

Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic School Council

2017-2018

MEETING MINUTES



Date: Monday, February 26, 2018

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: Immaculate Heart of Mary CES – Conference Room

Attendees: Daniela Caltagirone Doreen Benson Sam Caltagirone
 Janet De Stefano Raffaella Giannini George Kagianis
 Rob Lenjosek Suzanne Markoulis-Kircos Josie Ricca
 Melissa Thompson

Regrets: Anna Rita Castellano Billie Filice Sara Vilella

Others: Kim Staley

AGENDA		DISCUSSION AND DECISIONS	ACTION ITEMS
1.	Opening Prayer & Welcoming Comments	Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by George Kagianis. Mr. Lenjosek led everyone in the opening prayer. George Kagianis welcomed everyone present to the Catholic School Council Meeting. Everyone present signed the attendance sheet.	Minutes of this meeting will be taken by Josie Ricca
2.	Minutes ~ Motioned to Accept Minutes	George Kagianis Acceptance of minutes from last meeting (<i>Monday, January 22, 2018</i>) - previously e-mailed to all members 1) Melissa Thompson 2) Janet De Stefano - Motion carried.	



3.	Parish Update	<p>Mr. Lenjosek Mr. Lenjosek presented the following items:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Child's Youth Mass – Sundays at 4:00 pm 2) IHM Parish Youth Ministry Movie Night for adults and youth Grades 7 & up - see attached flyer 3) Stations of the Cross at IHM every Friday during Lent at 7:30 pm (everyone is welcome to attend) 	
4.	Principal's Report	<p>Mr. Lenjosek welcomed everyone to Immaculate Heart of Mary CES.</p> <p>Mr. Lenjosek welcomed and thanked everyone for their commitment to the school community.</p> <p>He reminded all parents to please ensure they read the monthly school newsletter and calendar on our school web page in order to stay informed. Mr. Lenjosek also reminded parents to check the Board's website for up-to-date information at www.hwcdsb.ca.</p> <p>Mr. Lenjosek presented the following items:</p> <p><u>School Improvement Goals</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Believing - faith 2. Achieving - math 3. Serving – community building (see attachment) <p>“IHM Goals – Am I doing my IHM best?” has been included in our school newsletters.</p> <p>Mr. Lenjosek reminded everyone to check both the Board and School websites regularly for important information.</p> <p>Mr. Lenjosek will be posting the March School Newsletter later this week on our school website.</p> <p>Mr. Lenjosek reminded the parents of the following:</p> <p>The members of the Student Council have organized a Can Food Drive to support “Mission Services of Hamilton”. Students and staff are encouraged to donate during the next 2 weeks.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Donations of food and toiletries 	



	<p>Tues. Feb. 27 – Grades 6-8 Public Health Presentation on Concussion and Spinal Cord Injury Prevention</p> <p>Wed. Feb. 28 – Wear Pink Dress Down Day to support “Stand Up to Bullying – Bullying Prevention Day” The classroom teachers will be focusing on bullying prevention with our students.</p> <p>Monthly Awards Assembly</p> <p>Fri. Mar. 2 – Professional Activity Day – no school for students</p> <p>- Monthly School Newsletter to be posted for March</p> <p>Sat. Mar. 3 – HWCDSB System Science & Engineering Fair at Bishop Ryan CSS for those students in Grades 6 & 7 who have been chosen to participate.</p> <p>Tues. Mar. 6 – Rosary Apostolate to visit our students</p> <p>Wed. Mar. 7 – Grade 7 Diversity Day (gym)</p> <p>Sun. Mar. 11 – Daylight Savings Time (Turn the clocks ahead 1 hour)</p> <p>March Break is from March 12th – 16th (No school for our students and staff)</p> <p>Tues. Mar. 20 – Grade 8 Graduation Photos</p> <p>Sun. Mar. 25 – Palm Sunday</p> <p>Fri. Mar. 30 – Good Friday Holiday</p> <p>Sun. Apr. 1 – Easter Sunday</p> <p>Mon. Apr. 2 – Easter Monday Holiday</p> <p>The Student Council are planning school spirit wear days in March, April, May and June. More information will be included in the monthly school newsletters.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Some students have outgrown shirts - council discussed possibility of purchasing shirts for new students / every two years / one time occurrence for council to purchase for all students / splitting the cost - possibility of contacting company to set up the option for parents to purchase shirts <p>Students have continued to enjoy and request another “Board Game” afternoon as they foster building relationships and life skills</p>	<p>Suzanne Kircos will obtain quotes from JML and Tees n More for purchasing additional spirit shirts for our school</p>
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Mr. Lenjosek explained the HWCDSB Concussion Protocol to the members of the Council. He specifically focused on the Return to Learn and Return to Physical Activity parent forms that need to be completed in the event of a diagnosed concussion.

