**SJA School Council Meeting Minutes**

**October 11, 2016**

Call To Order (7:01pm): Paula Wilson (Chair)

Opening Prayer: read by Principal McGarrity

Principal’s Report: Principal McGarrity

1. Staffing Change

Allocated an additional ECE so that we could balance the kindergarten classes

* change into effect Wednesday, October 12

EA Reallocation of resources. Net drop of .5 due to the move of a student to another schooling environment.

2. Arts Incentive Approval

* Drumming and Hoop Dancing workshops which overlap with arts education and

Education. Mid November and Mid January

3. EQAO Results

* School results were at or above board and province scores with one exception: Grade 6 results show a marked improvement when compared to grade 3. Results from same cohort.

4. Math Action Team

* Has met once and has initiated a number of strategies including Number Talks,

A reference document for parents to support their children’s number sense

and numeration, use of some of the thinking classroom strategies (VNMLS

and visibly random groupings, more PD on rich task development in

Inquiry learning)

5. New Pedagogies for Deep Learning Board introduction today.

* Looking at the 6 Global Competencies (CITIZENSHIP, CREATIVITY, CHARACTER, COMMUNICATION, CRITICAL THINKING, COLLABORATION) as supported through pedagogical practices, learning environments, leveraging digital, and Developing partnerships.

6. Rosary Apostalate- joining us as of October 27th for monthly visits as prayer leaders in the grade 1-6 classes.

7. School Retreat with Pulse Retreat with Mason Normand (Music, prayer) just before March Break.

8. Safe School Update- first fire drill has been completed and done very well.

* Implemented school wide doors locked policy. Accelerates lockdown Response and makes it easier to secure school during a fire drill. Lockdown has been reviewed by teachers and Principal and the lockdown practice will occur in the upcoming weeks. A second during unstructured time will follow in the new year.

9. Peacebuilders Workshop. First session occurred last week and the next two sessions are scheduled for this Thursday (Oct. 13) and the next Thursday (Oct 20).

10. Upcoming Events

David Bouchard Presentations to 1-6

Fire Safety Prevention Workshop Oct 18

Canned Food Drive and celebration of the gospel values of care and compassion

Through the gospel story of Jesus Feeds the 5000

11. Outdoor Education Grants for the Ministry of Education have been ended for us.

* Possible fundraiser could be looking at MacSkimming Outdoor Education Centre

Excellent outdoor education targeting Ontario curriculum expectations in

science and physical education. Some overlap with social science curriculum

as well. Different programs for different seasons.

Expensive but rich experiential- based learning. learning.

Chair Report: Paula Wilson (Chair)

1. BBQ really well attended – good food – ice cream truck and bouncy castle very popular

* $71 donated from ice cream truck (% of their sales) plus profits from sale of chips
* good job Robynn!

2. Grade Reps have distributed their contact information

3. Email received from Kernels at Carlingwood (Grade 6’s to do this fundraiser for Grad expenses)

* fundraising program
* sell popcorn to students at $2 per bag
* 6 flavours, gluten free, nut free
* will deliver to school
* no minimum order
* parent volunteer needed.

4. PRO joint grant approved

* Dr. Jean Clinton
* Tuesday November 15 at Frank Ryan School, 128 Chesterton Drive

Treasurer Report: Gord Fitzpatrick (Treasurer)

1. BBQ donation from ice cream truck covered purchase of chips and tattoos (ie. Covered all expenses)

2. 5K in bank to spend (after reserve)

* Enough to cover teachers’ allowance and school trip busses

CSPA Report: Denise Corbett (CSPA Rep)

* Due to knee surgery Denise was unable to attend the September CSPA meeting.
* The minutes from the September meeting can be found here:

<http://www.ottawacspa.ca/about-us/meetings.html>

* Next CSPA meeting on Oct 26, Denise should be able to attend, topic “Religious Education, New Spiritual Theme”

