

St. Francis of Assisi Catholic School Council

Date: Wednesday November 23rd, 2016 at 5:30 p.m.

Present: Gorette Woodman, RomaLee Bumbacco Sodaro, John Fonseca, Carla Aguiar, Robin Veber, Amanda Retallick

Regrets: Theresa Kroetsch

ITEM	MEMBER	NOTE	ACTION
Prayer	RomaLee	St. Francis Prayer	completed
	All	Minutes from Oct.	approved
Principal Report	RomaLee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student enrolment: 203 as of Nov. 30 • Roots of Empathy in Grade 1 class led by Mrs. Maw; Baby and mom visit and students observe the changes in the baby and learn how to respond to those changes while being empathetic and understanding • Student Success Teacher, Ben McKinnon twice a week for an hour in the intermediate classrooms; problem solving, work completion, high school discussions • Mad Science Grades 1 to 6 every Wed. Oct. 26 to Wed. Dec. 14; 29 participant; another opportunity for our school community in Winter Term, January to April (Coding, Chess) • Thanksgiving Food Drive for St. Vincent: many boxes of non-perishable food items • Terry Fox contributions \$2432.55 • Grade 4's received Bibles distributed by Father at the Parish • Officer Mike Douglas on site once a month; spending time in classrooms working with students and on the yard interacting with students; build positive relationships • After School Homework Club Grades 6, 7, 8 with Mrs. Kroetsch; dates are in agendas: Nov. 29, Dec. 5, 13, 20 • Gr. 7's went to Camp Brebeuf with Mrs. Lemos, Mrs. Kroetsch; great opportunity for team building; represented school well • Doyle Connection: Gr. 8's at Doyle Nov. 2 for Day in the Life • Gr. 8 Parent Night at Doyle, Dec. 1 at 6:00 p.m. • Gr. 8 Parent Information Night as Family of Schools at St. Augustine, Jan. 11 at 6:30 p.m. • Pottery to Go, Dec. 2; every student to take home a Christmas ornament • Cash on Line almost at 86% to earn school wide pizza party and juice boxes provided by Board • Dec. 8, Father on site for Confessions, Gr. 3 to 8 • Donations for St. Vincent de Paul Society through St. Ambrose Parish: canned items (gravy, corn, peas, boxed potatoes, dried fruit snacks, new blankets, mitts, scarves, hats) 	<p>Information from Mad Science to be sent home</p> <p>RomaLee to send home week of Nov. 28; Pick up date Dec. 21</p>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Retirement Home: Dec. 13 Ms. Fink and Mrs. Kroetsch visiting Mennonite Retirement Home in Preston to sing Christmas carols; bus provided by school 	
School Programs & Initiatives	Gorette	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nutrition for Learning <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - delivered daily in AM; 3 items per student; available to all students; compliant with PPM150; fresh fruit not as popular (apples); pepperettes popular with older students; variety of cereal, granola bars, dried fruits; cheese and yogurt tubes for dairy; don't have waste past delivery as food has been eaten - Fundraise to help offset cost; donation to Nutrition for Learning in January; Bring a Toonie for PJ Day in January 	Date to be determined
	Gorette	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safe School Team <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Anti-Bullying Week, Nov. 21 - focus on kindness, positivity; thinking about WWJD - positive messages read over PA along with scripture each morning; quotes/posters displayed - Enrol Lee presentations to kick up week, Nov. 21 in PM: how to be kind to friends, incorporate gestures - School wide initiative: possibility for every Good Deed given, a student receives a pompom; once different totals are reached, school wide initiative 	Included in Nov. Newsletter
	Gorette	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advent Family Mass <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dec. 8 at St. Ambrose Parish; start time 6:00 p.m. - social in reception hall; letter home to families inviting them to bring a treat/dessert to share; to RSVP so we have numbers for attendance 	RomaLee to send parent letter home
	RomaLee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spirit Wear: orders continue to be placed (hoodies, t-shirts, bag) 	
	RomaLee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scientists in Classroom : Council has contributed \$800; half day in class workshop for classes 	
	RomaLee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Special Lunch Day Profits from Sept to Nov: Lunch Box \$24.20 and Dominos \$1292.55 	
	Gorette	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mental Health Fair <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Feb. 1 at Doyle in the evening - St. Vincent hosting but hoping to have Family of Schools in attendance; flyer to attend will be forwarded by St. Vincent - Enrol Lee to speak and there will be booths from different agencies on display 	Flyer to be sent home to families

Instruction and Assessment	RomaLee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EQAO - shared booklets of sample questions for Grade 3 and Grade 6 and trend for the past 5 years; EQAO website and location of parent resources: www.eqao.com; - shared observations from Primary Mock Math EQAO question that took place Nov. 17; students in primary worked through the Math question and then staff met with Numeracy Teacher to look at how students approached the question: “How many hours in 240 minutes?”; next steps: continue work on having students use base ten materials in particular ten rods/sticks; 1 rod/stick is equivalent to 10 ones; continue to model 60 and what it looks like; model a ten frame with groups of ten • Junior/Intermediate to complete Mock Math EQAO question Dec. 6: staff to moderate and discuss the responses in collaboration with Numeracy Teacher • Scores in EQAO and sample EQAO questions to be included in office monthly newsletters • School Improvement Plan: shared plan for school year in area of Catholic, Community, Culture and Caring; Numeracy; Literacy; Pathways to Success 	
Budget	RomaLee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposed School Fees/Fundraising shared • Cookie Dough sales \$7188.00; profit \$3075.00 • Current balances : Student Activity fund is \$658.70; Paid for Student Agendas \$461.26 and Scientists in Classroom \$800.00 • Purchases: Library Forest of Reading Books \$500.00; Offset Pottery to Go \$800.00 	Approved by Council
Next Meeting		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wednesday, March 1 at 5:30 pm • Location: school library 	

Adjourned: 7:50 p.m.