



JOHN SWEENEY CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Tuesday, September 26, 2023

Present: Kendra Duench (Principal), Andrew Gordon (Vice Principal), Maggie Stephens (School Rep), Joanne Neeb (Community Rep), Catherine Silver, Laurie Geschi, Jennifer Simon, Pernilla Snethlage, Sandra Soehner, Jessica Sokolowski, Fidelia Ukueje, Renita D'souza, Cynthia James

Regrets: Anita Santarossa (School Rep), Sara Szucs, Alyssa Scott

Prayern

Kendra led us in prayer

Welcome and Introductions

Kendra welcomed all to the meeting and then invited each attendee to introduce and share a little about themselves.

Role of CSAC, Communication Guidelines

- Roles of council were reviewed as well as communication guidelines

Vote on council positions

Council positions were discussed. Jessica & Catherine declared they were employees of the board and therefore could not hold the position of chair/co-chair.

Council position outcome

- Co-chairs – Fidelia & Sandra
- Secretary – Jo
- Treasurer – Jessica
- Parish Representative – Cynthia

Meeting Dates for 2022-24

- Tuesday, November 28/23 – 6:00-7:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, January 30/24 – 6:00-7:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, March 26/24 – 6:00-7:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, May 28/24 – 6:00-7:00 p.m.

Living, Learning, and Growing in the Holy Spirit

Regular Agenda Items

School Report

- Very smooth start up
 - No addition or removal of classes
- Week of Sept. 11th – safety drills completed
- Week of Sept. 18th
 - School sports started up
 - Open House – well attended
 - Terry Fox event – raised just under \$1600
 - Picture days (retakes on Oct. 23rd)
 - International Student (Mexico, Colombia, Spain)
- Oct. 6 – PA Day
- Oct. 27 – Dance-a-thon
- Oct. 31 – Halloween
- Nov. 13 – PA Day
- Nov. 20 – Progress Reports go home
- Nov. 23 – P-S-T Conferences
- Nov. 25 – Confirmation at Blessed Sacrament Church – time TBD
- School Improvement and Equity Plan – to be shared at upcoming meeting

Financial Report

- Copy of report shared showing opening balances

Sub-committee updates

- No report

Community Report

- RisingOaks will be closed on Monday, October 23 for a Region wide PD event for child care centres. No before or after school programs on this day.

Halloween Dance-a-thon – School Fundraiser

There is a multi-year fundraising plan to improve the playground in place. Council is looking to capitalize on possible grants. A Dance-a-thon will be held on Thursday, October 27th. Jennifer to confirm the DJ is booked. A discussion on the theme was discussed to promote inclusion. Catherine to take the lead on creating a flyer for the “Fantastic Fall Fundraiser”. More specific/clear information about the event will be communicated to families. Kendra/Andrew will take the lead on creating a schedule for the day.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.