

St. Ann Catholic School Council Minutes
Monday, October 29, 2018
6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
Learning Commons

Attendance: Gino Pizzoferrato, Joanna Shamon, Maggie Tapp, Sarah Klodnicki, Iryna Holovatska, Vicky Amato, Larisa Khamphoowve, Antonella Salemi, Melissa Gomes-Mero, Martina Roskova, Maureen Weatherston

Prayer: Joanna Shamon. Committee members will rotate providing prayer for upcoming meetings. Maureen Weatherston has volunteered for November.

September Minutes: were approved by Antonella Salemi and seconded by Sarah Klodnicki.

PRO Grant Application: Chair has been advised that no funds will be forthcoming.

Principal's Report - Mr. Pizzoferrato

- Renewing the Promise, A Pastoral Letter for Catholic Education was distributed to committee members. Focus is to sustain, enrich Catholic education. Partnership with parents is encouraged and critical for success. A sub-committee will be struck for further discussion.
- Fundraising will not be the focus of the School Council. Parking proceeds from TiCat games are sufficient for school needs.
- Update regarding Active and Sustainable School Travel Certification: surveys in all classrooms will be undertaken with information gathered sent to City Hall for dissemination. All exits are designated for various grade levels. Discussion ensued re: cars parked on both sides of St. Ann street at dismissal times and the safety issues therein. It was decided that this issue bears further discussion at a later date.
- Health Action Team: student nurses from McMaster University School of Nursing have studied the plan and proposed alternatives with structured play being led by students within play stations.
- A number of parent volunteers are needed at the school. Vicky Amata has been asked to become Parent Rep for Communication.
- Spook-a-thon will be held on Wednesday, October 31st. Mrs. Rizzo is spearheading the event and Mohawk College has provided financial support.
- Parent Conference will be held on Saturday, November 3rd at Bishop Ryan High School. The topics are varied and geared towards all aspects of parenting and education.
- IPAD project will be led by Mr. Cefaloni. Outfitting the primary classes with IPADs for math enhancement will be the focus.
- Progress Reports will be ready for November 13th.
- Elementary School Classes - Reporting: The School Board report indicates trending growth with projections for class staffing. The number of EA's at the school have increased from 8 to 20 over the last 4 years.

Chair Report - Maggie Tapp

- St. Ann Church Christmas Bazaar will be held on November 17 and 18. Volunteers are needed and donations of baked goods, crafts, money, etc. will be gratefully accepted.
- School Council Goals - after much discussion, it was decided the goal will be: Parent Communication and Engagement with Faith Focus. The strategies to achieve this will be determined at a later date.
- Update on Indigo Book Sales: \$900 that equates to approximately 100 books were raised.

School Council

- The roles of the members were reviewed.
- A late nomination package was accepted
- Maggie Tapp will continue as Chair.
- Maureen Weatherston has agreed to record minutes.
- All members of the committee will be voting members of council.

Next Meeting: Monday, November 26th at 6:30 p.m. in Learning Commons