

Parent Council Meeting

December 5, 2017

Attendance: Jodi, Amy, Lynette, Yvonne, Sandra, Logan, Sophie, Andrew, Tea, Sara

Accolades

- Thank you for everyone that came out for the Christmas cards

Chair Report

- Deacon Robert came to parent association meeting
- Hugh Lehr – Mental Health Strategic Plan – shared resources & supports that can be accessed
- Chuck Hellman reviewed Accountability Pillar results (90% satisfaction)
- What are creative ways to get parents to complete surveys? (In February)
- February – Parent PD night – invite other parents to complete survey?

Student Leadership report

- Elves on the loose – we have made elf cards with photos of leadership team that will be hidden around the school
- Students can find elves and bring it to the office for prizes

Principal Report

1. Bill 24 – bill to amend the School Act to
 - Require all publicly funded schools to create welcoming; caring and respectful policies and make them publicly available (Student conduct AP written last year)
 - Strengthen the ministers ability to ensure school authorities have compliant policies by creating the ability to deem policies or policy elements
 - Protect the privacy of students to join GSA or QSA
 - Provide additional clarity around the establishments of GSA's or QSA's at the school level
 - If students wanted to start a club, there would need to be an advisor, if the clubs are started this would need to be communicated to the parents
 - If there are clubs similar to this – they would not necessarily be named GSA, but rather a name that students would identify with
 - The government is encouraging – not to release names for the students in the club
 - We support the whole child and welcome everyone, we love and appreciate everyone since they are a gift from God

- If there is a child that is struggling with this – we can we do to support them or help them
Question – Will there be an outsider brought into the school to run the group rather than the staff member?
 - What is the purpose of these groups? What is the reason for the group – is it about support?
Question – Will there be education or will it be covered in the curriculum?
If you go on division website under religion programming, family life, grade 6
2. Our school board is meeting next Tuesday to discuss the safety guidelines for Alberta schools in regards to Pool or Open water activities. This may mean that we will not be allowed to do canoeing in Get Active in the spring.
 3. We will be looking at Registrations for February again next year. We are discussing the idea of having our grade 6 students going over St. Mary's in January to spend some time getting to know the school and programs.
 - We are a feeder school to St. Mary's , if a student was interested in Notre Dame – they need to do that on their own
 4. School sponsored mass – Which family is bringing up gifts? Snacks? The school will purchase juice and more snacks if needed
 - It is at St. Pat's this Sunday December 10th
 - We have 10 families bringing snacks
 - Asprey's and Pancoast members bring up gifts from parent council
 - It would be great if families could be there at 10:15ish
 5. Mission Mexico – Dec 12 – collecting twoonies and loonies to send for Alex Graph's welding shop
 6. Week of prayer for Christian Unity 2018 January 18-25
 - Pray for all Christian's churches come together
 7. Grade 1 & 2 class going to Notre Dame on December to shop at "Santa's workshop"
 - Student's will be asked to bring some money from home
 - Notre Dame does a service project getting the items donated
 - Student's get to buy presents for their family members, eat a Christmas treat, face painting
 8. Face to Face Retreat – December 13th – you are invited to join us!
 - Catholic Christian music – Everyone is a saint
 9. Christmas lunch
 - Cypress college will be helping out with some of our meals in the future

- We may be looking for help for serving the lunch

Treasurer

New Balance - \$5677.50

Pay the fundraiser – group from that total

Teacher Report

Thank you very much for the cards at Parent Teacher Interview night!

Fundraising

- Garage Sale in April – tables at the garage sale for vendors?
- Car Wash cards
- \$600 for coffee/tea
- Get the cookbook started in the new year
- Tupperware – we would get 40% return from the fundraising catalogue
- Gospel concert – work load would be selling tickets at Mass – this would be for the following year?
- Chocolate fundraiser in the fall?

Christmas Concert

6:30 Concert start time

6:00 -6:30 Open the doors – volunteers at 6:00

- Can leadership make a card to invite CWL and Knights of Columbus for afternoon show?

Next Meeting : Tuesday January 16th @ 6:30pm

What events are we planning for January? Movie Night before PD night on Thursday January 25th