

**St. Francis Xavier School
Parent Council Meeting
November 17, 2020**

In Attendance: Nicole Schauerte, Laura Bohrn, Chelsey Lybbert, Lauren Smith, Rhonda Gregus, Jaimie Van Ham, Nichole Cunningham, Ashley Holden, Rebecca Jackiw, Donna Mae Melle, Sadie Lybbert, Berklyn Bohrn, Brielle Melle

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

2. Approval of the October Minutes: Nicole approved the October 2020 minutes.

3. Student Council Presentation (Sadie Lybbert, Berklyn Bohrn, Brielle Melle)

Members of student council presented plans for upcoming events and activities they have planned for this school year. They will be hosting spirit days, activities and hoping to have 12 Days of Christmas for students to participate in. They are asking for Parent Council to donate \$450.00 to help support them in this. This money will be put towards prizes for coloring contest and spirit day participation. They also would like to be able to give every student a Christmas cupcake or candy canes at the end of the 12 days of Christmas. Student Council is willing to help out and volunteer their time to help parent council in Hot Lunch Program, Booster Juice days as well as promoting school fundraisers.

4. Principal's Report (Jaimie Van Ham)

A) Thank you parent council for approving the funding to purchase the new chrome tablets for the school as well as the bubble lamp and floor decals.

B) Thank you for the first Booster Juice of the year. The students enjoyed being able to have a "normal" traditional activity back into the school year.

C) Students are now allowed to play in the playground prior to the beginning of school.

D) Polar Bear Club- forms were emailed to parents last month. There are approximately half of the students enrolled in this program.

E) Dream Centre is cancelled for Christmas concert this year. Students have started preparing for virtual Christmas concert. Jaimie is hoping to start recording the first week of December. Concert will be shown in the classrooms in the last week of school and then it will be placed on Google classroom for parents to view.

F) Community Classroom at Medalta. Jaimie looked into this option for students to participate. At this time, the district wants to hold off until a later date due to COVID.

G) Virtual Book Fair- Starts on November 23. This year all orders will be completed online. There will be a family night on Wednesday from 6-8pm where every order will qualify for free shipping. Books are to arrive before Christmas. Link for the book fair can be shared to family members. Mrs. Weisgerber will be having a contest during the week where students have a chance of winning a free book.

Jaimie will be asking teachers to submit a wish list of books if any family would like to donate any books towards a student's classroom.

H) School Plan will be posted on the website end of November. Jaimie will discuss this further at the next meeting.

I) Parental Involvement- Jaimie is looking for suggestions on how to improve parental involvement with the school and staff during COVID. If anyone has any suggestions please contact Jaimie.

5. Teacher's Report (Rhonda Gregus)

Nothing to report.

6. Chair's Report (Lauren Smith)

Hot Lunch Program has started with the first hot lunch this week. Dairy Queen is booked for December.

7. Treasurer's Report (Nicole Schauerte)

Budget and deposits were reviewed.

Fundraiser totals for this year so far are:

Booster Juice October- \$69.06

Taco Time- \$ 109.50

Christmas Fundraiser- \$2623.93

Thank you to everyone who has supported these fundraisers.

Expenses paid out:

Bubble Lamp and Floor Decals- \$ 320.00

Library Books- \$750.00

Invoice for Chromo Tablets will be coming in the next few weeks.

Parent Council also approved the \$450.00 to be donated to Student Council for their upcoming activities they have planned

8. Topics for Discussion

A) Christmas Dinner- Every year there has been the tradition for a Christmas Dinner. Due to COVID, we are unable to go to St. Patrick's Church to do this. Nichole was able to reach out and find a couple options to make this tradition continue on for this upcoming school year. With the approval of Jaimie, it was decided to have Patio Café cater the Christmas Dinner for our school. Meal will consist of turkey, potatoes, gravy, stuffing, corn and buns. This will be individually packed for each student and delivered to the school. In the past the Christmas Dinner was always funded by parent donation. We will send a letter out to parents explaining the dinner and if any parent would like to donate a turkey or make a cash donation to support this event they can do so on school cash online.

B) Parent Association Meeting

Chelsey attended the October meeting. They would really like for 2 representatives from each school to attend these meetings. A COVID update was given and guidelines that are in place. At this point in time there is no plans in school closures. Fundraising ideas were discussed and each school explained where the funds were going to support their school this year.

The plan for bringing international students is still moving forward for February and September 2021. Any families that are interested in becoming a Home Stay family, they are still in need of some families to help out. Next meeting is scheduled for November 30 @ 7pm. This meeting will be virtual.

9. Date for Next Meeting: Tuesday, January 12 @ 8pm

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