

Father Hennepin Catholic School Council

Minutes

Dec 5, 2022 @ 5:00 pm

ROUTINE MATTERS

1. Land Acknowledgement – Mrs. Cybula
 - a. *"We begin this meeting by acknowledging the land on which we gather is the traditional territory of the Haudenosaunee and Anishinaabe peoples, many of whom continue to live and work here today. This territory is covered by the Upper Canada Treaties and is within the land protected by the Dish With One Spoon Wampum agreement. Today this gathering place is home to many First Nations, Métis and Inuit peoples and acknowledging reminds us that our great standard of living is directly related to the resources and friendship of Indigenous people."*
2. Opening prayer – Julia Roberto
3. Roll Call – Co Chair – Regrets Crystal Cline, Gayle Curnow
4. Approval of Agenda - Mike Tavano & Janet Zylstra
5. Approval of Meeting Minutes of Father Hennepin CSC minutes from Oct 17, 2022 – Mike Tavano, Janet Zylstra

Student Senate Presentation/Report

- Remembrance Day – City of Niagara Falls – laid wreath on behalf of our school, poppies displayed entire school made by students
- Joy Day Activities – dance-a-thon and door decorating judging
- Project Share Bins – filled 5 bins – every student will receive small bag of popcorn
- Upcoming Ideas – Christmas/Advent classroom activities
- St. John Conservation Field Trip Experience – team building, excellent stay, survival skills taught for students who attended with their classroom teacher – free trip – thank you for the invite from Niagara Catholic.

Co-Chair Reports

- Big Red Meats Fundraiser update – plan to have this event in the spring run by council
- Parent Involvement Ideas – Spring Event to be considered – movie night?
- Shrove Tuesday – Feb 21, 2023 – will ask for donations of pancake mix and syrup, council member to help cook.

Committee Structure/Reports

- BINGO – Mrs. Ostrihon \$10,200.99 balance. Paying for AV equipment for the gym. Vex Robotics – Mrs. Ostrihon will check if this can be purchased – they are class kits that all students can access and a large field for a club to be run where students can also participate

Principal Items

- Policy Vetting and Approvals– CSC Feedback will be sent to Kelly and Crystal
- Inclement Weather Policy Update – Shared with Council
- Staffing Update – Welcome Mr. Luska, Mrs. Cybula taught the class for a few weeks full time.
- Financial Report for CSC – will be updated at next meeting
- Snack Program, Hot Lunches update – running well. Looking at ways to reach all students who need more food. With increase of enrolment we are going through snacks at a much faster rate than last year (have approx. 55 more students).
- Christmas Fundraiser Update – organized and being run by staff. Going well will provide update at next meeting.
- Chess Club, Mathletes Club - being offered by Mr. Mannella/Mr. Luska & Mrs. Kenny
- Junior Basketball – teams being organized by Mr. Covelli & Mrs. Shaw
- School Motto Update – consideration for CSC input at next meeting
- CSC ByLaws 2022 2023 – copies provided to staff
- School Choir – run by Mrs. Kenny for masses.

Staff Items

- Kindergarten Observations - almost finished for first year families – great response
- Parent Teacher Interview Night – in the gym, well received by families
- Primary Christmas Presentation – Jesus is the light – students working hard on the Christmas Concert
- Advent Experience – Mass for 4-8 and K-3 student prayer service with Father Michael will be in the gym.

Closing Prayer: Mrs. Cybula

Next Meeting Date: February 20, 2023 5pm @ school

Meeting Adjourned: 6:10 pm