing that students in class are doing better then EQAO results.
- Mr. Habib has re designed the school logo, it looks great.
- After councils contribution to the grad hoodies families only have to pay an extra \$15.
- The Onkehonwe games have been rescheduled to November 20th.
- The school raised \$278 from the Halloween spirit week.
- The school is in need of funds for technology, a lot of the chrome books are reaching their end of life date and will no longer be able to update.
- They need to be replaced approximately every 4-5 years, devices can only be purchased once a year.
- The school had difficulty during C-CAT due to the issues with devices because the board wanted everything done online, there was also a charge of \$19.95 per student.
- We got the outdoor education budget in of \$2000 and that was spent on X-movement along with an outstanding bill from last year that totaled \$1073.00
- Mr. Habib and Ms. Fernandez will be re starting the snack shack to help raise funds.
- Knitting club is starting soon.
- Request for edge imaging to come back and take class pictures.
- Looking into booking a presentation on peace, the cost is around \$500.
- Thank you to Andrea for running the chocolate fundraiser.
- Ana to contact Luz regarding tech and any help that we can get with cost, Kathleen to see what the needs are and cost.

Teachers Update:

- Mrs. English is starting a girls club for grades 5-8
- There is a lack of sports equipment and the volleyball net is broken, if council can help with some funds.
- Kathleen said there is \$400 that can be used towards equipment, Melissa will see what she can order and what else needs to be bought and give council some prices.
- The school does not have a matching set of any sports uniforms. Melissa to look into the cost and bring it back to council.

Treasures Report:

- Unofficial balance as of Nov 1st 2023 is \$11,559.72
- We sill have chocolate boxes to bring back.

- We still have to pay for the chocolate boxes which is approx.. \$5400
- There are 2 kids who haven't paid yet and letters have been sent home

Chair Update/Council Items

- Parent engagement event will be a Christmas Crafts on Thursday December 7th from 6-7:30
- Ana will see about getting hot chocolate and cookies donated.
- Beata will see about getting Starbucks coffee donated.
- Sandra will look into cookies from Costco.
- Grade 8 students will help with set up, running the event, clean up.
- Sandra will create the flyer to be handed out to families.
- Any members available to go thought the closet can come November 17th at 2pm
- Discuss dance a thon and spring fundraiser next meeting.

Next meeting Wednesday January 17th 6:30pm

Meeting Adjourned 8:49pm