

Guardian Angels Catholic School Council
Tuesday January 12, 2016
MEETING MINUTES

Attendees

Christina Wilkins
Dawn Finn
Emily Parent
Heather Driscoll
Jan Luxton
Joan-Anne Cantley

Kaitie Lawlor
Kat Bissonnette
Katherine Laushway
Kevin McCarthy
Linda Lawrenz
Marlene Moreno
Michelle Corbett
Monique Beuree

Shannon Reidel
Shelley Carbanetto
Stephanie Pashak
Sue Dandurand

1. Welcome

School Council Chair Heather Driscoll welcomed everyone to the meeting at 7:05.

2. Previous Minutes /votes

In the absence of a formal December Council meeting, the minutes of the School Council meeting dated Tuesday, November 17 were approved via email.

Additionally, the following items were voted on and approved unanimously by Council members via email:

- Purchase of 10 chrome books (plus storage tubs) for the school; and
- Assist in funding a school-wide art instruction initiative

3. Chair's Report

• **Lunch Lady Launch**

- The Lunch Lady program will begin on January 29 and will be available every Friday
- Online menus and ordering will take place through lunch lady website www.thelunchlady.ca
- Additional information will be sent home with students, including notice that all garbage will be sent home in lunch bags.

• **Family Fun Dance**

- Date: February 11
- Time: 6-8pm
- Location: Sacred Heart School Gym
- Free entry, with snacks available for purchase
- DJ music and Silent Auction
- Photo-booth: Plan to purchase an Instax type camera to use at dance and future Council events.

- **New blog** - The school Council blog is up and running. Additional Council members will be trained. **Visit us at:** <https://guardianangelscouncil.wordpress.com>
- **2015/16 spending update**
 - Art program: \$3000;
 - Classroom resources: \$3300 (pending additional needs);
 - Christmas presents were also purchased for administrative staff, custodians and all teaching staff (selection of coffee k-cups).
 - Budget committee will meet shortly to look at allocation of rest of spending for 2015/2016 year as well as to further research schoolyard improvement options/providers.
 - Unspent funds will be carried over to next year

4. Treasurer's report

- December and January summaries (attached)

5. Teacher's report

- December's White Elephant sale raised over \$2000. Proceeds were split between St. Rose of Lima's and a local refugee family.
- The outdoor skating rink behind the school should be ready soon. Permission slips will go home with the children who will have access to the rink. Parent volunteers are appreciated to help children tie skates.
- Badminton tournaments are currently underway
- Ash Wednesday liturgy: February 10 at 1:15pm
- New teacher representative starting on council next month.
Many thanks to Mrs. Laushway!

6. Principal/Vice-principal report

- The school does not make a practice to give homework packages when students are away on vacation, as the curriculum is continually adapted to student needs.
- EQAO results were released in November. Guardian Angels results are available at: <https://eqaoweb.eqao.com/eqaoweborgprofile/profile.aspx?Mident=7089&Lang=E>
- Two committees are in search of parent representatives: Creating Pathways and Safe Schools (*update: parent representatives have been identified*).
- A recess program is in place to train students to help younger kids resolve disputes
- A Public Health nurse is training staff and student teachers in PALS (paediatric advanced life support) program
- The Pope declared this the Year of Mercy and is encouraging cathedrals of the world to open their Holy Doors. In participation, Guardian Angels will decorate a special door to celebrate acts of kindness, which will be brought to Christian Community Day later this year.
- Winter safety reminders:
 - Ongoing issues in the parking lot - please drive safely around the school
 - Please be cautious around slippery surfaces snow banks

7. Fundraising/Special Events

- **Review of event calendar**
 - December's movie night was well-attended
 - The school's art show (courtesy of Artist Kate): Thursday, May 5
 - Carnival: Wednesday June 15
 - Preliminary preparations are underway
 - Volunteers still required - there is a spot on the Council blog where parents can sign up to help out with events.
 - Popcorn day: February 5
 - McDonald's fundraiser: February 23

9. Parish report

- Syrian refugee family sponsored by the Holy Spirit Parish has arrived. The Parish will support the family for one year. A formal welcome celebration will take place shortly - details to come in Parish bulletin.
- Hospitality Sundays are the first and third Sunday of each month, following each service.
- The Parish is always looking for families to bring gifts to the altar.
- The Parish has a lending library for children and adults that can be accessed during office hours.
- Students continue to prepare for sacraments.

10. CSPA report

- Upcoming events include:
 - Staying Connected with Your Teen - January 13
 - Fostering Positive Self Esteem - January 23
 - Strong Not Tough - February 8
- www.ottawacspa.ca for more events
- Next CSPA meeting: January 27

11. New Business

- Send Heather and Kat ideas for parent presentations.

12. Next Meeting

Tuesday February 2 at 7:00

13. Adjournment

Motion: It was MOVED by consensus that, there being no further business, the meeting be adjourned at 9pm