

St. Elizabeth School Council Minutes - Monday, November 26, 2018 @ 6:30pm

In Attendance

EXECUTIVE	MEMBERS AT LARGE		
Alison Wills (Chair)	Kim Zilinski	Lindsay Reis	Nicole Nedelko
Jo Goossens (Principal)	Cecilia Toonk	Nelly Osmar	Pauline Martin
Michelle Bowman (Treasurer)	Leslie Tavares		Tara Patterson
Jennifer Newton (Fundraising)			
Sheri Urquhart (Spirit)			
Colleen MacDonald (Secretary)			
Jennifer Venditti (Teacher Rep)			

Welcome and Prayer

Meeting called to order at 6:30pm with an opening prayer.

Treasurer – Michelle

Current balance = \$8302.03 (Treasure’s Report issued to members at meeting)

Revenue:

- Halloween Dance = \$6132.39
- Projected revenue from Valentine’s Dance & Auction = \$5000.00

Approved allocations = \$4825.00

Remaining balance = \$3874.91

- Yogurt tubes remaining from dance to be used up (Taryn)
- Jo to get estimate for projector
- Wish List to be compiled by teachers – Jo to address at Staff Meeting
- Council to consider requests from Wish List with respect to the using the projected remaining balance of funds raised.

Spirit - Sheri

- Bubble-gum blowing contest/Retro Day January 18th after lunch
- Volunteers: Cecilia, Lindsay & Alison
- Pink shirt day was not as successful as it could have been. Not promoted enough.
- Sitko Day was a huge success. If we do it next year pick a meaningful day (eg. Birthday)
- Photo taken will be made into a Christmas card for the family.
- Framed picture – memory book
- Next candy guessing game – week of Dec 17th-21st
- Christmas “apparel” December 21st

Fundraising – Jenn

- Halloween Dance was a bigger hit than expected
- Superman & Batman were a hit
- Better planning next year will make it even more successful

- Lights on for the younger grades
- Prizes really motivated the children
- Line up prizes early next year and advertise
- Allocate money in June
- “Experiences” are also fun prizes to consider
- Add a classroom incentive e.g. Pizza day/PJ day
- Allow more time for planning

Valentine’s Dance and Silent Auction - Alison

- Valentine’s Day Dance February 7th 5:30pm start
- Committee hasn’t met yet
- Prizes are in Jo’s office
- Mark donating animals
- Face painting/nails – volunteers needed
- Tattoos?
- Giant superheroes’ instead of picture booth? Cecilia to look into logistics
- Candy table again – evaluate what sold best last year
- Tablecloths needed

Other – Cecilia

- Bong paraphernalia found near kindergarten area
- Needles found around school as well
- Due diligence to keep an eye out for this type of thing
- Custodians do walk about
- Sharps container on site
- Jo to see if the School Resource Officer (SRO) can come in to the school for an assembly to educate children in an age appropriate manner.
- All doors are locked....Board mandated
- Jo to contact The Board to request fob access for all doors in the school. Also inquire about fob access for all school employees who are on the yard with the children so they can access the building in a timely manner. Safety is a major concern as was expressed very clearly during this meeting.
- Late students (i.e. arriving later due to an appointment), office will notify teacher that they are on their way if they are in the portable

Principal’s Update – Jo Goossens

- Bully awareness
 - Older classes watched Wonder
 - Books made available
 - Videos for younger children
 - Talks regarding Bystander Effect
 - Language used – raise awareness
 - Difference between tattle-tailing and needed help
 - True definition of a bully

- Brainstorming ways to deal with bullying
- Talking – not keeping quiet. Advocating for self & others
- Healthy Schools and Eco Schools Update
 - Healthy Schools, Eco Schools and Umbrella Project interwoven
 - Part of school culture
 - Selves/each other/environment
 - Make kids change makers
 - Skills, strategies, tools
 - Leadership in kids hands
 - Fitgo challenge in February
 - New campaign in January: investigate usage of plastic baggies & straws. How can we lower usage in school? Incentive: teaspoons in bucket to eliminate plastic spoons
 - Eco team- presentation in classrooms
 - Assembly once in awhile to get everyone together
 - Certificates earned through the Umbrella Project
 - Celebration for healthy schools: Culture Day (larger scale than last year to celebrate different cultures in our community)
 - Look into feasibility of St. Elizabeth water bottles

Dates:

- Friday December 7th PD Day
- Sunday December 9th Family Mass 9:30am at St. Mary's Visitation (Jo to contact Father Frietas to change time to 11:30am as this is the time the Confirmation students will be at Mass for the Small Group Session)
- Thursday, December 20th 1:00pm Christmas Concert

Next Council Meeting: January 28th, 2019. 6:30pm – 8:00pm

Learning Commons (School library)