

# Parent Council Meeting Minutes October 2, 2019

## Attendees

Mrs. Virelli Principal

Mrs. Russo Vice Principal

Mr. Cheeranjie

Mr. Spadafora-DiFalco **Chair**

Jessica Vasic **Vice-Chair**

Julie DeNardi **Secretary**

Agnes Mscichowski **Treasurer**

Nadia Bragagnolordo

Kimberlee Miller

Terri Champagne

Monika **Community Rep**

Larissa **Parish Rep**

Move to Accept Minutes of June Parent council Meeting

Approved Giulia Spadafora-DiFalco

Second Julie DeNardi

## Meeting Dates

November 7 -6:30

January 15 -6:30

March 25 -6:30

May 6 -6:30

June 18- 6:00 Parent Council Dinner

## **Financial Report**

Discussion re: fundraising

Charitable events

Box cards

Chocolate Santa

Mac Sick Kids, United Way

Superintendent Mr. Hucel

Public health Nurse

Sustainable Transportation

Active travel... walking school bus, walking to school, Biking to school

Planning routes with the co-operation of City council, school boards and parents.

Community partnership with city council to promote health and exercise. Working to remove barriers and plan routes and work around road hazards, and distance to build a sustainable strategy. To encourage children to become more active. Working to reduce emissions around the school yard before and after school. This program may also help with the bus driver shortage in the more seasonable times that kids can safely and comfortably travel to and from school.

Pilot Program

I.C. is one of six schools involved in the pilot program K.O.B.E. to get kids on bikes, that will provide bikes to kids without them for use during the project. This pilot program is working with parents for feedback looking for alternatives to help with the relief before the only other option is to start changing school start times to deal with the issue.

Mr. Hucel's stated the agenda is to try to get families involved with more active travel to and from school as it was in the past, for health economic and environmental reasons.

Kobe will promote bike safety, injury prevention, physical and mental health fitness

The benefits are less sedentary travel, better air quality, better health and air quality.

School travel planning

Set up- assess conditions- action planning and implementation- ongoing monitoring and improvement.

Speaker discussed walkabouts and planning arc in place.

Level one was set up in 2014

Level two assessing conditions

Process surgery for parents re: Travel mode to help assess what is needed... crosswalks if safer mode could reduce the need for some buses and bus reliance. Traffic issues now and bell times.

Parent engagement strategy to enlist and engage parents in the development of the program.

Having the parents encourage the kids to be involved in walking and biking to school.

Important to keep this on the agenda every month to keep it on everyone's radar.

Make parents aware to check out website. Have the kids read it on the daily announcements.

Get feedback on program

Refer to Mike for Bikes

## **Principal's Report**

Financial report

Fundraisers- Yellow shirts, Giulia will check into cost with artwork

Box cards and/or donation

First aid kids second part of the year

Chair, Vice Chair and Mrs. Virelli to draft letter for fundraiser.

Pasta dinner Monday Dec 2, 5:30-7 p.m. Giulia and Julie

All emergency protocol in place, Redeemer College and B.T. high school evac sites

Lunch days Pizza Tuesday and Friday.

Milk, popcorn in place.

Wraps and subs on occasion

EQAO scores discussion on improvement and changes in preparation common language, thinking and implementation

Tobacco survey on risky behavior and cannabis use.

Yearbook on its way, discussion on changes in formatting. Monika and Mrs. Russo to continue with yearbook this year working with Lifetouch.

Walking school bus was successful hoping to continue monthly.

Breakfast food drive to continue to Thanksgiving.

Oct 4 -Cross country

Oct 9 Lat day food drive

Oct 11-14 early election polling

Oct 14 Thanksgiving

Every Tuesday Father Greg Oct15

Oct 16 Caribou math 9:30 am

Oct 17 Living Rosary

Oct 20 Pilgrimage

Oct 21 Election

Oct 22 Catholic school council chair orientation

Oct24 Purple day 1<sup>st</sup> communion meeting DECE appreciation day

Oct 28 Parent observation starts

31 Move-a-thon orange and black or appropriate costumes

New business

Possible Strike Monday e.a.'s , e.c.e s , and support staff.