- Wide range of transitions that must occur as a result of a concussion
- Also on HWCDSB website and will be included in Newsletter
- An issue raised in Ontario schools

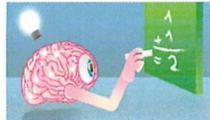
I will help carry the “crosses” of others through prayer and Christian service.



H ave healthy relationships and resolve conflicts peacefully.



M ake gains in my math achievement because I will try different strategies and use math language when sharing my work.



GOALS

Am I doing my **IHM** best?

McMaster Venture Outreach Workshops/Presentations

Mr. Lenjosek was asked to add the McMaster University Venture Outreach workshops/presentations to this agenda. Our staff have booked these workshops last year and they have continued to book them this year as we continue to provide learning opportunities for our students in science and technology.

Mr. Lenjosek thanked the staff and presented the following dates that the teachers have already booked:

- FDK & Primary Divisions have booked March 29, April 6
- Intermediate Division has booked April 13th

Other initiatives have included offering the Mad Science Program for interested students as well as supporting both the HWCDSB System Science and Engineering Fair (held at Bishop Ryan CSS) and the BASEF Science and Engineering Fair (held at Mohawk College).



Mr. Lenjosek thanked Mrs. DiPietro, Mrs. Claudino, Mr. MacDonald and Mrs. Bowen for their support and organization of our school science and engineering fairs for our students.

5. Catholic School Council Items

- Sam Caltagirone inquired about any further updates regarding the HWCDSB's plans for the solar panel installation
- Mr. Lenjosek has no new information to share from the last Catholic School Council Meeting

5.1 Financial Statement

Catholic School Council Financial Statement 2017-2018	
Balance from 2016-2017	\$1,092.12
Terra Cotta Cookie Dough Event	\$5,347.89
Breakfast with Santa Event	\$363.05
Gift Certificate	(\$50.00)
Pancake / Shrove Tuesday Event	(\$68.54)
CYO Charitable Donation	(\$450.00)
Balance	\$6,234.52

Sam Caltagirone confirmed and presented the Financial Statement is presently \$6,234.52.

Pancake / Shrove Tuesday receipts:

Mrs. Tristaino (Super Store) gave a donation of a \$75.00 gift certificate which was used to purchase pancake mix and supplies. An additional \$68.54 was spent on items for the students for this event. Suzanne Kircos submitted a receipt for \$68.54 for which Mr. Lenjosek issued a cheque as supported by the members of the Catholic School Council.

Mr. Lenjosek has purchased a \$50.00 Ultimate Gift Card for Mr. Paletta as per the Catholic School Council's request last month.

5.2 Update: Thank you letters

George Kagianis wrote thank you letters on behalf of the Catholic School Council for Mrs. Aba Wadden (E.D. Smith donation) and Mr. Larry Paletta (Breakfast with Santa support) and submitted them to Mr. Lenjosek for distribution.

Mr. Lenjosek has already purchased a \$50.00 Ultimate Gift card for Larry Paletta as per the minutes from January 22, 2018.



