



## St. Clements Catholic School Advisory Council Meeting from Tuesday November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019

### General Meeting

**Attending:** Andrea Dafoe, Mary Craiovan, Pam Koebel, Andrea Boyce, Emily Runstedler, Amanda Hergott, Lori Martin, Caroline Cairney, Natascha Martin

**Regrets:** Caitlin Barton, Lisa Gheorghe, Tracy Brenner, Stacey Mayer, Melissa Rothenberg, Becky Bester

#### Agenda

1. Prayer/Welcome
2. Principal's Update:
  - Family of Schools mass and social on May 5<sup>th</sup>
    - o At St. David High School. Council to join for mass – Tuesday May 5<sup>th</sup>.
    - o Meeting held immediately afterwards at St. David
  - Proposed fundraising for schools
    - o Fundraising plan must be submitted November 15<sup>th</sup>. Let them know what type of fundraiser, who is the target group, method (order form, pledges) and reason for fundraising.
    - o we don't need to fundraise a lot this year until renovations are done.
    - o School Fundraiser this year will be a Valentines, dance-a-thon
      - Friday February 14<sup>th</sup>
      - reason = classroom funding (10 classes)
      - Allocation of Classroom funding:
        - \$200 per classroom, now
          - o For classroom libraries, materials learning tools etc.
          - o Benefits each student this was instead of a certain grade
        - Scientist in the classroom 1 per class, \$100 (covers 50% of cost)
          - o \$1000 total from our budget
          - o Something the teachers would like
          - o Hits Ontario curriculum for each grade level in Ontario. Hands on and usually costs \$300/classroom. Benefits kids and teachers.
        - Intermediate classrooms (grade 7, 8) have the option for teacher to use money towards materials for science lessons instead of Scientist in the classroom.
        - \$100 per class towards transportation
    - o End of year fair
      - Reason = charitable fundraiser
      - Benefiting nutrition for learning, others to be determined (must be submitted by Nov 15).
    - o Is there an option for a Grade 8 fundraiser for grad?

- Couldn't be done school wide, must just be done in their classroom. I.e. a cake walk
- Current Renovations and improvements
  - Repairs to play structure, playground gravel top up in the spring, peat gravel for around bus loading area.
  - Using country schools grant, 7 iPads have been received, and computers are all being revamped and replaced by IT.
- Future Renovations and improvements
  - Pending competition of structural renovations to building and classroom.
  - Acoustics for meeting room.
  - Wants bright link for boardroom (if not approved council could look at funding this)
- Academic school improvement plan will be posted to website.
  - Focus = numeracy (math lagging province wide)
    - CAT scores for grade 4 and 7, and report card marks for all grades between all strains of math and data from EQAO (questions below province or board).
    - Gaps in learning = number routines and mental math strategies to become more proficient at math and better problem solvers
  - If you have questions bring it to council meeting
- Grant Paperwork to be completed PRO Grant / PIC Grant / Grant SIPSA
  - PIC Grant = Parent involvement committee grant, \$500
    - Already have funding approved
    - In past used towards agendas
    - No agendas as of yet – haven't started order.
      - Cancel Agenda Order.
    - PIC funds allocation options:
      - Paul Davis
      - Or End of year Fair
  - PRO = Provides funding for eliminating barriers for parent's engagement and involvement in children's learning.
    - Has not been approved, but we can apply. Grant value is unknown
    - Mrs. Dafoe did contact a couple of agencies to see where they are at.
      - Online presentation, 1 hour for parents to log in at home. Cost \$900
      - **Paul Davis**, comes in day to school for students, adults in evening. No pricing estimate right now.
        - Could connect with Elmira, and do both schools during the day and just one in the evening.
        - Contact to see if available for this year, and if not book for next year
        - CSAC will cover any balance due after the PRO Grant contribution.

### 3. Financial Update

- Sitting at \$7,446.99
- Agendas haven't come out yet (typically \$1,200)
  - Canceling Agenda Order
- Playground bill around \$2,500, has not come out yet
- Keep a few thousand for future unknown repairs

- What percentage of funds can be carried over from one year to the next?
- Dance-a-thon last year a little over \$7,492.62
- As of Nov 12<sup>th</sup>, council has committed to funding:
  - \$200 per classroom, for resources
  - \$100 per class for scientist in the classroom (covers 50% of cost), or for science materials for intermediate grades.
  - \$100 per class towards transportation
  - 2 Standing desks for classroom use (purchase at the end of the year, contingent on there being funds left over from the fundraiser)
    - \$300+ per desk (plus shipping and handling)
  - Paying balance owing, after grants have been applied, for Paul Davis
- 4. Any other business or updates from members, sub-committees, or parents
  - Yearbook costs?
    - Consult with Miss De Leo. Probably around \$20 (like last year)
    - Send letter to business in January, with deadline a month before yearbooks need to be done
    - Last year deficit with \$20 cost = \$250
    - Tax receipt for personal donation, business do not get one because they're purchasing advertising in yearbook.
  - Why are the benches from peace garden down?
    - Down because when they were not re-barred into cement. They broke from being rocked on, so maintenance & safety said they needed to be removed.
    - Benches, and greenery to be addressed next year after renovations.
  - Murals
    - On walls and bathroom stall doors
    - Will discuss after renovations are done (after the summer, replacing ceilings and doing classrooms).
  - Dance-a-thon
    - Envelopes for donations
    - Sub-committee formed at January meeting
- 5. Adjournment

**Mark your calendars, our next CSAC meeting will be Tuesday January 14<sup>th</sup>  
at 6:30pm in the meeting room.**

**Have a Blessed and Merry Christmas!**

Minutes were prepared by Emily Runstedler. Please inform Emily of any errors or omissions within five business days of receipt or the minutes shall be deemed correct as recorded.