

**St. Francis Xavier School
Parent Council Meeting
January 12, 2021**

In Attendance: Nicole Schauerte, Laura Bohrn, Lauren Smith, Rhonda Gregus, Jaimie Van Ham, Nichole Cunningham, Ashley Holden, Donna Mae Melle

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

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

3. Principal's Report (Jaimie Van Ham)

A) Students are back in class this week. Jaimie has heard positive feedback from the online learning last week. Thank you to all the teachers, students and families for making this week run and transition from in class to at home learning.

B) Thank you for the Christmas Dinner, students and staff enjoyed this meal and appreciate being able to continue with this tradition.

C) Thank you from Academy program for funding equipment and adventure days.

D) Supervision Policy- In student handbook, there are specific supervision times for our school. St. Francis Xavier times start at 8:35am and go till 3:35pm. The student to supervisor ratio is 50:1 ratio as long as students are in view. There are 2 supervisors during lunch whereas during academy afternoons there is 1 teacher on supervision.

E) There have been 2 new students registered this week, one student in grade 5 and one in grade 1. As well, there are 2 new students enrolled in the ELP program that will be joining the school in a couple weeks.

F) Additional Staff- a half time assistant has been hired to help out in Miss Werre class.

G) On February 1, school registration opens up. There will be no paper packages this year, all registrations will be online. Chrome books will be available at the school to register if parents need access. Parents can book an appointment to come into the school to do this. Recruitment groups from St. Mary's and Notre Dame Academy will be coming to the school in the next few weeks to talk with the grade 6 students.

H) Promotional videos for our school will be available in the coming weeks- the goal is to show the community what our school has to offer. These will be available on our website and social media. Jaimie is also trying to make a parent information night, look for information in the coming weeks.

4. Teacher's Report (Rhonda Gregus)

Thank you for organizing Christmas Dinner. As well, thank you to the parents who did supervision on this day so that the teachers could enjoy this meal as well. Thank you to the parents for organizing and planning the hot lunch and booster juice days. This gives the students some of the normal activities and the students enjoy these days. Thank you to all the parents for all your help and work in helping students with the week of online learning.

5. Chair's Report (Lauren Smith)

Thank you to all the staff and teachers for the online week last week. There was a lot of organization and planning to make the week easier for students and parents and it is appreciated.

6. Treasurer's Report (Nicole Schauerte)

Budget and deposits were reviewed. Hot lunch Dairy Queen fundraiser brought the school \$180.98. Student council supplies for the 12 days of Christmas totaled \$81.31. Student council still has \$368.00 remaining in their budget for future activities. Total donations for the Christmas Dinner were \$905.00. Thank you to the parents for donations. Expense for the Christmas Dinner was \$1445.90.

7. Topics for Discussion

A) Hot Lunches- BP for January

Boston pizza is scheduled.

We are going to try and look for places that offer gluten free options to give more variety and access for all students.

B) Yearbook-

Excellence will not be able to take over the yearbook this year. The school is looking for a parent volunteer who would be interested in taking this new role. The school will be taking and providing the pictures needed, however we will need a parent who would like to plan and design it. There are programs and training that will be provided to help assist in this job. Anyone that is interested can contact the school regarding this.

C) Valentine's Dance-

We will not be able to have a Valentine's Dance. The raffles that normally take place will be able to continue, however we unfortunately cannot move forward with the dance this year due to covid restrictions.

There is a hope that maybe Student Council can organize some fun activities for Valentine's Day.

During the week of Feb 8-12 tickets will be available for purchase for the raffle baskets. A letter will be sent out to parents asking for donations and a description on how the raffle will look this year because of COVID. Student council under supervision, can sell the tickets as well as help younger children with their tickets.

D) Any COVID 19 updates-

No new information or protocols introduced. Now that we are back in the classroom, restrictions and protocols from the fall are still in place.

E) Parent Association Meeting:

Meeting was in November 2020. Superintendent discussed preparations and plans to continue on cleaning schools and making them safe for students. He went over case numbers for our division as well. School plans are now available online for individual schools that parents can look at. Next meeting is scheduled for Jan 25, 2021.

9. Date for Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 2 @ 8pm

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