

Minutes- St. Pio's School Council Meeting

Wednesday October 2, 2024, 6:30pm

Attendance:

L. Choporis– Acting Principal, G. Ferarri, J. Fleck, L. Marin, P. Asare,
H. Bountas, A. Rego, N. Eagles, P. Botelho, N.Fernandes

Regrets

G. Asare, S.Nazareth, B. Campusano, D. Anisko

Opening Prayer & Land Acknowledgement Led by L. Choporis (Acting Principal)

Brief introductions of all those present.

L. Choporis led meeting and addressed the Roles of the Catholic School Council and the responsibilities of every member.

Reviewed Minutes from previous meeting - approved J. Fleck, 2nd by A.Rego

CHAIR'S REPORT- Closing Report 2023-2024

- G. Ferrari began by mentioning the success of the 2023/2024 activities carried out by a small group of councils and a few volunteers and thanked them.
- He greeted the council team and welcomed new faces.
- G. Ferrari recalled the activities organized by the council: Pancake Day, Halloween Dance-a-Thon, and the Christmas Fair and how pleased the council was with the results

TREASURER REPORT:

- The Treasurer reviewed the report for the closing year.
- P. Asare reported that the account has been reconciled with a positive balance going forward.
- One Council check was voided. Reimbursement for Council member remains outstanding.
- Outstanding commitments- Agendas for new year 2024/25 Approx \$1300.00

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

Faith

- First mass (Feast Mass) at the school: Celebrating St. Pio- September 23rd
- Monthly scheduling of virtue assemblies, alternating with other liturgical celebrations and masses (ie, Remembrance Day, Holy Week, etc.)
- Spirit Week was held from September 30 - October 4 with a variety of spirit days held throughout the week
- Food drive for Thanksgiving is October 1st- 9th. Food will be delivered to the Food Bank in time for the Thanksgiving weekend
- Candy drive after Halloween for Doctor Simone: Feed the Children
- Truth and Reconciliation Week Sept 23-27. The school planned throughout the week to support greater awareness of this including prayers announcements, read alouds, and other literacy-based activities. Staff and students wore orange shirts on Monday September 30.
- Resuming Youth faith Ambassadors with Grades 6-8
- Ongoing grit initiative to encourage perseverance, dedication, resilience, excellence and commitment
- Registration Information for Confirmation and First Communion was sent home to families via School Messenger
- Confirmation Information sessions offered on Oct 1st and Oct 5th
- First Communion Information Sessions offered on Sept 30th and Oct 5th
- First Communion is May 10th
- Confirmation: TBD

Curriculum/Events

- Immunization Clinic was held for Grade 7 students on September 17th
- Open House was on September 19th. Parents and students visited the school and the classrooms
- Scholastic Book Fair ran the week of September 23- 27. It was a great success
- Terry Fox Event was held on Wednesday October 2, 2024. We have been accepting donations from September 18- October 4th with a goal of \$2500. We also sold Terry Fox t-shirts. Combined t-shirt sales and donations as of October 2nd is \$2090
- PA day being held on Friday, October 11th
- School Photo Day being held on Thursday, October 17th. Picture retake day is November 19th
- Pizza Days are beginning on October 17th and ongoing throughout the year
- Edwins (computers) have been provided once again to all Intermediate students. As well, the grade 6's in our Grade 6/7 class, also receive Edwins
- Purchased 20 more Chromebooks for the school and 10 iPads to support Makerspace
- CCAT gifted screening assessment for grade 4 students will take place the October 22nd- 24th

- Progress Reports are sent home on November 12th and Interviews on November 14th
- Ongoing Literacy support including resources from the Board
- EQAO Results: **Grade 3:** Math 62% Reading 76% Writing 68%
- **Grade 6:** Math 47% Reading 85% Writing 85%
- Excursions: Teachers are beginning to book excursions to support the curriculum
- Nutrition Program: working towards setting it up

Financial

- School Generated has a balance of approximately: \$10000
- Annual budget plan is submitted to the Board detailing plans of expenditures and fund-raising activities.

Extra-Curricular

- Cross Country has started. The tournament will be at Centennial Park
- Junior Volleyball tournament Wednesday, October 9th @ Corpus Christi

Health & Safety/ Plant

- Fire Drills started. We had our first drill of the 3 scheduled for the fall. Lock Down drill was also held
- Monthly Health and Safety inspections. The school is very compliant
- Due to the number of allergies, we ask that food not be brought to school for sharing or for special events
- Volunteers on Trips/ in School – all volunteers must have completed a Criminal Reference Check
- Parents are reminded not to come into the school yard or Kindergarten yard during morning drop-offs as well as during recess

TRUSTEE Report:

Trustee Absent- No Report

PARISH Report:

- No Parish Report

OLD BUSINESS:

- Questions about Courtney seating
- Parking / Kiss 'n' Ride concerns- late students entering school. Can Door 'D' be a solution. Suggested having a parent volunteer to cover the door duty.
- Inquiring about junior sport-perhaps having parent volunteer's coach.
- Requesting more communications for sports- email blast information regarding the sports events and teams.
- Volunteers are encouraged and required to obtain a Criminal Reference Check Level 3 which is valid within the last 6 months- Declarations are also required annually to keep those checks valid.

Officially concluded Council Business for 2023/24

PREMIER COUNCIL MEETING 2024/2025- Oct.2

NEW COUNCIL MEMBERS:

We began with the nomination and election for the 2024-2025 School Council with the following results.

Co-Chair - G. Ferarri

Co-Chair - J. Fleck

Treasurer – G. Asare and P. Asare

Secretary – L. Marin

Parish Rep. - S. Nazareth

Community Rep- B. Campusano

OAPCE Rep. – A. Rego

Members at Large – N. Fernandes / D. Anisko

Teaching Rep. – N. Eagles, P. Bothelo

Non-Teaching Rep. – H. Bountas

Nominations completed @ 7:29pm

2024-2025 MEETING SCHEDULE:

Meetings have been moved to Thursdays @ 6:30 pm in the library

Wednesday, October 2, 2024

Thursday, November 7, 2024

Thursday, February 6, 2025

Thursday, April 24, 2025

Thursday, May 22, 2025

NEW BUSINESS for 2024-2025:

- Fundraising ideas for 2024/2025
- Halloween Spook -A-Thon / Dance-a-thon and our first fundraiser of the year Thursday October 31, 2024.
- Question posed- Do DJs require just a Criminal Reference?
- Kick off assembly for students Monday October 7, 9:30am in the gym.
- Teachers will create a schedule
- Council to sell Pio Points for a chance to win prizes
- Council to purchase prizes, glow sticks,
- Christmas Fair Thursday December 12th- Stations TBD
- Families to bring in a non-perishable item.
- Instead of Santa Pictures G. Ferrari suggested a Grinch Costume.
- Council to reach out to Philip Pocock Photographers to take pictures, and band members to play Christmas music in the foyer as families arrive.
- FEB 2024- Potential Bowling Night
- MARCH 4- Shrove/ Pancake Tuesday- having it catered vs. cooking TBD
- FEB/MARCH- Crispy Cream fundraiser or BDay Cards- BIG BOX
- JUNE 2024- End of year BBQ.
- Members requested a School Letter for Donations. L. Choporis to provide.

CLOSING PRAYER- Led by G. Ferrari

NEXT Meeting for 2024-2025

Thur. November 7, 2024

Meeting adjourned 8: 57pm