

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER PARENT COUNCIL MEETING

OCTOBER 11 202~~2~~¹

- Opening Prayer Margaret F.
 - Honouring of the Land Margaret F.
 - Welcome to Council Members Adriano Perusin
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1. Introductions and Attendance – Jen Botelho, Trish Vergata, Michelle Bonk, Karen Viloria-Miguel (online), Angella T. (online), Ariana C. (student – online), Tara Romero., Jen Santos, Nazia S., Sidra F., William Bressette.
 2. Student Update Arianna C
 - due to tech difficulties Arianna was unable to present and share student updates.
 - Invite for November meeting to follow.
 3. Review of: Adriano Perusin
 - a. Catholic School Council Code of Ethics – completed by A. Perusin, 4-5 points were specifically highlighted for the Council.
 - b. Vision of parent engagement – collaborative working relationship between school and parents
 - Discussed some options and ideas of how to further involve parent group outside of used uniform sale. i.e., culture night
 - Transition evenings for grade 8 families coming to STFX
 4. Selection/Election of Council Positions:
 - Chair / Co chair – Jen Santos will act as chair
 - Secretary – Michelle Bonk
 - Treasurer – William Bressette. Perusin to share amount of funds in Parent Council SGF line; approximate number was provided – Perusin to follow up with William B. with exact figure.
 - Community Rep – Jen Botelho; Angella T.
 - Parish Rep(s) – Trish Vergata
 - OAPCE Rep – Tara Romero

- STFX staff rep(s) Margaret F. & Holly Roberts
 - Margaret will act as non-teaching rep.

5. Blessing/Commissioning Ceremony -Chapel

- Completed at the end of the meeting in the chapel via Margaret

6. Tour of school and College Fair

- Tour of first floor of school facility.
- Perusin discussed some long-term goals for the school in terms of programming i.e., SHSM programs, OYAP, Dual Credits with Hard Tech (auto & woodworking), cosmetology.

7. Council Chair:

- Financial Report A. Perusin
 - To be shared with William in a follow-up conversation
 - Some unexpected expenses have been received and need to be paid via SGF lines. i.e., yearbook expenses – stimulated some discussion regarding payment of books separately in future years and an adjustment of the overall SGF fee.

8. Review of Council Meeting Dates for the school year A. Perusin

- November and December dates were confirmed; Perusin to send out calendar invited to all members.
- Preference is to have all council members in-person, however Perusin needs to be prepared for virtual attendance for some parents.

9. Principal's Report: A. Perusin

a. Important dates

- Access to important dates on school website under calendar. Trish raised the concern that parents are not able to be added to the Grad update. Perusin to look into this

b. Pro Grant 2022-2023-\$750.00

- Some discussion regarding next steps with funds; do we consider a partnership with Bishop Reding Parent Council or use funds separately; further discussion needed

c. Dinner With Bishop Crosby-November 9, 2022

- School will purchase a table for the evening, Perusin to request Parent Council participation in the event (based on parental availability)

d. Return to School Update

- Sports, clubs, activities are in full swing and student engagement is high
- School administration expectations are high with regards to uniform and behaviour.
- School shoes no longer need to be “majority” black, flexibility in coloring of shoes
- Next meeting requires parental input into school uniform and expectations
- e. New Staff
 - Staff transitioning in and out of building is consistent; Perusin trying to get familiar with names and faces.
- f. SGF balance
 - Healthy school balance, however, there are some expenses from previous year which need to be paid.
 - Financial responsibility is key based on a low rate of Student ~~Activity~~Reg Fees (SAF) being paid
 - Discussion around the cost of yearbooks. Decision was made to distribute yearbooks only to students who have paid the SAF beginning this school year.
 - William B suggested moving up the completion of yearbooks to June of each school year so that they can be distributed to the graduates before they leave
 - Focus on using the funds raised from SAF, after yearbook costs, to support student initiatives and goals
- g. Civvies Days- volunteer paid – funds go to local charities
 - Last Thursday of each month we have scheduled a volunteer paid civies day – funds going to local charities based on discussions with student leader groups.
- h. Uniform expectations
 - Expectations are consistent for all students. School pant and shirt must be worn while in the building with an understanding that students transitioning to the portable may require jackets/coats shortly.
 - The need to identify STFX students is a safety priority for administration as we have had several instances of other students accessing the building already.
- i. Halloween Food Drive
 - Student leaders are running a food drive to support local charities.
 - Jen S asked that the school ensure that food drives/charities funded be local (i.e. in Milton). Last year, funds were raised for a Burlington charity

Jen S asked for an update on the opening of the cafeteria.

10. Student Activity Fees

- See above

11. Chaplain's Report:

- Provided by Molly; she shared some of the initiatives getting off the ground through the chaplaincy program.

12. Goal Setting for the Year Ahead

- Ongoing conversation needs to continue to discuss programming goals for the school.
- Promote the existing SHSMs in the school and there is consideration for additional SHSMs such as Drama & Arts.
- Long-term projections for the school are challenging due to the development in the surrounding neighborhoods
- William B – long term projections for our school will require portables on-site for the foreseeable future

13. Next Meeting Date and Adjournment – November 8. This is Indigenous Veterans Day.
William B requested that we honour fallen Indigenous Veterans at our meeting.