**St. John the Apostle School Council Meeting Minutes**

**March 8, 2016**

Attended by: Kerri Courville; Victoria White; Robynn Kearns; Louise Hennessy; Joanne Cheng; Paula Wilson; Gordon Fitzpatrick; Geeta Gera

**Principal’s Report:**

1. **Events to date:**  
   St. Paul staff visited with Gr 6 students, Gr 6 visit to St. Paul's Kindergarten registration, Pals training, Junglesport, Peer mediator training, Term 1 report cards went home, Confessions, First Reconciliation at the Parish, Winter Play Day, Tennis Grades 1-6, Kindness Week
2. **New Info**:

OCSB has a board-wide initiative to bring increased awareness to all staff and students related to Social Emotional Learning.  This year, the focus for all of our elementary schools is on Self-Regulation...being calm, alert and ready to learn.  Through classroom instruction, our grades 1-6 students will gain insights and skills to build on their abilities to get back to that zone of calm and alertness.  Their best decisions can be made and their best learning takes place when they are in this calm, alert zone.

1. March break - March 14-18; Stations of the cross - Holy Thursday; Special Olympics - March 9th

**Chair’s Report:**

1. Robynn & Kerri discussed a Dance-a-Thon (see focus item)
2. Another fundraising idea for next year would be Maple Syrup selling - put into action in the fall in time for next spring
3. Kerri will be building a SJA School Council Website over the summer (For example a similar to Barrhaven Public School: [http://bpsparentcouncil.weebly.com/](http://bpsparentcouncil.weebly.com/" \t "_blank))

**Treasurers Update:**

1. We currently have $5700 in the bank

**CSPA Report:**

\*\*NO CSPA MEETING IN DECEMBER

**Parish Report:**

1. Father Lindsay is great and getting the community involved
2. Weekly Bulletins are up to date and have the full list of activities
3. The Church is celebrating it's 50th anniversary in April. Maybe we can get the school kids to shape of a 50,take a picture, frame and gift to the church

**Focus Items:**

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| **Focus Item** | **Speaker** | **Motion** |
| Spring Fundraiser - Dance-a-Thon:   * set date * hire DJ * 1/2 or full day | Co-Chair |  |
| Teacher's Allowance   * School Council gives gift cards to the teacher's | Co-Chair |  |
| Set a percentage of our yearly fundraising, to set aside and save for school yard play structure   * Find out how other schools have done this * Look into grants/corporate sponsors (Gordon to look into this) | Co-Chair |  |
| BBQ - Thursday, June 9, 5pm - Robynn Coordinating   * bouncy slide; games; facepaint; Knight of Columbus do the BBQ again (haven't heard back yet to confirm) | Robynn |  |
| Grade 6 Grad - Friday, June 24th at the church - Louise Coordinating   * 1pm ceremony; goodbye gift for each kid (Louise bought bookmarks); Council provides snacks/beverages; decorating; photobooth; 1 or 2 cakes from Rick Chiarelli's office * Looking for someone to bake something special for each student - individual wrap | Louise |  |
| Green Shirts were ordered to gift students   * 24 shirts $240 | Victoria | Passed |