



## Regular School Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 11th, 2025

**Attendees:** Robert Dumanowski, Edlyn Murphy, Brianna MacPherson, Cassie Donnelly, Stephanie Potorti, Coralee Barton, Aleise Entem, Nicole Schuetzle

**Called to Order: 6:01pm**

### 1. Prayer

### 2. Adoption of Minutes

Coralee motions to adopt the January 14th, 2025 Minutes. Cassie seconds. All in favour.

### 3. Principal Report:

- Our school fee schedule is due this Friday. A proposal will be submitted to possibly have a one time activity fee at the start of the school year to eliminate the school cash charges throughout the year. This would involve all catholic elementary schools.
- Starting this year, our school has signed up for Community Classroom (Big Marble Community Classroom Learning brochure was passed around). All grade 3-6 students will spend two full days at Pioneer Village with Community Classroom Learning. Next year, it will be all grade 2-5 students who attend. This program will not cost us anything, but we will have to pay for bussing. Bussing will cost \$189/trip with 2 classes at a time (around \$1,000). This is very exciting and will be a great learning experience for the students.
- Excited to be doing a Read-A-Thon. Hoping it goes well.

### Vice Principal Report:

- Edlyn asked if anyone follows the Catholic School Board page on social media? It is Inclusive Education month and she would love parents to help push along some posts for more exposure.

### 4. Teacher Report:

- **Carnaval**
  - Huge "Thank you" to all the parents and volunteers for Carnaval. It went over very well. Cookies were the biggest hit. Everyone loved it. Teachers liked starting the day a little later and having the crafts in the classrooms.
- **Royal Tyrell Museum**
  - Total cost for Tyrell is \$3,881.00. Tyrell Museum and bussing is booked for June 12th. Brianna asked if we could approve how much money parent council will be covering so she can figure out what to charge parents. Council has agreed to pay for bussing costs.
  - Coralee motions to spend \$3,240.00 on busses for the Tyrell Museum trip. Stephanie seconds. All in favour.

### 5. Parent Association Report:

- Melanie (not in attendance) provided an update by email from last meeting:
  - Superintendent report highlighted the new first responders academy being added to McCoy High School as

well as the new multi-sport academy being added to St. Mary's. He also highlighted on how the French immersion programming will be moving into St. Mary's building once Holy Trinity opens. They will be forming a parent group to help advise on ideas for the new French school.

- The 2026/2027 school calendar will have to start before labour day since the first day of school would fall too late into September.
- The school division is offering licensed daycare for ELP next year so families can qualify for cheaper rates.
- St. Michaels had a bingo night fundraiser and said it went very well. Other fundraisers school have done include Nutters trays, worlds finest chocolates, McBrides donut day, bake sale, west coast seeds, tea and me, bottle drives.
- School events include movie nights, board game nights, bingo night, spaghetti supper after mass, valentines dance, providing treats to teachers during report card week, skate-a-thon, read-a-thon, two schools running outdoor carnivals/fun fairs in the spring.
- Mother Teresa mentioned a Methanex trolley that can transport classes and Methanex will pay half. Schools are discussing bussing costs with parents.
- St. Pat's is hoping other schools will help pay for Dr. Phil McRae. Other schools are still deciding.
- Our council has agreed to put our \$500 grant funds towards booking Dr. Phil McRae if it qualifies.

## **6. Financials:**

Update from Aleise:

- Current account is at \$18,889.23. We will require around \$6,500 for upcoming events.
- Movie night made \$1,031.62. Everyone was very happy with this. The raffle portion didn't do as well as planned, we broke even. Aleise suggested next year to not spend as much on raffle items. Stephanie suggested asking for raffle donations.
- Aleise has submitted the AGLC reports for the movie night raffle.
- Aleise wanted to get a more accurate budget for upcoming activities/events, however, we are still waiting to hear back on costs. We will need to discuss the budget next meeting.

## **7. New Business:**

### **• Shrove Tuesday**

- Aleise spoke to Knights of Columbus and they will purchase the pancakes and sausages for us. Cassie is asking Superstore for another gift card donation to help cover some costs. Nicole offered to help pick up supplies. Cassie is concerned about having enough parent volunteers to help on Shrove Tuesday. Aleise said the Knights of Columbus will help serve and Stephanie suggested asking grade 5/6 students to help volunteer if we need extra hands.

