

## **Blessed Sacrament Parent Council Meeting Minutes October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

**Attendees (Online):** Mr. Finochio, Erin Smith, Kailey Keresturi, Paula Purvis, Marcia Cronkwright, Lisa Henrique, Ashley Kloepfer, Alina Olejniczak, Alicia Givens, Victoria Laurie, Alisha Peters, Crystal Zdriluk, Gerb Vandenberg, Melissa Magda, Marcie Hensen

**Regrets:** Sarah Kloepfer

**Welcome, land acknowledgment and opening prayer**

**Approval of previous September minutes. Lisa motioned; Ashley seconded. June minutes approval deferred to next meeting.**

**Principal's Report:** The pipe in the kindergarten room has been repaired. No update on the arrival of the portable. Council given the go-ahead to run school spirit wear. Marcia will take the lead on this.

**Teachers Report:** Teachers/staff have decided to use their dress down day funds to be donated towards the Burford Optimist skatepark. Staff have discussed doing a reverse Advent for donations to St. Vincent around Easter time. STEM orders are still pending as they are resourcing items from other sources as Amazon is a last resort based upon School Board policies.

**Financial Report:** Bingo account: \$9,644.01 (STEM items haven't been purchased yet). General account: \$1,536.28.

**Father Report:** N/A

**Discussion Topics:**

**Vendor Sale Update:** Went quite well for first time. Vendors arrived very early. There were 12 vendors and 7 yard salers. \$620 was made. Food stand for Gr. 8 fundraiser made \$300. Discussed having our permit printed and on hand for next year. Insurance may be needed for vendors as well. Feedback from vendors was wishing they could set up closer to the road and make more signs. An idea for Gr. 8 fundraising next time could be to add selling tea/coffee as well.

**Halloween Dance:** Ashley K. reaching out for help with setup day of. Sarah K. to lead the setup group. Alina has purchased the chips. A request was made for decorations council may have or borrow. Please label your items if you want them returned. Ashley also advised we need a good cleanup crew as there is an event being held in the hall the next day. Discussed that we should also make a donation to the Church Hall out of good faith.

Christmas Lunch: Erin still looking into caterers for the turkey and stuffing. A lot of places are quite pricey. A possible caterer is a place called Wholesome Pickins out of Delhi.

Council Social Event: Lisa looking into either going to Flux or the line dancing event being held at the Church hall Oct. 25<sup>th</sup>.

The Poll sent out to families had a good response. Had 72 families participate. 90% of families chose we as council are doing the right amount of fundraising. Majority of families (83%) voted they would like to see an event along with our spring raffle, while 40% said they would rather just make a \$ donation. 93% say they prefer communication via email.

Other Fundraisers:

**Christmas-** Sarah K. and Nancy to update next meeting on Miles Flowers/Christmas planters.

Victoria suggested fundraising with MacMillan's to go along with Miles Christmas planters. MacMillan's offers frozen baked goods and more and makes a good profit. Victoria to look into getting more information.

**Popcorn-** Erin to lead and this will run around the same time as last year.

**Gr. 8's-** A separate fundraiser run by their teacher Ms. Mackay will be held for their trip to Camp Celtic.

**Next Meeting:** November 27<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm