

St. Francis Xavier E.S.  
Parent Council Meeting  
Minutes  
Date: November 8<sup>th</sup> 2017

In attendance: Chris French, Maureen Baldino, Amanda Hapek, Samantha MacNeill, Sarah Evans, Krystal Disch, Steve Soares, Judy Tavares, Stephanie Cachia, Renee Crone, Amy Donnelly, Mike Donnelly, Tony DeFrenza, Matthew Fortier and Armando Saragosa.

Regrets: Rosanne Fortier

Recorder: Amanda Hapek

Principal's Report:

- Letter went home about Parent Council nominations and descriptions of positions, all are invited to consider a position, deadline is November 15, 2017
- We can have up to 5 other parents on council, anything over 5 will need nominations – a form has to be filled out to apply and council would have to appoint
- Principal has no voting privileges, voting members reviewed
- Provincial by-laws available to review
- Update meeting dates, election 22<sup>nd</sup>, November but no meeting set for that date
- December 7<sup>th</sup>, Webinar and meeting, focus on Catholic Board improvement cycle
- April 12<sup>th</sup> meeting will be changed to the 26<sup>th</sup> to match the webinar on budget
- January 24<sup>th</sup> St. Roch meeting for Brampton West, possible to have council meeting following the large group presentation and address
- Pro-Grant: review of last meeting and discussion about Miguel, Nov., 23<sup>rd</sup>, Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>, Jan. 16<sup>th</sup> for students, if we book a 4<sup>th</sup> student event we can have him for a parent night for free. Miguel costs \$250 per presentation + tax, his presentations align with the virtue themes, gets to the kids level, very creative and kids love him
- Pro-Grant is \$1000 and can be used for something else, Armando will e-mail the ministry contact to verify that the new proposition is approved before moving forward, have to pay for the item first then the school would be reimbursed
- Primary Christmas Concert: During the day on Dec. 12<sup>th</sup> or 14<sup>th</sup> (snow date)
- Family Fun Night – Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> 6:00pm-8:00pm, booked Santa (parents can take their own pictures), crafts, hot chocolate and cookies, raffle, gingerbread house fundraiser winner chosen
- Letter will be sent home regarding the Gingerbread House Fundraiser, school has prizes to give out and a plaque contact
- Parent council will volunteer for the positions required for the evening, raffle will be done during the concert and information will be put into the newsletter
- Christmas market – not happening, gift cards are given to families, toonie collection also will take place

#### Chris' Report

- Roles, bi-laws and expectations were reviewed,
- Police check changes to come in 2018, criminal check lasts a year
- Attended a meeting for the voting of CCCSC rep (Anna DaSilva), shared EQAO scores at the meeting; ours surpassed provincial standards, decline in math scores; report shared on how they can be improved, two new schools opened this year and two more will open next year, bus – issues regarding routes and services, increase in wage; going to ministry to get more money to support wage increase
- Together in Faith – competition for grades 7-12 students, more information to follow
- Changes to employment act and people on the board
- July 1<sup>st</sup> 2018– legalization of marijuana, how it will affect schools
- All Kindergarten Playgrounds completed
- CCCSC rep. elected from elementary and secondary
- Parent council communication will stay through e-mails, stays within the group

#### Treasurer's Report

- Skipped, no changes

#### Other:

- Parent Distributed brochures on OAPCE, Charitable Giving, Ontario Publically Funded Catholic Schools, Welcome to Kindergarten night, Checklist from ministry about parents in schools
- Parent discussed rates of gingerbread houses at two local grocery stores, Longos won since no letter was needed, St. Francis Xavier winners would display their houses at Longos as part of the deal