

School Council Meeting- October 22, 2012

In attendance: Mr. Czaplicki, Mrs. Bassett, Miss McGinnis, Ms. Rocca, Mrs. Hoenig, Mrs. Young, Mrs. Lewicki, Mrs. Towne, Ms. Nevestuk

Regrets: Mrs. Hastings

1. Opening Prayer- led by Mrs. Hoenig
2. Welcome/Minutes- minutes were approved/passed by Tyla Young and Leanne Lewicki
3. Teacher's Report- Miss McGinnis reviewed the November 2012 calendar and discussed the events/important dates occurring in the month of November
4. Principal's Report
  - Mr. C. discussed some areas related to physical plant situations (cleaning, water main)
  - Dance-a-thon being switched to Halloween
    - i. Grades ELKP to have Dance-a-thon in the a.m. and Parade in the p.m.
    - ii. Dance a thon to be led by Mr. Debernardi's class
  - List of teacher representatives for each division was discussed
    - i. ELKP-Mrs. Worden
    - ii. Primary-Mrs. Hastings
    - iii. Junior-Mrs. Hayes
    - iv. Intermediate-Mr. Martinelli
  - EQUA scores were discussed
  - Mrs. Bassett discussed our School Improvement Goals based on EQAO scores
    - i. focus on needs in mathematics is our goal
    - ii. community faith goal- to create a better link with church and school community-get Fr. Hugh involved in classrooms more
5. NCPIC (Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee)- led by Ms. Rocca
  - Meeting to occur in the fall Saturday November 3<sup>rd</sup>- registration at 8:15
  - Mass to be celebrated at 8:30 followed by a morning session, lunch, and afternoon session
6. New Council Chair's Meeting
  - Mrs. Hoenig discussed conversations had with other council's from other schools- focus on more parent involvement
  - Mrs. Towne discussed the importance of parent involvement in a child's education
  - Mr. C. talked about our Family Night practice- other school's came to our Family night
7. Board Standardized Template/Placing Minutes on Board Website
  - Mr. C. discussed the new template being used for all school councils and its relevance
    - i. Mr. C. discussed each section of the new template and explained each area

1. discussed the financial report section of report in relation to fundraising

- Mr. C. discussed the methods of fundraising done in the past and our current initiatives (Dance-a-thon, 12 days of Christmas, Backboard sales)
- Parent involvement- Mr. C. talked about ways to get parents to come in and become active participants in our school
  - i. Ideas were discussed surrounding parents coming in to read with students, help with family night, help with fundraising
  - ii. Parents were asked to think about ways to get more parents involved directly in the school
- discussion of minutes of council meeting to be posted on the Board's website and school website
- discussion of going paperless for our school newsletter was had

Ms. Nevestuk discussed high school students smoking on our school property while walking through at lunch time

- Mr. C will talk to principal at high school to discuss this issue
- Issue of dogs being walked on our school property was raised
  - i. Mr. C. will raise the issue in the school newsletter

Mrs. Young raised the issue of the crossing guards on Vine Street not staying long enough to cross the children

-Mrs. Bassett will call the city on Wednesday

10. Adjournment- Motion to adjourn by Mrs. Towne and Mrs. Young