

École Père Kenneth Kearns Catholic School

School Council Meeting Minutes

January 24, 2017

IN ATTENDANCE	
Natalie Wallace - Chair	Barb Crowley –Treasurer
Karen Bohaychuk– Vice Chair	Heather Weiss - Secretary
Natalie Lavigne	Dora Berry
Carla Weyland	Fernando Soares
Jon Robb	Leanne DiMarcello
Scott Endres	Will Ritchie
SCHOOL STAFF	
Mme. Gravelle - Principal	Carmen Emery – 2E

I. Call to Order

- Natalie Wallace called the meeting to Order at 7:33 pm
- Opening Prayer – Mme. Gravelle
- Approval of Agenda: 1st –Heather Weiss; 2nd – Carla Weyland
- Approval of Minutes from December 20, 2016: tabled until next meeting

II. Old Business

a. **School Council 3 Year Plan** – Natalie Wallace

- Thank-you to everyone who has given feedback on the Council's 3 Year Plan.
- The plan is a living document, so please feel free to provide more feedback as desired
- Plan will be posted on the School's website by the end of the month

b. **Update on Caring Corner** - Karen Bohaychuk

- The option to donate to the Caring Corner was presented on the Hot Lunch order website for January's ordering term.
- A total of \$146 was raised this session; thanks to everyone who donated

III. Reports from Council

a. **Administrative Report -Mme Gravelle**

- i. Merci's and thank-you's – Parlez Francais- M Speers; those who helped with intramurals; House System Committee parent members- Barb, Natalie, Ryley; those who helped with milk, hot lunch, upcoming Carnaval; Mme Abercrombie for Faith Day; Barb for looming; Natalie Lavigne, Lana Panchuck, and Dora Berry for meals for

Pam and Dennis; prayers for Dennis; attending our assemblies. (All are always welcome)

- ii. Mme Gravelle's husband is recovering well from his surgery and they are confident that they got all of the cancer. They are grateful for your prayers and support.
- iii. Mme Byer will not be returning for the rest of the term. Admin is working on hiring a replacement.
- iv. Faith Retreat this Friday: email sent out link: Face2face schedule and a letter and email will be sent home detailing information for the day.
- v. Canadian Parents for French Beginner Course for parents is beginning on Thursday, January 27th and will run for 9 weeks. There are 15 participants so far; will likely be capped at 17. Pam will be teaching the course.
- vi. House System Update
 - 1) Intention:
 - Sense of belonging
 - Creation of community and different ways to organize events
 - Relationship building focus
 - Natural cross-grade mentorship
 - Friendly competition
 - Increased motivation for Lavez les pieds, Parlez Francais, spirit days
 - 2) Creating the house names from French words rooted in hope. Love, faith, and joy; newly formed words.
- vii. Parlez Francais was today; was successful. There were 8 different activities/stations and students could choose to go anywhere, anytime, for however long. Grade 4's were tasked as leaders.
- viii. Calendar for 2017-2018 has been tentatively approved. Attendees performed an activity for a few minutes to provide feedback on the calendar.
- ix. Progress Reports will be available on Feb 8/17. They will be all online on the Power School Website, they are color coded, easy to read. Reviewed the new format on overhead with attendees. ISP's are also linked to the Progress Report. One overall comment for each student.
- x. Accountability Surveys: sent out today by the Government via EICS; it will help to drive our plan on where we're going as a school.
- xi. French Culture Evening will be on March 11/17 at ABJ. There will be dinner, live entertainment. All three French schools in EICS will be working on this together. Tickets going on sale soon, posters to be going up. This is a family event, with the goal to build community; therefore others in our community will also be invited to attend.
- xii. Mr. Eric wants to build a life-sized igloo out of milk jugs, so he's looking for as many milk jugs donated as possible (needs 400)
- xiii. On Carnaval day, the grade 4's from Ben Calf Robe School will be coming to spend time with our grade 4's, to learn more about indigenous cultures. Our students will then visit their school at a later date.

b. Executive Report – Natalie Wallace

- i. Hot lunch -2nd session: (Barb Crowley)
 - Ordering will close this week.
 - Ongoing appreciation to the parents who come and help with Club Moo and Hot Lunch. We are always in need of volunteers.
 - Would like feedback about the hot lunch choices, such as treats and how often. All feedback from everyone is welcome. Would also like feedback re which vendors to use next year.
 - Hoping to find a volunteer to take on the role of hot lunch coordinator for next year and would like them to be part of the ordering process this year.
- ii. Shrove Tuesday/Ceinture Fléchée:
 - B. Crowley is organizing again this year. Contact soon if you would like to volunteer.
 - Dora to contact County for biodegradable plates and cutlery, and compost bins
 - Still working on having the belts for all students. So far all grade 4's have one, and will continue to work down each grade to distribute.
- iii. Family Fun Night:
 - Will be having it again this year, in early May due to people's schedules becoming too busy later on in the year
 - Will be at OLPH again due to the size our school being too small.
 - Two main volunteers working on the event from OLPH, plus some from our school.
 - Feedback and suggestions on the event were invited from attendees.
- iv. Budget Update:
 - Budget was presented, and could be viewed on the reverse side of tonight's agenda. Please see attached for details.
 - This year has been more about rebuilding of funds, hence the increased fundraising.
 - If there are any questions about the budget, please ask Natalie or Barb
- v. Spring Fling Fundraisers:
 - Will be doing Purdy's orders again this year. Order forms will be sent home on March 1, and due back on March 9.
 - Also accepting suggestions for other fundraisers (eg: VIP Meats, Salisbury Greenhouse)
 - Also may be having another Spring planter evening
 - Consider using Mabels Labels in addition to Staples for school supplies ordering.

c. Report of Upcoming Events and Celebrations – Karen Bohaychuk

- January 27th – Face to Face Ministries

- February 15th – Grade 2 Options presentation
- February 15th – EPK Open House
- February 16th - Grade 3 Options presentation
- February 26th – First Eucharist Parent/Child Retreat at 1:00 pm, at the church
- February 28th – Carnaval/Shrove Tuesday; please sign up to help

IV. New business

- a. Learning Commons Sub committee
 - The school would like to evolve the library into a learning Commons.
 - Parents will be needed to form a committee.
 - Funds from Council will be dedicated towards this project
- b. Grade 4 Drama Production
 - This is an all year program.
 - The production will be held at Festival Place
 - Council is being asked to help with cost of tickets. Requesting we donate \$2 per student (the school will contribute the other \$3/student).
 - Motion to contribute \$2 per student toward tickets for the Grad 4 production (up to a max of \$600): 1st – Pam; 2nd – Natalie W. All were in favour.

V. Adjournment

- Meeting was adjourned at 9:02 pm by Natalie Wallace