

## **Blessed Sacrament Parent Council Meeting Minutes September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

**Attendees (IN PERSON):** Mr. Finochio, Sarah Kloepfer, Erin Smith, Kailey Keresturi, Paula Purvis, Marcia Cronkwright, Lisa Henrique, Ashley Kloepfer, Nancy Spierenburg, Courtney Montgomery, Alina Olejniczak, Alicia Givens, Victoria Laurie, Marcie/Matt Hensen

**Regrets:** Alisha Peters, Melissa Magda

**Welcome, land acknowledgment and opening prayer**

**Approval of previous minutes (June 2024) deferred to next meeting.**

**Principal's Report:** Welcomed members. Discussed council positions and who was interested in certain roles. This years Co-Chairs are Sarah Kloepfer and Erin Smith. Marcia Cronkwright to stay on as Secretary and Treasurer. Lisa Henrique to continue as our Communications and Social Media Rep. Council must meet four times a year. This year may have more virtual meetings as it is hard with everyone's busy schedules. We will be starting "sub-committees" for each activity/event. Discussed having some council socials to get to know everyone better and have some fun.

Plans are still in place for portables. We may get first portable in February.

So far school numbers and classes are good. 275 students enrolled.

New STEM teacher is starting a Chess Club. Flag football will be starting up at the end of October.

Teachers requesting if council could donate towards some equipment bags for gym for each class as many items have gone missing such as soccer balls etc. Council agrees, all in favour.

Mr. Finochio reminded council to make sure we are giving Shelly lots of notice and fill out a form for items that need to go on schoolcashionline.

Grade 7/8 Confirmation is booked for Wednesday November 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30. Christmas lunch is booked for Wednesday December 18<sup>th</sup>. Greenwoods is closed and council is looking into other caterers. Christmas concert is booked for Thursday December 19<sup>th</sup>.

**Teachers Report:** Wish lists for class STEM supplies are still coming in from staff members.

**Financial Report:** Bingo account: \$9,644.01 (STEM items haven't been purchased yet).  
General account: \$916.28.

**Father Report:** N/A

**Discussion Topics:** \*Lisa is going to create a new Facebook group just for council members so we can move away from our group chat. This group will be private for council members only. Lisa will also be creating a parent survey to send out to all families to obtain information about what fundraisers they like/dislike. This will help us plan for future events.

**Vendor Sale Update:** Lead by Ashley K. and Victoria. We have 10 vendors and 5 yard salers signed up. Hot dog/snack table sales for Gr. 8 fundraiser. Porta potty rental was donated. Consensus is we will build on this event next year.

## **Fundraising Plans**

In the past we have had 3 school council fundraisers. Discussed which fundraisers we want to do and what we are wanting to fundraise for.

**Halloween Dance:** Ashley K. to lead with a good sub-committee. Date set for October 24<sup>th</sup> at the Church hall. Ashley to check with Ms. Kim for help with DJ.

**Christmas Planters/Poinsettia's/Winter Greenery:** Nancy to lead. Discussed running this again with an option for a "take and make."

**Popcorn:** Erin to lead. This fundraiser does very well. Date TBD for January order, arrival for February.

**Spring Fundraiser:** This made around \$4000 last year. We would like to change the raffle to incorporate an event. Lots of ideas to discuss at a later time. The parent survey will ask questions regarding this event as well.

**Other Items Discussed and TBD:** Holding other events such as movie nights and a kids bingo.

**Snack Program:** Produce express to run again. Discussed having monthly reminders go out. Our school was one of the top schools to raise the most \$. (Over \$1200).

**Hot Lunches:** Lots of complaints from families of the school community about our hot lunch options. Council would like to help offer other options on top of what the school offers. Would like to find a happy-medium that makes everyone happy.

**Next Meeting:** October 10<sup>th</sup>