
St. Joseph Catholic School Council Minutes

Wednesday April 7th, 2010

Attendees: Mrs. Cino, Mr. DeTullio, Lynne Norman, Ted Dekker, Paula Linger, Mr. Czerniga, Lilli Schikolenko, Mrs. Foley, Kaywana Gargarello, Rebekah Jackson, Catherine Sennett, Karen Brookbank

Regrets: Neala Hoad, Steven Murphy

Opening welcome and prayer: Ted Dekker

Approval of Previous Minutes: Motion made to approve minutes - Karen and seconded by Lilli

Follow up/ action items:

1. R.I.C.E information (math strategy) put in to all student's math workbooks
2. Soccer program within school well received

Treasurer's Report:

1. Motion passed to fund \$2.00 per child for the HSR and Eco-House tour. Grade 5 students will now have to pay only \$5.00 each
2. New (separate) Green Tux Account: balance is \$10, 799.08.
3. Catholic School Council Account: balance is \$2040.00

Principal's report: Mrs. Cino

1. French Public Speaking held on March 30th. Great job by all participants.
2. Confirmation preparation took place this week. The Confirmation Retreat will be held on Saturday, April 10.
3. Catholic Education Week: May 3rd - May 7th, 2010.
4. Earth Week: April 19th - 23rd, 2010. See newsletter for information.

Parish Report: Steven Murphy sends his regrets for this meeting.

Fundraising Report: Catherine Sennett

1. Fun Fair and Dance-a-thon date: June 4th, 2010. Rain date for Fun Fair is June 18th, 2010. The Dance-a-thon would remain on June 4th if necessary to postpone Fun Fair due to rain. Catherine will send out a "Save the Date" notice and call for volunteers. All proceeds will go to Catholic School Council account. **ACTION:** Mrs. Cino will look into whether or not the Green Tux Project counts as a charitable recipient for the Catholic School Council's required 10% charitable donation. * A minimum of \$8200 is required each year for the Catholic School Council to meet it's financial commitments. It will therefore have to be decided how much money would be given to the Green Tux Project after these commitments have been met.

French Immersion Report:

1. Kaywana had asked Mr. Crandall if there could be a French Immersion Advisory Committee. **ACTION:** Mrs. Cino indicated that she will bring this up at the next meeting.
2. A McMaster student may be running a French Immersion Camp at St. Josephs this summer. She may give a registration (spot) for the camp as a raffle prize at this year's fun fair. Her camp (Les Petits Pommes) will be promoted at the Fun Fair and there may be an opportunity for older elementary students to be volunteer counsellors. The camp offers 4 two week sessions.
3. The CPF annual general meeting will be at St. Josephs May 19th, 2010. There will be a story teller in the gym for kids (the person from the Petits Pommes camp).

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4. The French Public speaking event takes place at Cathedral next week and then possibly on to Toronto.

Eco Team Report: Rebekah Jackson-Gravelly

1. Information is available in the April Newsletter. It is a busy month for the Eco team due to Earth Week this month.
2. Cleaning of the school gardens will take place
3. Grade 5 classes will attend the Hamilton Eco-fest.
4. All schools are taking part in community clean up April 20th.
5. There is a competition challenging the students to create a piece of art out of recycled materials. Deadline is April 21st.
6. The Earth Walk will take place after recess on Thursday April 22nd.
7. Lights will be kept off on Friday April 23rd.
8. Saturday April 24th is the City's 5K Earth Walk/Run at Bayfront Park. There will be a lunch and some fun activities. After lunch, there will be a tree planting sponsored by St. Josephs.
9. Ink cartridges are still being recycled. Laser cartridges and old cell phones can be placed in the Think Green box in the Library. Rebekah will ask Mrs. Walter to put this info into the school newsletter.
10. Green Team is doing Eco checks 2-3 times per week . No infractions for ?15 days wins the class a civies day.
11. HSR/Eco House tour is scheduled for the morning of May 17th, 2010. Cost is \$7.00 per student (which has been reduced to \$5.00 per student with Catholic School Council's funding).
12. Walk to school notices go home next week encouraging all students to walk to school during Earth Week. Students will be encouraged to decorate their shoes. The public health department has donated some prizes and these will be given to the 4 science teachers to distribute.
13. Bike racks: After acquiring further information, the "free" bike racks are the BMX bike racks with advertising. The Green Apple grant of \$1000.00 has been secured and could be used to purchase bike racks for the school.

GreenTux Project: Karen Brookbank / Ted Dekker

1. Green Tux committee members would like a bigger announcement regarding the bike trip fundraising. Ted still plans to ask other "big names" for support and will also ask the Police re: having them do Cyclemania that day. Students would be dismissed from school at 3pm to receive Ted and other riders as they arrive at the school. Volunteers needed to do helmet checks for students. Rebekah will attempt to get bike racks by then.
2. Gala Fundraiser planning: Proposed date is October 23, 2010. Cost of tickets will be \$100.00 each and there will be both a silent auction and live auction. Hors d'oeuvres and cocktails will be served and the group Funkhaus will be performing. Hamilton Place Studio, Leander Boat Club, Art Gallery of Hamilton and Melrose Church. The committee is looking for sponsorship from the community.
3. Green wrist bands: Lynne put motion forward to use \$420.00 from Green Tux funds to pay for wrist bands. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at : 8:20 pm

Next meeting: Wednesday May 5th, 2010 @7pm

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