



“Living the Word”

SCHOOL COUNCIL MINUTES

Date: Tuesday, October 2, 2018 Reference - WCDSB Strategic Plan (2015-2018):
Time: 6:30pm thru 8:30pm 1. Nurturing Our Catholic Community
Location: Saint John Paul II (Library) 2. Student Engagement, Achievement & Innovation
Prayer: Dawn 3. Building Capacity to Lead, Learn & Live Authentically

Section 2: Agenda

No.	Item / Description	Responsibility	Reference	Action Anticipated
1.	Welcome, prayer and personal introductions	Dawn	1, 2, 3	Greetings, attendance and regrets Action items from September minutes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Final financial report: Trina will have for November meeting. • Mascot: Dawn to bring to November meeting. • Clubs/Teams on Website: Amanda to look into adding. • School Yard: further update below. MOTION made to accept the September minutes as read. CARRIED
2.	Financial Report	Trina	1, 2, 3	In Trina’s absence this was deferred until November.
3.	Faith Focus Committee	Julie W.	1, 2, 3	St. Anthony Daniel Enrollment Sunday: For students receiving any sacraments there will be an Enrolment Mass (please bring your enrolment cards) on October 27/28 and Nov 3/4 at all Masses. Children and families are invited to attend any weekend Mass. RCIA: Is for teens and adults to learn more about the Catholic faith. It is for those wishing to receive the Sacraments and for those who are just interested in knowing more and might have questions. Sessions are on Wednesdays at 7pm in the Marian Room.

			<p>CWL News: All women of the parish are welcome to join in Mass at 6:30 followed by fellowship the first Tuesday of the month. Annual membership fees in the amount of \$25 are now being collected.</p> <p>St. Vincent De Paul Thanksgiving food drive: The annual food drive is October 7 and 8.</p> <p>Youth Ministry: Continues 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month from 7-9 (check parish website to confirm dates). All youth grade 7-12 are welcome. No registration needed. Bring a friend.</p> <p>Stewardship weekend: Is October 13/14 weekend.</p> <p>Help St. Mary's High School Win \$100,000: St Mary's High School has entered the Aviva Community Fund competition. They can transform their present tennis surface to create a multipurpose court accessible to all users and many sports. Please visit the St. Mary's High school website https://stmary.wcdsb.ca and click on "Aviva Community Fund" for instructions on how to vote by October 4.</p> <p>Music Ministry: Saturday Music Ministry - rehearsal are on Wednesday at 7pm. We lead the congregation at 5 PM Mass Saturday. Sunday Music Ministry - rehearsals are on Thursdays at 7:30 pm serving the congregation at the 10:30 am Sunday Mass.</p> <p>40 Days for Life: Opening Mass with Bishop Crosby will be held on Wednesday October 3 at 7pm at St. Agnes Parish in Waterloo. Refreshments to follow. Also please prayerfully consider standing in front of Freeport Hospital as a silent witness to the God given dignity of every human being. You can sign up for hours online at www.40daysforlife/kitchener</p> <p>Walk a Mile in their Shoes: This year, Development and Peace is striving to bring greater attention to the world's refugee crisis. Refugees flee their homelands when no other options remain: when staying would otherwise lead to displacement or death. Development and Peace would like the collective "WE" to walk the circumference of the Earth by August 31, 2019. St. Anthony Daniel's Parish will be participating in this collective walk on October 21 after the 10:30 Mass. There will be options for walkers and non walkers.</p>
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4.	Community Update	Julie M.	1, 2, 3	<p>Babysitting Basics: October 13, 9am to 4pm , registration cost \$50.</p> <p>Fun, free stress relief for parents - Drop in Basketball: Mondays 8pm to 9:55 pm. No commitment or previous skill required.</p> <p>Breakfast with Santa: December 8, 8am to 11 am, registration begins Nov 5. Free.</p>
5.	Fundraising Committee	Dawn	1, 2, 3	<p>(a) Pita Pit Day September profit: \$156.50 (year to date: \$156.50)</p> <p>(b) Turkey Dog Day September profit: \$278.20 (year to date: \$278.20)</p> <p>(c) Smoothie Day September profit: \$109.50 (year to date: \$109.50)</p> <p>(d) Dance-a-thon, October 25 Volunteers are still needed for various aspects. Please contact Stephanie.</p>
6.	School Yard Revival Committee	Rod	1, 2, 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The turf is in and is draining perfectly! The colour difference will even out as the first batch sat out a year and a half. • The next step is the upper soccer pitch but won't be tackled until spring/summer. Engineers were in to look at it. Gravel needs to be taken away, regraded to meet drainage, topsoil placed down and then sodded - no seed. Once sod is laid there will need to be a commitment to watering. Need to figure out if it will be us or the City watering over the summer.
7.	Fall Walk to School Day	Stephanie	1, 2, 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fall walk to school day taking place Wednesday, October 10th. The Golden Shoe will be awarded. • Rod will be sending out a strongly worded letter to the parents about drop off and pick up at the school. Be part of the solution and not the problem
8.	School Travel Planning Committee	Amanda/ Rebecca	1, 2, 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A walkabout to happen with police, by/law, local councillor to figure out where the bad areas are to help us make a plan • There will be Police presence on Fall Walk to School Day

