



St. Francis Xavier Elementary School

"Together We Grow in Mind and Spirit."

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Catholic School Council (CSC) Minutes for October 13, 2022

Meeting called to order by Alex Giovinazzo at 6:00pm | Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm

In Attendance

Alex Giovinazzo, Principal
Kristina Burns, Vice Principal
Maureen Baldino, Non-teaching Rep
Ellen Mastrangelo and
Michelle Walters, Teaching Reps
Chris French, Chair
Rachel Anderson, Treasurer
Amy Donnelly, Parish Rep
Geraldine Cabral, OAPCE Rep
Samantha MacNeill, Secretary

Charissa Arghittu	Deniece Roswell
Catherine Ambrose	Elizabeth Bowen
Stefanie Filipuzzi	Krystal Disch
Paula Anderson	Sarah Evans
Ashley Goncalves	Nadia Risio
Kristina Burns	Claudio Moschella

Opening Prayer and Land Acknowledgement

Alex led the opening prayer and Kristina provided the Land Acknowledgement

Housekeeping

- All staff, Catholic School Council (CSC) members and parents provided a brief introduction and council members provided a recap of their positions
- Chris welcomed the parents and thanked them for attending. He explained that in his experience, CSC usually has a great turnout in the beginning of the year, but it does start to drop off as the school year goes on. Chris requested that parents who were in attendance at this meeting continue to support the CSC as the year goes on
- Chris provided an overview of the purpose of the CSC, offered background related to previous fundraisers (pre-COVID) and explained the anticipated role of CSC for the 2022-23 school year

Fundraising

- The purpose of this meeting was to brainstorm around fundraising for the 2022-23 school year
- Chris and Alex Reviewed the purpose of fundraising – items purchased should be for all students to enjoy
- Alex explained that CSC is usually allowed to run one large fundraising event or two smaller events per school year to avoid 'fundraising fatigue' due to asking parents for money too many times throughout the year
- Ellen and Michelle asked staff to provide their 'wish list' items – presented to the group for discussion
- Alex removed some of the suggested items as they must be purchased out of the school core budget or are against Board policies (i.e., health and safety policies)

Questions

- Rachel asked for an update on end of year funds from 2021-22 school year
Action: Maureen will provide an update
- Geraldine asked for an update on the outdoor school kits that were funded by 2021-22 CSC.
Action: Maureen explained that the items have been ordered, but have not come in yet due to supply-chain issues
- Amy/Catherine asked if families can donate board games, chess sets and decks of cards

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Fundraising Ideas Posed by the Group

- Alex would like to do a Christmas Open House at the school – this could have items sponsored by the CSC – hot chocolate, kids crafts, etc. – but it doesn't necessarily need to be a fundraiser – more of a school community event. Possibly have community bring an unwrapped toy as admission for Christmas event
- Suggestion to have vendor tables at the Christmas event (Christmas market) or Spring BBQ. Vendors would pay a 'table' price which would go to CSC funds
Action: Alex to confirm if vendors for a 'Christmas Market' would be permissible
- Pumpkin carving contest to decorate the gym – Superstore is giving us all the pumpkins for free (just something fun for the kids...not a fundraiser 😊)
- Possibly MacGregor's fundraiser for April and Christmas Market as two large fundraisers for CSC for 2022-23 school year
- Chocolate fundraiser is considered a 'large' fundraiser as well, so we have to be cognizant of that as well (CSC-led and school-led make up all fundraisers). Of note, a 'large' fundraiser is considered one that generates thousands of dollars
- Concern of MacGregors only engaging a low number of families (possibly 40 families) and meat is very expensive – also a lot of work for staff and CSC/parents
- Theme days and students pay what they can to participate – 'wear it Wednesday' to buy t-shirts for our own children – school pride, purchase bulk of spirit wear, open to purchase online, open houses, etc.
- School spirit wear is coming, but it is very expensive – not a huge margin from what it costs and what it can be sold for
- Concerns from the group related to having enough time to prepare for a Christmas fundraiser event if we only have one meeting scheduled for November. A suggestion to strike a sub-committee to plan the fundraising portion of the Christmas event was raised

Action: Those interested in being a part of the sub-committee can email Sam (CSC secretary) at samantha.earl@rogers.com. Sam will coordinate a Teams meeting with interested volunteers