

St. Christopher Catholic School Council
Monday, March 2nd, 2015 @ 6:00 PM
in the library

MINUTES

Attendance: Roger Demers, Susan Davies, Antoinette Nardelli, Lisa Breen, Syl Roach, Nicole Tersigni-Lalonde

Regrets: Regan Gaudin

Prayer Roger led the group in *Lenten Prayer*.

Discussion Items

2015-16 School Year Calendar – Roger provided copies of the proposed Elementary and Secondary calendars for 2015-16 for Council to discuss and provide feedback. It was noted that the September 8th start date may be problematic for families with limited vacation time from work.

NEW Health & Physical Education Curriculum – Roger informed members that the new curriculum document will be reviewed by the Program Department, the Conference of Bishops and The Institute For Catholic Education and then will be followed by staff in-services, before full implementation.

Measles – Roger shared Board and Public Health Department documents and gave an account of recent events in which unimmunized children were excluded from Niagara Catholic schools due to active cases of the Measles.

School Cash On-line – The Board has a goal of 50% of families registered this year. Hot lunches will be added to St. Christopher Cash on-line starting September 2015. Niagara Catholic is now accepting on-line (electronic) consent.

Hot Lunches – In recapping Pasta day, it was decided to hold another one. Additional help for serving would be beneficial to ensure all students are fed on time and not waiting for their lunch. Pita Day was well received and students are asking about another one. It was decided to hold another one later in May.

Shrove Tuesday – Over 400 pancakes were cooked and served to students by 11:00 AM. Sue reported of a possible donation of pancake batter from Cora's for next year. Roger provided a breakdown of the costs. Sue also reported that Walmart has been known to donate fruit and vegetables for the entire school year if approached in August-September.

ACTION: Sue will contact Cora's and Walmart for possible donations to St. Christopher for 2015-16 school year.

Triple P Parenting Information Evening – Roger reported that our Public Health Nurse, Shelley Juskiw, will be trained and lead the session on Tuesday, April 7th. A light dinner will be served at 6 PM followed by the Triple P information session from 6:30-8 PM, with staff-supervised student activities in the gym for 2 to 12 year olds. The school is holding a draw for 3 door prizes for registering early. There will be flyers, a phone call out & agenda notes to promote.

Bishop's Gala – Roger again extended an invitation to all members to attend Friday, April 10th at \$75 per person.

Fundraising – Roger reported back about inquiries with Schenck Farms, Vermeer's and Colonial Florists. Schencks no longer participates in school fundraisers. Vermeer's provided prices ranging from \$12 to \$25 for flats of annuals and hanging baskets. Roger is waiting to hear from Colonial to be able to do price comparisons.

Roger called Wendy's and they no longer support school nights. Mrs. Wilson will call Jerry's about having a St. Christopher night.

Play Day – Roger has scheduled Play Day for lunch and the afternoon of June 25th. Council members will watch the sales flyers to do pre-purchasing as we will again provide students with hotdogs and freezies.

Policies for Vetting - go to the board website @www.niagaracatholic.ca

Click on – “Policies Currently Being Vetted” Select each of the individual policies listed below:

Student Suspension Policy

Student Expulsion Policy

Correspondence

Magazine fundraiser brochure was dropped off. The most recent St. Christopher community support for this type of fundraiser was only a few hundred dollars.

Spotlight - issued twice monthly and found on the Board website at: www.niagaracatholic.ca

Adjournment – 7:20 PM

Next Meeting – Monday, April 27th at 6:00 PM