				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Look into if the pop up signs that shows 40 km/h • Hoping to have Police and By-law have more of a presence at the school • Talked about doing walkabouts with parents on parent-teacher night
9.	ECO Schools	Tammy Yakabuskie	1, 2, 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tammy thanked school council for their help with helping contribute toward the eco initiative (ie bringing their own plates for Shrove Tuesday). • Eco team students interviewed and they suggested to start a multi year plan to reduce extra waste. Suggestions include plastic straws, cutlery etc. The Grade 6s will be starting a pilot by getting rid of all plastic cutlery and using reusable cutlery. The process of how this will work will be determined by the Grade 6 teachers. <p>MOTION made to allocated \$100 towards this initiative. CARRIED.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two new eco-friendly fundraisers were suggested that were tabled as we already have committed to our Danceathon this year. They were Versey Bulbs (school earns 50% and they offer spring and fall planting) and Fresh From the Farm (school earns 40% and they have two bundle options - again offers in spring and fall harvest)
10.	Parent Engagement - The Umbrella Project	Rod/Dawn	1, 2, 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 17 other schools are taking part in The Umbrella Project. It is a 2 year venture with 9 different themes for this year. Dr Jenna is a parent in the school. The Umbrella Project is geared towards K-8 and teaches mental health and life skills to students, staff and parents. • Links to Dr. Jenna's website can be found through our school's website.

				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council at the start of each month is going to do an activity the children will do. This meeting we wrote what we were grateful for and the chain will be linked with our students chains
11.	Yearbook Committee	Joan	1, 2, 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Joan and Laura are wanting to make changes to the yearbook. Some suggestions were to hand out in June instead of at the sneak peek and to add autograph pages to it. They will touch base with Life Touch to see what is possible.
12.	Garden Maintenance	Jessica	1, 2, 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preventative maintenance needs to start early. Suggestion is in early April to get the Eco Team and older grades to start the maintenance. • The plan is to turn the soil over, compost, and mulch. Need to dispose of a few things. • We would like to plant eco friendly plants along with drought resistance foilage. • Amanda is happy to move forward next year and work closely with the Eco Team. • Requested a few new items. Stand up troughs that are sand tables for the younger grades to use. Needs to be covered and locked so nothing hazardous gets into the soil. (to be placed in between the 2 sheds) Also for parent engagement we can install an outside bulletin board - what plants are there, what are they good for, how they help the environment etc).
14.	Principal Items	Rod & Amanda	1, 2, 3	<p>(a) EQAO - Test results are back but letters weren't sent home yet. Cannot discuss the results as parents hadn't seen them yet. Is tabled for meeting in November</p> <p>(b) AVIVA Project - parents encouraged to go online and help support St Mary's in their bid to receive sponsorship money for the all purpose court</p>
12.	Open Floor Questions and Future Topics			
NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, November 6, 2018 @ 6:30 p.m.				

Section 3: Attendance

EXECUTIVE

<u>X</u>	Dawn Shuh	<i>Chair</i>	X - Present
<u>X</u>	Stephanie Sawyer	<i>Vice Chair</i>	A - Absent
<u>X</u>	Maria Galazia	<i>Secretary</i>	R - Regrets
<u>R</u>	Trina Kieswetter	<i>Treasurer</i>	
<u>X</u>	Julie Weiler	<i>Parish Representative</i>	
<u>X</u>	Julie Mardian	<i>Community Representative</i>	

VOTING MEMBERS

<u>X</u>	Holly Hanna	<i>Early Years Representative (JK-1)</i>
<u>X</u>	Greta Radisic-Machado	<i>Primary Representative (2-3)</i>
<u>X</u>	Jen Urosevic	<i>Junior Representative (4-5)</i>
<u>X</u>	Carol Grandy	<i>Intermediate Representative (6-8)</i>
<u>R</u>	Evelyn Currie	<i>Intermediate Representative (6-8)</i>
<u>X</u>	Rebecca Reed-Guillartes	<i>Special Education Representative</i>

NON-VOTING MEMBERS AT LARGE

<u>R</u>	Jamie Clarke
<u>X</u>	Kristen O'Shea
<u>R</u>	Angela Saenz
<u>X</u>	Carolyn DaSilva
<u>A</u>	Aamir Sohail
<u>R</u>	Maria Turner
<u>A</u>	Leah Holmes
<u>R</u>	Richard Resendes
<u>X</u>	Saman Ajamzadeh
<u>X</u>	Rodney Eckert – <i>Principal</i>
<u>X</u>	Amanda Kuntz– <i>Vice-Principal</i>
<u>X</u>	Mary Hogg – <i>Office Administrator</i>
<u>X</u>	Joan Germann – <i>Teaching Representative</i>
<u>X</u>	Jessica Worrall
<u>X</u>	Tammy Yakabuskie