



St. Matthew Catholic School Council Minutes
Meeting: January 19, 2017

Attendees: Andrew Bienhaus, Angie Chiaravalle, Jennifer McDonald, Michelle Vuksan, Stephanie Femia, Lucie Capredoni, Dom Laus, Krista Schmid, Larry Medeiros, Christina Pinto-Badia, Craig V, Marco Testaguzza, Karen Gerritsen-Yee, Shauna McGurk Cassidy

Regrets: Flora Nordoff, Becky Doyle

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION/TARGET DATE
Prayer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Led by Ms. Vuksan at 7:05pm 	
Principals Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Robotics team came in first place in only our second year! • They will now go to Waterloo for the provincials on February 4th • Theme for this year is Animals – We are doing a robot focusing on Bees • Pancakes are being donated, teachers will be asking for volunteers • Love-A-Thon fundraiser taking place in February • Information and pledge forms coming home soon for this • There will be a liturgy for Ash Wednesday in the school gym • FDK class will have their own liturgy in their classrooms • We currently have 59JK appointments for the 2017/2018 school year • Our population currently sits at 982 • Board is aware of the size of our school and will be addressing this with us - Mrs. Nordoff has been in 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • P.A. Day – January 27th • Reports coming home February 15th • Pancake Tuesday will be February 28th • Ash Wednesday March 1st

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	<p>contact with them and is trying to set something up.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All classrooms are currently filled – We don't have room for another class to fit 	
Fundraiser	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We made \$6,200 from the orders last month • Everyone seemed happy with it and no issues with any of the orders • We have a \$2,600 balance from the pasta dinner • Coupon book hasn't been selling well • There are approx 250 booklets left • We are going to push this out on FB/Twitter and school website for parents to know they can still purchase them for \$10 • Possibly doing a flyer to send home with the students • Including this in the weekly emails Ms. Vuksan sends out • Sending it out via remind as a mass text and a link so parents can see what coupons are in the booklet • Another suggestion – Having classes in the grades 4-6 compete who can sell the most then winner gets pizza party 	
Miscellaneous	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Costs for a necklace or cross for students celebrating First Communion and Confirmation are 	

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	<p>approx - \$400</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We are covered for the cost of school agendas for next year • More parents have signed up for email updates from the school • Calendars won't be coming home anymore, you can view it on website • We currently have 439 subscribers • School will no longer be ordering any McDonalds to celebrate 100 days • After the announcement that their new Skor McFlurry may have peanuts, school can't risk it with all the allergies • The McDonalds order has been cancelled and refunds will be handed out • Pizza and Pita Pit could be an option for any celebrations • Bringing in treats to the school could also be an issue, school might have to go to a no treat policy for the entire school • Very fine line as to what the school can and can't do regarding food treats and how parents will consume this new information • School is trying to find a solution on all of this • We will continue to be nut sensitive • School board may step in with their guidelines and this will be re-visited by the school • Krista brought up a concern where 	

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	<p>her daughter was unable to try out for Volleyball – feeling we could have 2 teams in each sport</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concern with sports teams is that we don't have enough coaches/teachers to help run all the teams • We could use volunteers to help out with this, but at the moment we are unable to run more than one team for a sport • Teachers are also involved in other clubs at school and this takes up their time • Scheduling of the gym becomes an issue as space is limited • Karen brought up Pita days, she would like to help run the next one and Stephanie offered to help her out • Nutrition break was another hot topic, as the kids are instructed to be on black top only • Don't go on grass as mud gets tracked into the school and makes a mess • For now nutrition breaks are walk and talk • Andrew has brought up using the field next to the school – Councilor Brenda Johnson has advised she's fine with this, however the school needs to reach out to the trustee to see if this could be a viable option in expanding the yard 	

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Meeting Dates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We have booked our meeting dates for the year 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thursday February 16 • Thursday April 20 • Thursday May 11
Meeting Adjourned	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • End prayer by Ms. Vuksan • Adjourned by Ms. Vuksan, second Mr. Laus at 8:35pm 	

Next meeting: Thursday February 16, 2017 @ 7pm