Parish Report: Kerri Courville (Parish Rep)

1. Parish 50th Anniversary Mass, Sunday October 16, 2016 at 10:00am – at which, Archbishop Prendergast will be blessing the church’s new Baptismal Font - Reception to Follow in the Church hall

2. Knights of Columbus Breakfast – after the 8am and 10:30am masses of October 23 – A “Good Will” Donation would be appreciated

3. Volunteers needed for the “Raise the Roof” Fundraising Committee – contact Daniel Hogan to sign up: [Daniel\_hogan\_sja@yahoo.ca](mailto:Daniel_hogan_sja@yahoo.ca)

4. Kerri to place ad in Bulletin for Xmas Market

5. Link to weekly church Bulletin: <http://www.stjohntheapostleparish.ca>

Focus Items:

Fall Fundraiser Update:

Xmas Market – Saturday, November 12, 10-4

* $35/table rental fee
* Kerri to put ad on SJA School council website
* 2 vendors booked and paid, so far
* we are hoping that the choir will perform at the event (Christmas carols)

Funds Focus – Teachers’ Allowance, School Trip busses, School Retreat in March (as mentioned earlier in the Principals’ Report)

Upcoming Volunteer Needs:

* SJA Market
* Movie Night **(need coordinator)** – Friday Dec. 2 or 16 are possible dates
* “Gift of \_\_\_\_\_ “ program in December (donations from parents, in lieu of Teacher Xmas gifts) – to be coordinated by Shari Scott – need to decide where funds raised will go
* Advent Mass Reception – Thursday, December 8 – Kerri Courville to coordinate
* Tree of Giving (aka Sock & Mitten Tree) – ask Louise Hennessy if she wants to coordinate

Action Items:

* COMPLETED: Xmas Market Date confirmed: Sat. Nov. 12, 10-4
* COMPLETED: Gym and Custodian booked for Xmas Market
* IN PROGRESS: Outline of Xmas Market Volunteer needs (Paula)
* IN PROGRESS: Switch cheque signing authority (Gord/Lorrie) – to be complete Oct. 25
* COMPLETED: Welcome back BBQ (Robynn)
* IN PROGRESS: Fall Fundraiser Walk-A-Thon (Robynn/Kerri) – has been moved to the spring
  + Flat rate donations
  + Kinders walk separate from rest of school
  + Spirit building
  + Event stations to possibly include: parachute, basketball, soccer, 50m dash
  + Need LOTS of prizes for participation – lottery – (principal for a day, pizza lunches)
* COMPLETED: investigate alternative (healthier) hot lunch options for SJA and report back to council (Lillian Poon)
  + Mazzola Hot lunches (<http://www.mazzola.ca>)
  + “most” schools in Ottawa area use Mazzola lunches at least 1X per week
  + council requests that Mazzola give us a presentation and specify what they could give back to our school
  + how much parent support would be needed?

Other Business/Questions:

Police Records Check for Volunteering At the School and on Field Trips (Robynn Kearns via Sara Stenson)

* anytime a parent will be alone with a child, not directly supervised by a staff member, a PRC will be required
* “Letter of Introduction” will be provided by OCSB, for parent volunteers to bring to the Police Station in order to obtain PRC
* paid for by OCSB
* PRC office located on Queensview Ave. across from Goodlife

Canned Food Drive (Principal McGarrity)

* “We Scare Hunger”
* last week of October, before Halloween
* friendly class competition
* donations to Morrison Gardens food cupboard

Meeting Adjourned (8:40pm): Paula Wilson (Chair)

Attendance:

Kerri Courville (Parish Rep)

Denise Corbett (CSPA Rep)

Lillian Poon (Kindergarten Rep)

Mike MacDougall (parent)

Gordon Fitzpatrick (Treasurer)

Sara Stenson (Primary Rep)

Amy Kralik (Teacher Rep)

Paula Wilson (Chair)

Tuan Vo (parent)