



ST. THOMAS AQUINAS
CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
Monday December 17, 2018

CSC Members present:

Gerard Winn
Laura Carson
Karen Goodhand
Randy Steward
Jenn DeVueno
Catherine Ward (recording secretary)
Jen Bedford-McPhail
Susan Kavanagh
Bernita Blair
Kendra Willis
Anne Cook
Carrie Connell
John Connell

CSC Members Absent:

Stacy Meenan Desi Meenan, Kristin Elliott

Call to Order:

Chairperson Karen Goodhand called the meeting to order at 6:32pm

Opening Prayer:

Fr Stephen DeCarlo

Declaration of Conflict of Interest

No conflict declared

Approval of Minutes:

Karen Goodhand circulated Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve Meeting Minutes:

1st – Randy Steward

2nd – Bernita Blair

All in favour - *yes*

Follow Up to Minutes:

School Uniform Portal up and running on the website

School Safety:

Commons safe and comfortable

Conflict Vs Bullying

Sharing Kindness - notes on lockers etc

Action Items:

Opened up gym for lunch hours

Mr Brohm started Game Club

Looking at Opening the Fitness Centre

Had an Anti-Bullying Week

Presentation made after school mass to students on the differences of conflict vs bullying and the 4 levels of bullying

Booked Community Police Liaison to speak to students

Poinsettia Fundraiser:

Did very well. Thank you to ladies who helped. \$8216 was collected. Of that, \$4800.97 was spent to purchase plants

Looking at using profits for new sports uniforms.

Information Items:**Principal/Safe Schools Report – Gerard Winn**

Extra Curricular Events shared by principal

Other Updates shared (PA Day for Staff, school masses, Be An Angel program, Parent Teacher Interviews)

Upcoming Events also shared (Reconciliation, Moratorium Jan 11th, Exam dates, school musical)

Parish Update: Fr Stephen DeCarlo

Masses for Christmas and for the Solemnity of Mary

Day of Grace last Weekend

Fr Bill Fellion – please pray for him and his family

Treasurer's Report – Jen Bedford McPhail

- Pro-Grant -
- Fundraising Account - \$

OAPCE Rep Report - n/a**Discussion Items:**

- Think about doing a Spring Fundraiser. Anyone interested in assisting should speak to Karen
- WE will supply snacks for Grade 8 Night as well as displaying school memorabilia
- Anne Cook – School Cash on-line. Currently only 54% of our families using it. How do we raise that number? Do we need to set a firm deadline to switch? Take it to Student Council – see if students can set up their own accounts.

- Boston Pizza Education Fund – sign your receipt and a portion of money goes back to the school

Guest Speaker: Fr Bill Massel

- Christian MediatTION IN pvnc Schools – Prayer of the Heart. How to use meditation to make prayer more fruitful. Focus on the presence of God within ourselves. Develops our spirit, mind and even body. Father explained how children are being taught to meditate within the school system (JK-12). Council participated in a 2-minute meditation.

Closing:

Shout Outs and Thank you's – Merry Christmas and thank you to all members from Karen

**Future CSC Meeting:
Feb 26th**

Closing Prayer – Ms. Kendra Willis

Meeting adjourned at 7:44pm