

St. Charles Catholic School
PAC Meeting
November 22, 2017

Start 7:05 PM

Call to order

Lee-Anne Brewer (PAC Chair)

Prayer

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Adoption of Agenda

Tess Bernacki
Second: Shauna Bailey

Review of Minutes from Last Meeting

Minutes from the September 13th, 2017 meeting are posted on the website.

A few parents asked where specifically the minutes are posted. There should be a link on the parents tab. Mrs. Narynski will send out the minutes on the weekly Friday email blast.

Principal Report

No report. Mrs. Narynski present for questions and comments.

Classroom Community Service Events

A big SHOUT OUT to Tess Bernacki and the Bingo organizing team for another successful Bingo night. It was a sell out event. Last year, the school introduced a raffle, this year we included a silent auction. We also doubled the price of admission to \$10/person this year. This did not seem to deter any participation in the event. Families love this fundraising event and it is a good opportunity to mix and mingle with other parents, friends, and families. This year, Bingo generated a net profit of \$3,720 for the school.

The following events were also a great success with numerous parent volunteers: Meet the Teacher, the Grade Four Bible Celebration, Spruce Up the School, and the Staff Appreciation Lunch. At Spruce Up the School, our whole list of to-do's was completed; teachers and staff love the Staff Appreciation Lunch, which was amazing!

Catholic Schools week is our next big volunteer opportunity. Stay tuned.

Fundraising

There was a reduced amount of chocolate selling this year. Many families opted out, therefore, the school has lots of boxes left over. Any additional selling ideas are greatly appreciated. Ideas offered at tonight's meeting were: leave out at the Christmas Blitz, provide at the Christmas concert, sell at parent-teacher conferences, or any other events where parents are present in the school. Another idea would be to sell at nursing homes. Jennifer Gray could possibly have contacts to coordinate the selling at nursing homes.

Please contact the school if families can sell more chocolate boxes

The Book Fair made more than expected. This event's profits also provide supplies to the classrooms, guided reading book novel studies, and carpets for our classrooms. The students love the book fair. The next one is scheduled in the spring.

Upcoming Fundraising Events

From Nina McIntyre

Not all orders are in yet for the Christmas Blitz. Shelmerdine orders are still being accepted until this up and coming weekend.

The school is not doing the gift card fund raising event this year. It only returns approximately a 1% - 2% return for the school, therefore, it was not deemed to be a large enough profit maker given the amount of work needed to organize this event. Shelmerdine's offers 10%!! Shelmerdine pick ups are scheduled for December the 6th. If anyone wants to pick up direct from Shelmerdine's, vouchers will be provided.

Honey order pick ups are scheduled for November 23rd. Total order amounts are not yet known.

No plant sale in the spring this year.

Volunteers and baking are still needed for this Saturday's Christmas Pancake Breakfast from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Spread the word! We need more volunteers to work all the stations. There will be a pancake breakfast and pictures with Santa. These proceeds will go to the school. Kiera's Crusade will also be selling her Christmas Pillows. Package donated baking in dozens and price at your discretion. Remember – nut free!! Kiera's pillows and the baking proceeds will be donated to Kiera's Crusade cause. Let's get the word out to ensure a fun-filled day.

Fundraising events this year have so far exceeded our expectations. Our parent volunteers have been excellent and very generous. Good work to our parents and it is very much appreciated by the school. Working together will only make our school flourish.

Grace Hicks, a Kinder parent, who is also our hot dog day co-ordinator, is happy to report she has a whole list of parent volunteers for hot dog day. A favourite event for our students.

New Business

The Christmas concert notes went home this week. The concert will have an afternoon and an evening performance on December 8th, 2017 at Our Lady of Perpetual Help. Parking is first come-first serve. Please ensure you are mindful of the street parking signs.

Nikki Robert asked if we could reach out for much needed volunteers to all senior members of our community, such as our church community, area residents, CWL, or Knights of Columbus, etc. The school did discuss how to reach out to our supporting parishes at the AGM this last summer. The Knights of Columbus are approached for support for some of our fund raising and volunteer events. We are in fact receiving support and fundraising from the Knights at the April 25th, 2018. The school also puts all school events in the church bulletins and our calendar is also provided to the churches. We do have numerous grandparent volunteers in the school.

It was suggested if the school could reach out to the St. Charles Church to assist with the parking lot maintenance. Could our parents potentially assist with the labour in painting the lines? Could this be a nice way to say "thank you" for letting our parents use their lot?

The Building and Grounds Committee will not be having a Spring Spruce Up the School event.

Our school constable will work with the school on a parking regulation plan as our parking issues seems to be getting worse. Unfortunately, these plans were delayed this year but our Constable has great ideas in store.

Parents brought forth issues concerning uniforms. The girl's skirts are adjustable at size 8 but not at smaller sizes. Could there be another option for a longer, more narrower size? The skirts seem to fit larger than any other uniform fits. We used to carry a stretchier material pant, but these were discontinued due to numerous quality issues. The girl's shirts seem to be shorter than unisex shirts. The girl's shirts are meant to sit at the waist. Do we need to re-think our sizes? It is hard for parents to rebuy uniform items due to sizing issues. Changing manufacturers not necessarily a solution as different manufacturers will have different sizing. Could we go back to the golf shirts for uniform shirts? No, too many quality issues with the golf shirts.

Please email Julia Bilous for any uniform questions and/or concerns. All uniform changes need to be approved by the school board.

It is up to the discretion of the individual parent classroom reps to organize group gifts for their classroom teachers.

If anyone wants or needs to post information or events on the bulletin board at the entrance of the school, please contact Mrs. Narynski.

The next PAC meeting is scheduled for February 7th, 2018 at 7:00 PM in the school cafeteria.

Meeting adjourned 7:42 PM