

ST. Joseph's School Council

Minutes

Thursday, September 21st, 2023

Call to order

The meeting was called to order by Erika Dalla Torre at 6:05 p.m. in the school library.

Present

Erika Dalla Torre, Teresa Evangelou, Allison Menzies, Fr Alfredo Monacelli, Keefer Pollard, Brianna Shereck, Stephen Wauthy, Mrs. Amos

Absent

Renita Silva and Kian O'Higgins

Minutes Prepared By

Teres Evangelou

Opening Prayer

Led by Fr Alfie

Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved by Allison and Teresa

Approval of Minutes from AGM

The minutes of the last meeting (AGM) approved by Teresa and Brianna

PSG Liason Report- Stephen Wauthy

- First PSG meeting September 12th, 2023
- Fundraisers for the 2023-2024 school year:
- Purdy's
- Hoodies
- Pizza- "Meet the Teacher night"
- Monthly Bake Sales
- Parking lot
- Halloween Howl
- Auditions for "Cats"
- Winter Gala
- Hot Lunches

Finances- Kian O'Higgins

No report- absent

Building and Grounds Report -Allison Menzies

- Fire panel updated.
- Garden work coming along. Noticing a crack in the outdoor stairs. Mr. Pollard to follow up with this and the company doing the work (Acadia).
- Allison will meet with Mrs. Amos re. projects/needs to come.

Marketing and Uniforms-Teresa Evangelou

Uniform sales today generated \$690.

Requested an update on gym strip policy form survey done in the 2022/ 2023 school year.

On the agenda later.

Parish Liason- Brianna Shereck

Nothing to report.

Secretary-Renita Silva

- Regrets tonight

Correspondence

Two letters were received from parents.

A letter was written to Bishop, but no response so came to the LSC.

- Concerns about the lack of catechism at the school
- Sacramental prep. classes outside of school time.
- Lack of weekly mass

Discussion/responses

1. & 2. Enrollment of Catholic families at St. Joseph's is down so seats open to all interested in private school education. Sacraments are requested by the family and not the school.
2. Currently two masses a month. Masses split amongst grades. Fr. Alfie is happy and open to offering weekly mass. Concerns were raised that weekly mass would decrease educational time.

The second letter received was about a safety concern for students in the parking lot.

The issue is addressed in Mr. Pollard's Report.

Administrators Activity Report

Strong start to the school year.

Strong and excited teaching team. Mrs. Amos a great addition to the team and partner.

Parking lot- disruptive first few weeks and then becomes less busy.

Concern that kids are darting between cars at drop off and cars moving quickly through the parking lot.

Supervision is occurring at drop off. Reminders in the newsletter of parking lot etiquette and direction of flow. If a family is seen not following the parking lot practices, they will be emailed.

Father Alfredo Monacelli Report

This year's potatoes harvest was plentiful. Fr. Alfie's garage is full of boxed potatoes to donate to the soup kitchen.

The diocesan appeal is being announced soon in parishes. Discussion of how to reach school families.

Action: Advertise in the school newsletter and potentially set a project or goal for the school to reactive more funds from the appeal.

Youth group – Grades 6-12. 44 students attended the first gathering.

Victoria Tri-Council

No correspondence

New Business

Uniform Survey- results not received from Paul.

Action: Erika to follow up with Paul for the survey results.

Reminder full uniform for mass and assembly.

Next meeting: October 19, 2023 @ 1800

Meeting adjourned @ 1845.

