

SCHOOL COUNCIL AGENDA

Date: Tuesday, March 5, 2024 Reference - WCDSB Strategic Plan

Time: 6pm thru 8pm 1. Nurturing Our Catholic Community

Location: St. Teresa of Avila Learning Commons 2. Student Engagement, Achievement & Innovation

Prayer: Paula Pizarro 3. Building Capacity to Lead, Learn & Live Authentically

Present: Paula Pizarro, Lindsay Soetemans, Jessica Melady, Chantal Allen-Robbins, Michael Kuntz

Regrets: Theresa Mendler, Madeline Langlois, Amy Nero, Christine Johnston

No.	Item / Description	Responsibility	Ref	Action Anticipated	Minutes
1	Welcome, Land Acknowledgement, prayer and personal introductions	Paula	1, 2, 3	Greetings, attendance and regrets	<p>I (we) would like to begin by acknowledging that the land on which we gather today is the land traditionally cared for by the Haudenosaunee, Anishinaabe and Chonnonton People. I (we) also acknowledge the enduring presence and deep traditional knowledge, laws and philosophies of the Indigenous People with whom we share this land today.</p> <p>God, the source of every good gift You have called us together as servants to do your will Grant us the light of your Spirit To guide us in our responsibilities as a School Council May we work together in harmony for the common good May we listen to one another in a spirit of genuine respect May we encourage and reverence one another's unique talents May we use the gifts of the Spirit in creative Christian leadership May we approach our decision-making through discernment and prayer May we respond effectively to the needs of the children in our care God of Love You give us the gifts of the Holy Spirit For the common good May your blessings radiate from us to others In a new spirit of service We ask this through Jesus Christ The Light of the World Amen</p> <p>Attendance and regrets recorded.</p>
2	Old Business		1, 2, 3	Adoption of Minutes	Lindsay Moves to adopts minutes. Jessica seconds. Passed.
3	New Business		1, 2, 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pancake Day Review/Feedback Dance-A-Thon Planning 	<p>Pancake Day:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Food Basics donated everything (pancake mix, cooking spray and syrup). Plates, forks and napkins were leftover from the Grade 8 grad and topped up with donations. Ended up using 8 bottles of syrup. We had 4 boxes of unopened mix

				<p>and two opened boxes leftover from the 18 we started with.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We need to count our pancakes because the second round got extras but the first round didn't. Next year we should plan to have the younger children that don't eat as much anyway come first when the pancake cooking has begun. Part of the challenge is that some classes come with their book buddies. We had lots of plates and forks and napkins but not much left over. • Discussion about a tech cloud option to save ideas and planning for future years. • Question to Paula about finding storage space for items at the school. Paula is hoping to find a space for CSAC items to be saved in the school rather than individuals homes in the near future and will work with Lindsay S. Two people currently are storing things at home (Lindsay S and Jessica M). <p>Dance-a-thon</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paula is confirmed to be the DJ, so that's a savings. • Last year we did glow sticks, Juice boxes for young classes and Bubbly for older classes, and bag of chips. We had cash – do we want the kids to pre-pay or bring cash? Everything has to go through School Cash Online. It was better if the teachers brought all the kids slips who had pre-ordered so we could pre-deliver to the classes. A few parents could come in the morning to bring to the teachers, and then the majority of the work is done. • Need: bags of chips, drinks, glow sticks? The kids loved the glow sticks so they would be a great feature to continue. Last year the timeline was as follows. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:45-9:30 JK/SK 10:10-11:10 Gr. 5, 6 (Lunch break 11:20-12:20 – Gym closed) 12:30-1:30 Gr. 1-4 2:00-3:00 Gr. 7 & 8 • We sold the drinks for \$1, the glow sticks for \$1, and the chips for \$2. There was a limit of 3 glowsticks per child. Glowsticks were purchased on amazon, so that would need to happen again. Paula had also offered a free recess and a lunch with principal, but some of these didn't work out planning wise, so look into • Lindsay S is planning to come in the Thursday before (April 4th) at 10 am to put together the boxes. • We could also do a basket lottery that each class puts together. Jessica to pull together topics and item ideas to send to Paula. • Is this in addition to sponsoring their child at the dance-a-thon? Buying tickets means its not a tax donation anymore. Last year
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					we gave a ticket to children for every \$5 raised, and tax receipts were issued only if requested. Wording to stay consistent with last year then. Last year the raffle winner could win – pizza party, and \$50 gift card of his or her choice. For every \$5 raised students were able to win lunch with Principal,
4	Faith Focus	Paula	1, 2, 3	Parent Meetings for First Communion and Confirmation set for March 19th (7:30 PM) and March 20th (7 PM), respectively	Father advised that the meetings had to be changed to after March break. They have been rescheduled for March 19 th for Communion and March 20 th for Confirmation.
5	Principal Items	Paula	1, 2, 3		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CCAT testing is coming up for Grade 4s and Grade 7 have the CCAT 4.
6	Budget	Michael		Update	Maple Syrup fundraiser has raised \$270 so far. Some will come out for the pancake lunch – but no one plans to submit anything for that so there are no expected expenses. Expect to see more teacher using the funds we set up for the teachers fund but haven't yet.
	Open Floor Questions and Future Topics				<p>Factory Shoe – emailed Lindsay S, and noted we have NO donations from them. People need to mention that its for the St. Teresa in Elmira, because there is another St Teresa in Kitchener, and we don't know if the donations are going there. Anything over \$35 will send us \$5, as long as St Teresa for Emira is noted. We were given cards – Paula to check with Anik about cards to send home. https://www.factoryshoe.ca/Factory%20Shoe%20Fundraising%20Flyer%202014.pdf</p> <p>Halo Car Wash https://halowash.com/fundraising Lindsay to fill out the applications to get our school set up.</p>
7	Adjournment				Lindsay motions to adjourn at 7:06 pm. Jessica seconds. Adjourned.
NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, April 2, 2024 @ 6 p.m.					