

**St. Francis Xavier School
Parent Council Meeting
Sept 17, 2019**

In Attendance: Nicole Schauerte, Chelsey Lybbert, Laura Bohrn, Rhonda Gregus, Nick Gale, Sherrie Knight, Grayson Smith, Ashley Holden, Paul Taylor, Kristin Liefso, Nichole Cunningham

1. Call to Order and Opening Prayer: Nick called the meeting to order and lead opening prayer.

2. Approval of Minutes from May Meeting: Nicole and Chelsey approved the minutes.

3. Nominations and Voting-In of Executive Council

2018/2019 Executives:

Chair Person: Chelsey Lybbert

Vice Chair Person: Nichole Cunningham

Treasurer: Nicole Schauerte

Secretary: Laura Bohrn

Executive Election Results for 2019/2020

Chair Person nominated and elected: Chelsey Lybbert

Vice Chair Person nominated and elected: Nichole Cunningham

Treasurer nominated and elected: Nicole Schauerte

Secretary nominated and elected: Laura Bohrn

Signing authority will remain the same as last year.

4. Principal's Report (Nick Gale)

- A. Nick thanked all the parents and parent council for the support of last year. There were big changes and a lot of good things happened to make the school year successful.
- B. Registration: Enrollment has increased for the 2019/2020 school year. Bringing in the academy program has drawn some students to the school. It is the hope that this will continue every year. 28 students are currently enrolled in the sports academy.
- C. New Staff: St. Francis Xavier welcomes two new teachers this year. Miss. Kennedy Werre is teaching the 4/5 classroom as well as the Sports Academy. Mr. Boyd Block is the 5/6 classroom teacher and will be heading the Physical Literacy Program.
- D. Physical Literacy Program: This is a new program being introduced to the school this year. Nick hopes to bring in different people from the community to talk and interact with the students as well for a "Fitness Friday".

- E. Summer Construction: Renovations were completed to the boy's bathroom over the summer months as well to have a separate handicap accessible washroom. Future renovations that have been put forward for approval include renovating the girls washroom, converting the spare computer lab into defined space for change rooms for the academy program, and looking into creating a form of a barrier for the front entrance/office pass to make this more secure. The interior of the school is in the process of being repainted as well.
- F. Online Clothing Store: Sports Connection has posted the St.FX online apparel store. Orders are to be placed by September 22, 2019. There will be more online stores opening up throughout the year as well.

5. Teacher's Report (Rhonda Gregus)

Thank you for the Welcome Night, supper was delicious and it was a great evening to meet students and their families.

6. Chair's Report (Chelsey Lybbert)

- A. Thank you to Nicole for organizing the Welcome Night this year. It turned out to be a wonderful evening for students and staff.
- B. A Facebook group named "St. Francis Xavier Parent Information" has been set up for the parents of students attending the school. This is a closed group where information will be posted to inform parents of upcoming events and information from Parent Council. This is a way to get more information passed along to the families. If parents do not have Facebook, an email address can be given to Chelsey and she can send emails out for this information as well.

7. Treasurer's Report (Nicole Schauerte)

Nicole reviewed the financials from the 2018/2019 year. In fundraising we collected \$13,550.19. Parent council spent \$14,245.78 in various activities throughout the year for students. Reserve funds were used from previous years to cover expenses from last year. So far this year, parent council has funded the Welcome Night and student agendas for all students. Mabel's Label's fundraiser over the summer brought in \$50.07 and the bottles collected from Welcome Night totaled \$232.50. Discussions were held about the budget for field trips allotted for each classroom. Parent Council has asked the teachers to meet and decide what they would like for the format of this upcoming year, as some changes may need to be made with new classroom configurations. We will discuss this at the Fellowship Meeting in October.

8. Classroom Updates

For this upcoming year, Parent Council would like to try something new to help get information to parents as well as provide better communication between parents,

teachers and parent council. This will also provide a way to get new ideas and feedback throughout the year. The goal is to have two representatives from each classroom and from the academy program. These parents would not be required to attend all parent council meetings, but to come to a few and provide the communication between parents in the classroom and as well to give an outlook from each classroom and students in each grade.

7. Topics for Discussion

A) Fall Fundraising-Discussion on different ideas for fundraising for the first part of the year. It was decided that the Fall Fundraiser would be DeerView Meats. Sherrie Knight will be getting the information for this and handing out to the students in the upcoming weeks. In conjunction to this fundraiser there will be a cheque writing campaign as an additional option. St. Francis has been approved for the Coop Gift Card Program, which will run from November 2019- April 2020. Information will be sent home middle of October. We will be doing the Christmas Plant Fundraiser as well. Order forms will be sent home with students at the end of October with delivery the first week of December. In February we will revisit where our fundraising goal is at. Other potential fundraising ideas that were brought forward were cookies, cinnamon buns, and Mavericks tickets.

B) Hot Lunch Program- The lunch program for the time being is on hold. Therefore; we are able to provide Hot Lunch Fundraising for the students. First Hot Lunch day is Dairy Queen booked for Friday, September 27. We will book October's hot lunch for October 18. We will also have a Booster Juice snack day, tentatively booked for Thursday October 10. We will continue with Hot Lunch Fundraising unless we are informed of a Lunch Program.

C) Parent Association Meeting: No information to report at this time as there has not been a meeting yet.

D) Yearbook/DVD- For this upcoming year, Mr. Gale and Mr. Block will be working with Lifetouch Photography for the Yearbook. As part of the Excellence Program, these students will be contributing and assisting in creating the Yearbook for this school year. Parent Council will still look after the ordering process. Last year's year-end DVD is in the process of being converted and burned. Discussion was made as to whether Parent Council will fund the software program needed for these DVD's and if we will continue on having a year end DVD created.

8. Date for Next Meeting: Tuesday October 15 7pm- Fellowship Meeting, 8pm- Parent Council Meeting.

9. Motion to Adjourn: Nicole and Nichole motioned this meeting to be adjourned.

