

Blessed Sacrament Parent Council Meeting Minutes February 11th, 2025

Attendees (Online): Mr. Finochio, Erin Smith, Sarah Kloefer, Paula Purvis, Marcia Cronkwright, Lisa Henrique, Victoria Laurie, Crystal Zdriluk, Zoey Heltner, Nancy Spierenburg, Father Andrew

Welcome, land acknowledgment and opening prayer

Approval of previous minutes- November 2024. Erin motioned, Sarah K. seconded.

Father's Report: Planning on May 3rd for 1st Communion. Reconciliation may be held the week prior.

Principal's Report: An Auditor has been at the school. We have been advised that any \$ raised by council cannot go towards the staff, ie: staff appreciation lunch cannot come out of council account.

Plans are in place to hold a re-bury event of the school's time capsule from 1990. This is a special generational and community event. Lisa will be making a flyer/invite to send out. The ceremony will take place on May 9th at 11:30am. Council has agreed to help cover costs of refreshments etc in the gym afterwards.

No portable update at this time. We are still waiting for approval of replacing our septic system for hopefully this summer. School is at 275 students and growing.

Two new permanent ECE's have joined our school which will help with the growing kindergarten classes.

Grade 8 Graduation is scheduled for Wednesday June 18th. Sarah K. will price the Grad necklaces.

Discussed what we should be donating towards the Church for use of the hall. We looked into what the hall costs to rent to the public. They charge \$150 for 4 hours. Council agreed upon an amount of around \$300, and this will be decided upon a closer look of our finances once other payments come out.

Teachers Report: Spirit wear Wednesdays are going well. Ms. Purvis agreed we should sell spirit wear again in the spring. Sarah suggested that council could offer a pizza party to the class with the most spirit. All in favour. Mr. Finochio will be the judge.

EQAO testing will run May 26-30th for Gr. 3 and Gr. 6 students.

Newcomb ball tournaments are going well.

Equipment for each class for recess is almost ready to be purchased.

Financial Report: Bingo account: \$5,315.15. General account: \$5,556.10.

Discussion Topics:

Turkey Lunch: This lunch went over very well and had lots of help/volunteers. The meal cost was \$1800 which was up from last year due to using a new caterer.

Raffle: We discussed taking a year off from doing a large raffle. Other fundraising hasn't done as well this year and that may be due to rising costs in the economy. Sarah suggested perhaps we still raffle off the class baskets and maybe incorporate this raffle with the kids Bingo event. We will need a new lead for kids Bingo. Zoey offered to help take this on, with the help of Ashley who has ran it in the past. Date for Bingo TBD, but will likely be in April.

Popcorn: This fundraiser went well again. It made \$1186.

Pancake Tuesday: Looking for volunteers to help make pancakes on March 4th. Sarah will check with Melissa if she will be the lead again for this.

Next Meeting: Wednesday April 2nd, 7pm.