



ST. THOMAS AQUINAS
CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL
MINUTES

Monday October 15th, 2018 (6:30 - 7:30 pm)

A. Call to Order - 6:30 pm

Members Present:

Gerard Winn
Susan Kavanagh
Ann Cook
Bernita Blair
Karen Goodhand
Jen Bedford McPhail
Fr. Stephen DeCarlo
Kendra Willis
Stacy Meenan
Desmond Meenan
Randy Steward
Kristin Elliot
Jen De Vuono
Student Reps. Georgia Keenan, Carson Sager

Welcome/Introductions - K. Goodhand called to order at 6:30

Opening Prayer was done by Fr. Stephen

No Conflict of Interest was declared

Approval of minutes from **Sept. 10th**

1st Randy
2nd Jen De Vuono
All in favour

Business arising from previous minutes - tabled to chairperson's report

Information Items

Principal/Safe Schools Report - Gerard

- great turnout for parade float
- safe school drill - 3 each semester
- P.A. day end of Sept. goals were health and safety
- mid November report card

Student Advisory Council Updates - Georgia Keenan and Carson Sagar

- WOW week of wellness - presented photos of various activities
- fair float

- blue and gold day
- council retreat - looked at new ideas and what ideas didn't work last year.
- upcoming retreat for all student councils at St. Pete's

Parish Report/Update - Fr. Stephen

- youth - Chosen gr. 7 and 8 weekly mtg. Tuesdays from 7-9
- every two weeks high school youth group Ora et Labora on Fridays
- 1st reconciliation starting
- Alpha is going on at the parish
- yard sale coming up

Chairperson's Report - K. Goodhand

- communication between school and home improving.
- Poinsettia fundraiser
- program spending on treats
- possibly OPP presentation - dangers on social media/cannabis/potential sex trafficking is in motion to get done
- Items purchased for Alison McCarney in appreciation of her design and coordination of new Catholic Learning Commons were: Pane Vino gift card and plaque to be displayed in library
- new blinds gone up in library from Chicken Farmers Association. New blinds installed in library as a result of funds provided by Chicken Farmers Association (their offer as a result of an inconvenience at the school when barn went down in storm in Jun-18)

Treasurer's Report - Jen Bedford - McPhail

- program in for \$500
- \$45.40 in other account

OAPCE Rep Report - Jen DeVuono

nothing to report

Presentation (s)

- online store set up. Not official uniform, items for spirit day or non-uniform day
- has team wear, choose colour, logo, sizes
- discussed platform to put on, suggested to put on school website and could put on social media.

St. Thomas Aquinas School Climate Results/Survey - S. Connolly/G. Winn

- every year survey is done on bullying, safeness.
- can compare between schools in board
- Sandra talked about the data, the point of it and what to do about it
- council is first to see this data
- about 200 students responded to it
- results and in percentages, where bullying is done
- much discussion had about how to improve the results, such as supervision during lunch, making the kids more active and that would deter them from bullying, more education?
- Gerard is to update on discussion with staff about ideas at next meeting
- Another idea brought up was a caring campaign or pay-it-forward to focus more on doing nice things for other people

Discussion Items – 7:10 pm

CSC Fundraising goals/initiatives (2018 - 2019)

- Gerard asked staff what they would like, bleachers @ back of track outside
- create a welcoming space in foyer
- Jerseys for teams

- get quotes for Jerseys, school will contribute too to cost, all jerseys should match in some way.
 - Motion for fundraiser to begin by Karen, 1st was Bernita, 2nd was Jen D. and all were in favour
 - Spring flower campaign is possible as well with a similar format
2. CSC presence for Parent/Teacher Interviews (Oct. 25th 3:30-5:00; 6:00-7:30)
-display in main foyer; snacks/refreshments; fundraiser campaign

Closing

Shout outs and Thank you from Catholic School Council (C.S.C.)

Desman mentioned that the Carpenters Cup in November for teens, should be mentioned in announcement

Future CSC meetings:

December 17th

Fr. Stephen closed with prayer

Adjournment – 7:40 pm