



ST. THERESA CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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St. Theresa Catholic School Council Meeting
Monday September 14, 2015

Meeting called to order at 3:16pm

Opening Prayer: led by Mrs. Mercnik

Roll Call: Mrs. Mercnik, Principal
Mrs. Hewitt, Teacher Rep
Kim Hedden
Angela Cote
Carrie Rogers
Cathy Coppard
Breanne Smith

Approval of the Agenda: carried out

Disclosure of Interest: none

Approval of the Minutes of the St. Theresa Catholic School Council Meeting of May 11, 2015:
completed at the final meeting of last year.

Presentations: nil

Business arising from the minutes of the Meeting- May 11, 2015:

Elections of CSC for 2015-2016 School Year:

* CSC Chair- acclaimed- Kim Hedden

Principal Report

*introduction and Welcome:

Mrs Mercnik, new principal to St. Theresa School gave an overview of the CSC role and stated that the CSC is an engaging and involved committee at the school level, which has the role of providing information as an advisory group and raising funds for school/student related needs.

It is a multi-member council, Secretary/Treasurer must be Mrs. Mercnik, who will oversee the accounts and funds that the CSC has raised. There will always be a discussion as to plans for the use of money raised by CSC.

Updated Bi-laws were presented, and available to be read during the CSC meeting

*Financial Report:

- School Generated- \$5030.68
- General Fundraising/csc- (including playground maintenance) - \$3223.10
- Nevada- \$356.99



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* Goals for the School Year:

More membership/committees-more active participation from parents/community
Delegation of tasks to be shared amongst members
Raise money to support school priorities

*School Priorities

As discussed with the teachers, the priorities for the school this year focus around the following:

Technology

- Especially needed in ELKP, portable SMART board that can be relocated anywhere in the school.

- Smart board for the library- since it is a general space, it can be used by classroom Teachers, for use at staff meetings, or for other meetings/information nights. Average cost of a Smartboard runs approx. \$5000.00

* this led to a discussion about Pro grants- which the Ministry of Education hands out yearly to schools- applications must be done in the spring, but cannot go towards equipment- as a CSC, we could have a 'technology focus' for our application- used to hold tech nights, guest speakers etc. to educate parents

Sports Equipment

- Teachers are doing an inventory, and will let us know needs, but previously discussed was Volleyball Nets and Poles (approx. cost \$1500.00), Basketball Nets for outside (approx. \$600.00 each to mount), Refurbishing the Primary Side (4 square, hopscotch etc.).

*Mrs. Hedden stated that there were 2 basketball nets stored under the stage in the Gymnasium, as they were purchased years ago, but could not be drilled into the asphalt outside- Mr. Smeed would know if they were still there. Mrs. Mercnik will look into this, and Mrs. Hedden will see if she still has the original paperwork.

* Mrs Hedden also suggested looking into a Jumpstart application.

Discussion arose, in regards to reaching out to fellow parents- what would they like to see done and how money can be raised? Mrs. Hedden volunteered to write a letter, in conjunction with Mrs, Mercnik, to bring into the community, by going door to door to local business to see if they would be willing to donate monetary funds to our school. Mrs. Rogers and Mrs. Coppard have also volunteered to do some internet research, looking into grants for schools (eco grants, playground enhancement, outdoor class rooms) or for Corporations who donate to schools (Toyota, etc.)

* Nutrition Program...changes to include fresh fruit and vegetables on Fridays

Mrs. Coppard to volunteer to help prepare food, Mrs Cote to shop. Mrs. Read will be the contact here at the school.

Discussion about a possible Trivia Night

Next meeting Oct. 5 at 3:00

Mtg adjourned at 4:00



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