		Mr. Lenjosek suggested that a thank you letter be written on behalf of the Catholic School Council to Mrs. Tristiano and the Super Store for their donation for Pancake Tuesday.	George Kagianis to write the thank you letters tomorrow and Mr. Lenjosek will distribute it to Mrs. Tristiano.
5.3	Pancake Tuesday	<p>George Kagianis addressed that the morning ran smoothly and that the Grade 7 students did an outstanding job serving.</p> <p>Mr. Lenjosek brought up the fact that four parents individually came to speak to him regarding the decision made this year by the Catholic School Council not requiring additional parent volunteers for Breakfast with Santa or Pancake Tuesday; Mr. Lenjosek explained the opportunity made this year to support the Grade 7 students in achieving their Confirmation Service Hours as the Pilgrimage Walk was cancelled; Mr. Lenjosek also explained the many other opportunities for parents to volunteer in the school throughout the year; Mr. Lenjosek agreed to mention their concerns at this Council meeting and hoped for a compromise.</p> <p>Council members supported the Grade 7 student volunteers, the students did an excellent job, it supported their Confirmation Service Hours as well as supporting the school goals this year focusing on service.</p> <p>Mr. Lenjosek reminded that next years Catholic School Council may consider the need for parent volunteers if there is a need for them next year.</p>	Next years council to revisit the issue of parents volunteering for Breakfast with Santa and Pancake Tuesday.
5.4	Science Fair	<p>Mr. Lenjosek thanked the teachers for their continued support in providing the opportunity and experience to explore the scientific method once again this year as they participated in the HWCDSB Science Fair. Mr. Lenjosek was proud of all of the students' accomplishments.</p> <p>Mr. Lenjosek stated that through the teachers he has heard both opinions: parents who were extremely thankful for the opportunity for their child to pick a topic and complete their own project to parent(s) who questioned the nature of the science fair. Mr. Lenjosek mentioned that the teachers provided a minimum of 400 minutes of focus class time on science fair in their classrooms. Unfortunately, not all students can be chosen to participate in the HWCDSB or the BASEF events. Every participating student had the opportunity to experience a "Science Fair" experience as they displayed their projects for our students and school community in our school.</p>	
5.5	3 on 3 Hockey Tournament	Janet DeStefano inquired at the end of the meeting about our possible participation in a 3 on 3 hockey tournament.	



		<p>Mr. Lenjosek said explained that he would not support this for many reasons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ice hockey is not part of the elementary school's OPHEA guidelines which state what all elementary teachers must comply with - it is not part of the elementary school curriculum or program - it is not a recognized CYO elementary organized sport - Mr. Lenjosek has deferred to a Board lawyer who also strongly advised against participating in this event and mentioned liability issues 	
5.6	Grade 8 Trips to Cardinal Newman	<p>Kim Staley inquired at the end of the meeting about financial coverage for a Grade 8 trip to our secondary feeder school event – Mr. Lenjosek explained that in fact there are two feeder school opportunities for our Grade 8 students – the bus transportation for one of the trips is covered by Cardinal Newman CSS and the other cost is not covered by them.</p> <p>As is common practice, principals and Catholic School Councils can always provide support for any of these initiatives.</p> <p>Mr. Lenjosek mentioned that in the future the cost of transportation could always be covered if there are available funds.</p> <p>Some of the events that our school and Catholic School Council has covered for our students include: pizza parties for team events, ice cream days, Diversity Days, Pancake Tuesday, Advent Family Night treats, Holy Communion booklets, Confirmation gifts, feeder school tournaments, subsidizing of trips,</p>	Mr. Lenjosek and George Kagianis addressed that this issue can be discussed next year.
5.6	Future Items to be considered:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Spirit Wear – cost for ordering additional shirts 2) Grade 8 Graduation 3) Communion Booklets 4) Future expenditures 	Final agendas are to be set by George Kagianis and Mr. Lenjosek prior to the next meeting.
6.	Adjournment	<p>Motioned by Melissa Thompson Seconded by Janet DeStefano Motion carried. Meeting concluded at 8:30 p.m.</p>	

<p>Next Scheduled Catholic School Council Meeting:</p>	<p>Monday, April 9 , 2018 7:00 p.m. Immaculate Heart of Mary CES – Conference Room</p>
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