

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION SCHOOL

CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL- 2012/13- Meeting #2

October 18 2012, STAFF ROOM, 7:00PM TO 9:00PM

Attendees: Mrs. Brenda Hamilton Mr. Zaldy Perez
Mr. Iassogna Mrs. Marisa Xenos
Mr. David Cheerenjie Mr. Dave Hinds
Mrs. Dayana Sovran Mr. Lou Giancarlo
Mr. Geraldine Beckley Mrs. Tisha Dayap-Berrio
Mrs. Mary D'Souza Mrs. Susan Korah

Regrets: Mrs. Melanie Skrlac

1. Introduction

Mr. Iassogna led the group in prayer and Mrs. Berrio welcomed Lou Giancarlo to the first meeting of the Catholic School Council.

2. Quorum

There were sufficient members to achieve quorum.

3. Approval of the Agenda of Oct 18, 2012

Mrs. Hamilton handed out the Agenda for the meeting and was approved with the following additions:

- 5.3. Feast of Immaculate Conception
- 5.4. Fund Scrips
- 6.1. Correction "Council Goals"
- 8.7. Early Years Preparedness Survey

4. Review of Minutes of September 19, 2012

The minutes were approved with the following correction:

Vice Chair: Mrs. Melanie Skrlac instead of Mrs. Dayana Sovran.

5. Business Arising from the Minutes of Sept 19, 2012

5.1. Christmas Wish Upon a Star Program

Mrs. Hamilton to contact CCAS to get a list of families that will be blessed through this program. 1 per class with a total of 16 hampers expected to be prepared. On Dec 10th the gym is to be closed to prepare the hampers. Dec. 11th, the volunteers will come to wrap and assemble the hampers. The hampers will be ready for pick up by CCAS on Dec 12th. The Council had consensus that families with children up to ages of 14 years would be preferred as it relates to the ages of the children at Immaculate Conception. Sponsored families with grandparents will not be excluded from our desired demographics for the program.

5.2. Installation of SMART Board

The Smart Board system purchased by the 2011/2012 Council was installed in Mrs. Kolaski's class on Oct 10th. Miss Kiss is the resident expert who helps with any problems arising.

5.3. Feast Of the Immaculate Conception

The annual pasta dinner to celebrate the Feast of the Immaculate Conception is scheduled for Dec 5th. The Council voted to determine how the proceeds from raffles should be utilised. The "Bruce Trail Expedition for Kids" was being promoted by the Catholic School Board as a charity program that promotes Breakfast for kids. Council agreed to utilise

the proceeds towards this program. The deadline for donations is Nov 28th per the flyer. Mrs. Hamilton to contact Ed Bradica to discuss the possibility of contributing towards this after the Dec 5th event.

\$10 for adults and \$8 for kids are the cost of the tickets for this all you can eat buffet event.

5.4. FundScripts

This is a Gift Card program. Mrs. Berrio provided further information regarding this program. It was well liked by the Council and was enthusiastic to have this program launched as soon as possible to raise funds for the School Council.

6. Chairpersons Report

6.1. Council Goals 2012-2013

Council has decided to continue with the Smart Board program for 2012-2013

6.2. Parent Conference- Nov 3, 2012 @Cathedral High School

Information regarding the conference was sent home with all children. This is a free conference and is very informative. Mrs. Hamilton encouraged participation at this conference.

7. Treasurer's Report

Mrs. D'Souza reported that enough yearbooks were sold to cover the invoice without using Council funds to cover the shortcomings. To date, milk invoice for October has yet to be received from DeJong's Dairy. Net funds on hand are well in order for Council's goal of purchasing at least one SMART Board system for the primary grades.

8. Principal's Report

8.1. Year of Faith- Oct 11, 2012- Nov 24, 2013

Mrs. Hamilton explained that the Year of Faith focuses on Unpacking the Creed for all grades- especially for grades 7 and 8. This year all children from JK to Grade 8 will be requested to create their own prayer. These prayers will then be published as books.

8.2. School Improvement Planning

Mrs. Hamilton followed up with EQAO to get information on gender based results. The information cannot be published per Privacy Policies. However the information will be used for improvements in learning. Parents and students are being notified to remedy non-compliance of school uniform.

8.3. Corporate Video-HWCDSB

The item was deferred to next meeting

8.4. School Website

The website was introduced to the Council. The Buzz Board on the website is a quick rundown of events. HWSTS provides info on Bus transport. Parents can utilise the web site to get information on cancellation due to inclement weather etc. Teachers also are posting Blogs in the website to provide information on the class related information.

8.5. ECO certification:

Immaculate Conception has received the ECO Certification and the HWCDSB is the 2nd Board in Ontario to receive 100% eco-certification

8.6. Safe and Healthy Schools Committee

The Committee will be meeting next week. Star program is also related to this program. The school and the students have received this very well. Kids are now active with the equipment that were bought. An application to Ministry will be made for recognizing as a healthy and Safe School.

8.7. Early Years Centre

An online survey is conducted by City of Hamilton. Families are encouraged to participate in the survey.

9. Committee Reports

9.1. Milk Program

Progressing well. 30% more students are participating in this program this year in comparison to last year.

9.2. Pizza Program

There is a huge uptake for this program. Compare to last year 15 more pizzas are sold per week.

10. Items for Next Agenda

11. Closing Prayer

Meeting was adjourned at 9:08 pm.