

**St. Francis Xavier School
Parent Council Meeting
November 26, 2019**

In Attendance: Nick Gale, Nicole Schauerte, Laura Bohrn, Chelsey Lybbert, Paul Taylor, Kristin Liefso, Nichole Cunningham, Stephanie Cram

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

2. Approval of the Minutes: Nicole approved the October 15, 2019 minutes.

3. Principal's Report (Nick Gale)

- A) The Nutritional Lunch Program started out last week and has been going well so far.
- B) The school will be introducing Hour Zero Protocols in the next few months. New drills will be instructed to the students (examples: Fire Drill, Lock Down, On Alert, Shelter in Place, Hold and Secure)
- C) Online registration will be introduced in February for the 2020/2021 school year. Each parent will be given a Power School Account and enrollment will be completed online. Information will be sent out to parents in January.
- D) The Excellence in Education Award is coming up. Nick explained that if any parents have any nominations for a teacher that they would like to be recognized, they can check this out online and nominate them.
- E) Christmas Concert is booked for Wednesday, December 18, 2019. Theme of the Christmas concert is western and all students have been asked to dress in western attire.
- F) Nick asked for feedback on the online scheduling for Parent Teacher Interviews. Parents stated they liked the online registration and made a suggestion to have the appointment times posted outside the classroom to avoid confusion on parent teacher interview night.
- G) Polar Bear Club. Nick will be talking to the board about recess time in winter months. Currently, if the temperature is below -20 degrees Celsius it is deemed "inside" day. Nick would like to propose a waiver to be signed by parents at their choice, which would allow their child to go outside for recess along with Nick supervising. There have been multiple days where temperatures are around these guidelines and students are wanting to go outside and play. Nick also discussed that for days that are "inside" recess days, they will have activities set up in the gym and throughout the classrooms for students to have a variety of things to do during this time.
- H) There have been issues with parking in the bus and crosswalk zone. Starting tomorrow Nick will be placing pylons to prevent vehicles from

parking in this zone as it is causing a safety concern for the students and crosswalk patrollers.

- I) There is a new sign at the front desk for visitors of the school to remind them to stop in at the front desk with Kelli before proceeding throughout the school.
- J) There is a job posting online for Learning Assistant Substitutes for the Catholic Board as they are in need of people for this position.
- K) Nick went over and discussed a portion of Annual Education Plan and the Annual Education Results.

4. Teacher's Report

No teacher report given today.

5. Chair's Report (Chelsey Lybbert)

Chelsey wanted to thank all the volunteers and organizers for Hot Lunch Days along with the Deerview Meats Fundraiser

With the Nutritional Lunch Program starting up discussion was held whether to keep the Hot Lunch Day Fundraiser. It was decided that we would see how the December Hot Lunch Fundraiser goes and discuss in the New Year if we will keep this fundraiser going.

Chelsey is no longer the chair of the Parent Association as she has accepted a new role in her job at the school board. Due to this position, parent council may also need to consider an intern Chair due to this unique situation.

6. Treasurer's Report (Nicole Schauerte)

Budget and deposits were reviewed. Deerview meats fundraised \$2513.54, Booster Juice orders from October and November has raised \$116.25. Hot Lunch Fundraiser was raised \$383.77. The Winter Plant Fundraiser raised \$1471.95. Thank you everyone for supporting these fundraisers.

Expenses to be paid out include \$500.00 to the library to purchase new books for the school along with the Dream Centre Rental for the Christmas Concert.

Discussion was held on fundraising goals for the school year. A letter will be sent home for FlipGive- an app that gives money back to the school from purchases made online (ex: Amazon). Other options for fundraisers in the future include cookie dough, Mom's Pantry, Mavericks Tickets. It was decided to reassess our fundraising goals in February once the Valentines Dance is completed and determine if parent council needs to add a spring fundraiser for the school.

7. Classroom Rep Update

No report from Classroom Reps today.

8. Topics for Discussion

A) Poinsettia Fundraiser

Delivery is booked for next week. Letter will be sent home with students this week to remind parents to pick up their orders on Tuesday, December 3. Thank you everyone for ordering.

B) Christmas Market

Market has been booked for Friday, December 6. Donations can be brought to the school at any time and can be stored in the classroom beside the office. The grade 6 classroom has chosen the Woman's Shelter as the charity they would like the donations from the Christmas market to go to. Set up will start on Thursday afternoon. Kristin will help Mr. Block and the Excellence program students set up in the gym. Parent volunteers are needed for Friday to help the market run smoothly. McCoy students will also be coming to the school to help the day of the market as well.

C) Christmas Dinner

Stephanie gave an update for the Christmas Dinner. Stuffing and Potatoes are still needed for donations. Volunteers are also needed for the day of the Christmas Dinner if any parents would like to come and volunteer. Everything else is going well in getting this yearly tradition ready.

D) Movie Night

Movie Night is booked for Thursday, January 23, 2020. The movie that will be playing is Toy Story 4. This year will be serving pizza and chips. Doors to open 5:15pm and movie to start at 5:45pm. Ordering will be open on schoolcash online to order pizza for families that are attending.

E) Valentine's Dance

Valentine's Dance is booked for Friday, February 7, 2020.

9. Parent Association Meeting (Chelsey Lybbert)

Parent Association meeting was held last night. Online registration was discussed. There is also a survey online for parents to fill out about 'choice' in education that the association is encouraging parents to fill out. Provincial budget was discussed at the meeting; there will be no program funding cuts or loss of staff at this point in the catholic system. Budget will be reassessed in the spring. The next association meeting is scheduled for February 24, 2020 @ 7pm at the Board office if any parents would like to attend.

10. Date of Next Meeting: Thursday, January 16 @ 8pm

11. Motion to Adjourn: Nicole motioned to adjourn the meeting.