Cassie motions to spend up to \$750 on Shrove Tuesday. Coralee seconds. All in favour.

### **• Loonie for Lent**

- Aleise asked if the school would consider having one of the Loonie for Lent days go towards a donation to the Knights of Columbus for their help with Shrove Tuesday. Robert said they would be willing to do that. Council will add to the donation.

- **Hot Lunch** (Update from Cassie)
  - Panago Pizza hot lunch is on Thursday this week. We made about \$600. This was a successful hot lunch!
  - Cassie would like to do another pizza hot lunch in April. Probably Papa Johns.
  - Dairy Queen hot lunch is booked for February 27th.
  - Reminder we cannot have hot lunch on Fridays during Lent.
  - Booster Juice and hot dogs in March. Hot dogs will be cooked at the school.
- **Home Alone/Babysitting Courses**
  - Coralee reached out to Safety Buzz and Safety Connection for more information on their home alone and babysitting courses. Prices varied from \$40 to \$75 per child, as well as half day or full day options. These courses would require a minimum of 10 kids per course. If we were to use the school for the location, it would need to be on a PD Day. Robert will look into what is required to use the school. With the school's permission, we will book each course for a PD Day in the fall.
- **Fun Day**
  - Cassie will look into bouncy castle options as well as any other outdoor activities these companies may offer. Stephanie recommended a bouncy castle that doesn't have a steep slide to avoid anyone getting hurt.
  - Cassie asked Robert if we can do pie in the face fundraiser again this year. Robert said yes. Everyone felt the students really enjoyed it last year.
  - Cassie asked Brianna to reach out to the teachers for fun day theme ideas. The Olympic theme went over well last year, we would like to do another theme day this year.
  - Cassie will book RJ's slushes again for Fun Day.
  - Knights of Columbus will come to help cook and service Burgers again this year.
- **School Council Recruitment**
  - Cassie showed concern for our council next year as we are losing most of the members after this year. We need to come up with ideas on how to get more parents on council and volunteering.
  - Nicole is wondering if we can change the meeting time to earlier in the day next year. This is something that we will need to discuss again at a later time.
- **Other**
  - Cassie and Stephanie would like to advertise to our school families how high costs are and why we need to do so much fundraising. With all the increases in costs this year, parents may be wondering why they are being charged for a lot of events or activities. Cassie sent Melanie a photo sample of how we could show income, costs and additional funds council pays for that maybe parents aren't aware of. This is something we might want to do with our next event coming up.

## 8. General:

- **Swimming**
  - School swimming hasn't been confirmed yet. Robert said the school is still waiting to see when the pools are available and how much bussing will cost.

Motion to adjourn by Coralee, Stephanie seconds. All in favour.

**Meeting adjourned at 7:20pm. Next meeting March 11th, 2025 at 6:00pm.**



# École St. John Paul II School Society School Council Fundraising Meeting Minutes

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**Called to Order: 7:20pm**

## 1. Adoption of Minutes

Coralee motions to adopt the January 14th, 2024 Minutes. Cassie seconds. All in favour.

## 2. Budget Report/Current accounts:

- Discussed at Regular School Council Meeting.

## 3. New Business / Fundraising & Events:

- **Little Caesars Pizza**
  - Little Caesars fundraiser will start on Friday. Orders can be made online or sent in to the school via cash or cheque. Cassie put up posters around the school. Teachers are asked to hand out fundraiser forms no later than Thursday this week.
- **Spring Dance**
  - Brianna asked if we would want to have a “blue” theme for the dance since it is Catholic Education Day. Everyone liked the idea.
  - Melanie mentioned, in her email, possibly doing a spring bingo night instead of a dance. Stephanie was concerned about space and where we would fit everyone. Bingo night sounds fun, we would like to discuss this again next meeting.

Motion to adjourn by Coralee, Cassie seconds. All in favour.

**Meeting adjourned at 7:31pm. Next meeting March 11th, 2025 at 6:00pm.**