**SJA School Council Minutes**

**May 10, 2016**

**Call To Order:**  at7:00pmby Kerri Courville (Co-Chair)

**Opening Prayer:** read by Principal White

**Welcome and Introductions:** Kerri Courville (Co-Chair)

**Principals Report:** Victoria White

Events to Date:

1. Dental Screening for JK, SK, Gr. 2
2. Grade 2 First Communions
3. Grade 6 Confirmations with Archbishop Prendergast
4. Stations of the Cross
5. Special Olympics
6. Swim meet
7. Celebrate Excellence Ceremony (Cai Moretton, Grade 4)
8. Clean the Capital
9. The Worm Factory
10. Education Week

Staffing Updates:

1. Miss Cavan is now replacing Miss Wren
2. Miss Lawson is now replacing Mlle Miles
3. Mrs Vowles is replacing Mrs Jacques (who was replacing Mrs Maguire)

Still to Come:

1. Ultimate Frizbee
2. Eco School Visit (recycling, composting, light audits, waste audits, worm day, sweater day, lights out)
3. Grades 4, 5, 6 Track & Field Meet, May 18 at St. Paul HS
4. Grade 3 Swim to Survive program
5. EQAO for Grades 3 & 6, May 26 – June 7

New Families: 2 Syrian refugee families have joined SJA in the last few weeks

1. Omar in Grade 3 with Miss Montuoro
2. Siblings: Sabrine in Grade 1 with Miss Kralik – Aya in Grade 4 with Miss Cavan – and Mohamad in Grade 5 with Mr. MacGillivary. This family also has another child at St. Paul HS, another who will be starting in JK at SJA in September, and a 1.5 year old.

* School council has donated backpacks and lunch bags to the 4 SJA students in the 2nd family
* Omar, Sabrine, Aya, and Mohamad will all receive cheese pizza and turkey Subs donated by School Council for the remainder of this school year

**Chair’s Report:** Kerri Courville (Co-Chair)

1. PRO grant for 2015-2016 online report back, to be completed ASAP
2. Teachers’ Allowance gift cards are almost all bought, to be done by end of next week
3. Kerri is taking over the SJA School council lunch program for the remainder of this school year, and in September
4. Dance A Thon fundraiser pushed off to next year. Instead fundraising will be a focus at the BBQ. Robynn to elaborate later in the meeting.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Kerri Courville (Co-Chair) for Lorrie Sweet (Treasurer)

1. Council has $4447 (adjusted funds) in the bank, for spending. This doesn’t include the $500 PIC grant money, not yet deposited in our account, less $2500 committed to Field trip buses, we have about $2500 to spend.
2. Still have BBQ and Grade 6 grad expenses to come

**CSPA Report:** Rose Hunt (CSPA Rep) absent

**Parish Report:** Louise Hennessy

1. Knights of Columbus Hip of Beef Dinner: Sat. May 14
2. Homelands Mass: Sunday May 22 at 10:30am
3. Spring Cleanup of Church Property, Saturday May 14, 9am
4. Parish Photo Directory – family photo sessions now being booked at the church
5. Parish Trivia Night, Friday, June 3 – to raise money for a new Baptismal Font

More info about any of the above can be found in the bulletin posted on the Parish website: <http://www.stjohntheapostleparish.ca>

**Focus Items:**

1. **2016-2017 PRO (Parents Reaching Out) Grant** - Kerri Courville (Co-Chair)

* another joint PRO grant proposal is in the planning stages with Frank Ryan as lead school again. This time we are proposing to bring speaker Dr. Jean Clinton (from Hamilton, ON) to Ottawa

1. **BBQ** – Robynn Kearns (Co-Chair, BBQ coordinator)

* Thursday, June 9, 5:00-7:30pm
* Food by Knights of Columbus again
* On site ice cream truck: [www.mrsundaeottawa.com](http://www.mrsundaeottawa.com) (to be booked)
* No firetruck due to it being Fire Safety week
* No bouncy house
* Bags of popcorn to be sold at $2 each (fundraiser)
* Fundraising with games and races – 1 ticket to play - $0.50 per ticket - $5 per 10 tickets
* Ticket Games Include: Fish pond, Pick a pop, Egg and spoon race, pool noodle car race, fish cup game, Tattoo station, how many jelly beans, beanbag toss, inflatable ring toss, scavenger hunt, duck matching game, Plinko, craft table
* 50/50 draw
* face painting (maybe)
* Free Activities: bubble station, sand castle building station, chalk drawing station, photo booth, tug of war
* Watermelon

1. **Grade 6 Grad Reception –** Louise Hennessy (Parish Rep, Grade 6 Grad coordinator)

* Friday, June 24, 1pm at SJA church (reception to follow in church hall)
* Louise showed us the bookmarks she has purchased as a gift for each graduate
* Would like an individual take away “food” (cake, cupcake in a box) for each grad
* New fabric tablecloths have been purchased for Council events such as this one

**Other Discussion:**

* Next year’s fundraisers to both potentially take place in the Fall – The Xmas Market will be on Nov. 12/16 plus another fundraiser that is not yet decided on (a Halloween costume Dance A Thon in October was suggested)

**Meeting Adjourned**: Kerri Courville (Co-Chair)

**Attendees:**

Kerri Courville

Robynn Kearns

Louise Hennessy

Sara Stenson

Paula Wilson

Denise Corbett

Victoria White