**SJA School Council Minutes - Tuesday, April 9, 2019**

**Call to order** 7:05

Mr. Mc Garrity opened the meeting with a prayer

Welcome to Mdme Pharoah, teacher rep.

**Principal’s Report** – Mr. McGarrity

New Principal- The new Principal will be announced tomorrow. An email will be sent out to all families in our community once the formal announcement is made.

Review: Draft Copy of our Education Week Events and Activities

* Open House/ Career Day
* Mass
* Junkyard Symphony
* STEAM Learning Walk
* Volunteer to share Catholic Education Week message at St John the Apostle

Math Up Classroom

* Licences to all math teachers grades 1-6
* Staff PD session last Friday, April 5

Math Up School

* MidLine Assessments being completed over the next couple of weeks.
* Leadership session this Friday for Principal and replacement Principal
* Continuation of the deepening of staff and students understanding of the fundamentals of mathematics.

Microbit Kits

* School now has a number of kits which can be used for coding using the connection to computer and website

FNMI

* Drum making workshop with David Finkle lead by our grade 4 Immersion Class
* Giant Treaty Map lead by Daphne Sandre, board Indigenous Studies Consultant
* River Walkers initiative

Stations of the Cross

* April 18th at 11:00 am
* Parents invited.

Earth Day Liturgy

* April 23 at 2:30 PM

**Chair’s Report** – Paula Wilson

Nothing to report

**Treasurer’s Report** – Gordon Fitzpatrick was unable to attend but provided the following report.

Summary of accounts:

The bank account balance, as of today is $23,631.99, of which $15,931.00 has been committed. This leaves a balance of $7700.00. An Income Statement, as of April 9, 2019 was provided detailing the various incomes and expenses so far this year. We also committed funds for field trips of which $2500 has already been donated. The remaining amount, $2,500, has not yet been paid. This leaves us with approximately $5,200 to spend. Before any amounts are allocated, Gord suggested that we add to the structure fund. We have committed a total of $7,160 so far. Of that, $2,160 was added this year. Topping it up to $10,000 may be a stretch but we could probably get there.

Discussion ensued. Council opted not to commit funds to Structure Fund at this time. Defer until later in the year in the event that unexpected expenses arise.

**Focus Items**

*Dance-a-thon* (May 10) - Janice Rupert

The Dance-a-thon will be launched during a school assembly on Tuesday, April 16th at 2:45. It was decided that the dance-a-thon will now coincide with the Spring Dance. Robynn Kearns, Janice Rupert and Hana Elomrani to co-ordinate.

Leanne Ferris and Janice Rupert are soliciting donations for the silent auction, raffle table and for event prizes.

Pledge forms will be provided for each student. Student name will be entered in a draw for each returned pledge form. Voucher for Principal of the Day will be included in prizes. A second Principal of the Day opportunity will be given to the student who raises the most money.

There will be no admission charge for the Spring Dance this year. Council will provide families with the option to pre-purchase pizza.

*BBQ* (June 18) – Robynn Kearns

The Knights of Columbus have confirmed that they are available to bbq.

Waiting for response re: bounce house.

Paula reached out to HOT 89.9 to see if they are available to attend and provide music – Mr McGarrity to confirm whether their presence is permitted.

**Upcoming Events and Volunteer Needs** highlighted

* 1. May 10 - Dance-a-thon
  2. June 21 - Grade 6 leaving ceremony (Kerri & Robynn)
  3. June 18 - BBQ help

**Action Items Follow Up**

a) Dance-a-thon/Silent Auction – Prize request letter (Janice) - Complete

b) Dance – DJ (Robynn) – Booked

c) BBQ – Request bounce house (Paula) – Waiting for response

* 1. KofC – Booked Ice cream truck - Waiting for response (Robynn)

**Other business**

*Social media coordinator role* - Paula suggested adding this to the community liaison roll. To be further discussed at a later date.

Discussion ensued re: opening a closed SJA Community Facebook page. It was decided that the council e-mail would be used and that there would be several council members added as current administrators to monitor the page ensuring that content is appropriate. Paula to set up.

Michelle provided a *written summary of the staff appreciation day*, to be filed for future reference. Mdme Pharoah expressed appreciation on behalf of the teachers.

**Adjournment** 8:25

**Attendance:**

Paula Wilson, Chair

Nubia Cabezas, Vice Chair

Janice Rupert, Secretary

Dana Rose, Primary Rep

Madame Pharoah, Teacher Rep

Robynn Kearns

Geeta Gera

Michelle Moniface

Hana Elomrani

Mr. McGarrity