

HNOM Catholic School Council

Minutes of Meeting

Wednesday, October 9, 2018

Attendance

Caroline Labelle (Principal)

Pascale Michaud (Vice-Principal)

Sara Reid (Teacher Representative)

Lisa Hilts (Non-Teaching Representative)

Jennifer O'Connell (Treasurer)

John Dewis (Chair)

Erin Wark (Co-Chair)

Angel Horne (Administrator)

Christine Humber (Parish Rep)

Robyn Chartrand

Nina Wolstenhome

Courtney Freeman

Monique Smith

Heather Viebrock

Leslie Murray O'Brien

Laura Devries

Tara Miller

Tracy Ryan

Scott Newton

Andrea Newton

Mrs. Labelle motioned to begin meeting at 6:30 pm

2nd by John Dewis

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Review and approval of minutes from September's meeting.

Approved 1st by Nina Wolstenhome

2nd by Jen O'Connell

*Vote- All in Favour

Election and Nomination Night

John Dewis was elected as Chair and Erin Wark was elected as Co-Chair, Jen O'Connell was elected as Treasurer and Angel Horne as administrator. Voting members that submitted self nomination forms and were in attendance to be nominated are as follows in no specific order: Laura Devries, Courtney Freeman, Heather Viebrock, Tracy Ryan, Nina Wolstenhome, and Monique Smith.

-Constitution review and approval to be discussed at next council meeting in December.

- OPP police record check/vulnerable sector screening to be completed and on file every year for all members of parent council.

Principal Report (Caroline Labelle)

91% of all families have registered for School Cash Online. The remaining prefer to pay with cheque as they do not use online banking.

New "clubs" for grades 3-8 are being held once a month on Friday afternoons.

Pizza on Thursdays will be provided by Milanos in Almonte.

Senior boys and girls soccer teams won first place at the county wide tournament.

EQAO report back for our school indicates grade 3 and grade 6 reading and writing is exceeding the provincial standard level. Grade 3 and grade 6 math not meeting provincial standard. School officials will be working on improving students math knowledge by introducing Junior math meetings after school (Focus on Fundamentals) taught by Educational Assistants. Also, some students will be sent invites to offer math tutoring that will be provided for ½ hour before school.

Construction Update: Parking lot to stay the same size. Play structure for kindergarten and Junior yard will stay once construction is completed. Construction to be completed by February 2019.

The school is now officially peanut free as many kids at our school have severe food allergies and we are one of the only schools within the board that is not yet peanut free. Wow butter will be accepted as long as it is clearly labeled with the official sticker.

Should we change Christmas concert or continue with our tradition and have the concert in the afternoon with all parents in the gym at the same time. Are older students still interested in participating in the Christmas concert or possibly host a Christmas open house with crafts and baked goods, have the students sing Christmas carols in the neighborhood and nursing homes or

offer different times for concert for different grades. Still up for discussion and more ideas. Mrs. Labelle and Mme. Michaud will speak with the students and ask for their opinion.

More yard supervision this year, including 3 yard supervisors, 1 teacher and 3 EAs. Students spend 30 min outside.

Also available this year is Alternative Recess for some eligible students. This gives these students the opportunity to be outside for recess with a small group. Usually 12-20 kids per day. Students will leave class 10 minutes early, go outside for 20 minutes and then have 10 minutes in the library to eat their lunch.

Charity based out of Toronto called DayTrippers could offer us \$20 per student for educational trips throughout the year. All students could participate at little to no cost for parents. Mrs. Labelle will continue to work on applying and let us know the outcome at the next council meeting.

Treasurers Report (Jennifer O'Connell)

Balance \$13,196.42

116 students signed up for popcorn for Oct-Dec.

Jen O'Connell and Jen Cooney are currently looking for volunteers to help with the cemetery maintenance. This would be for approx. 2 hours in May and 2 hours in July to help with the flower beds. If you are interested and would like to help out please contact Jen Cooney at (613) 880-1462. Caroline Labelle mentioned would be a good idea to have some grade 7/8 students help in May.

Parish Report (Christina Humber)

Approx 70% of all students registered at HNOM are Catholic.

Wednesday, October 3 was the first mass for the school held at the church. The hope is to have mass at the church for the students once a month.

Wednesday, October 10 is the First Communion information night for parents. Currently 18 students are enrolled.

Saturday, October 13 is the Confirmation enrollment mass. Currently 20 students are registered.

Financial Matters

-Mrs. Labelle has proposed an idea to replace the furniture in the library with new more modern pieces to better accommodate all students and be a more welcoming place where students can feel comfortable to work and study. Council members suggested asking for a few quotes to present at the next council meeting and have an official vote.

-Need to develop a plan for this year's budget and items council will be supporting and our different fundraisers that will be held throughout the year. John Dewis to present ideas in calendar style at next meeting so everyone can be on the same page and work towards the same goals for the year.

-PIC/PRO grants for this year not yet been approved. Erin Wark will follow up and discuss at meeting in December.

-Jen O'Connell suggested we purchase 2 sports team shelters. *Vote* All in Favor
Approx \$452 for two 10 x10 Coleman shelter tents. Jen will work on ordering these.

Motion for meeting to be adjourned at 8:58 pm 1st John Dewis

2nd Heather Viebrock

**Vote All in Favour

Sub-Committee meeting to organize and discuss Spaghetti Dinner will be held
Thursday, November 8 at 6pm. All are welcome.

Next council meeting date: **Thursday, December 13, 2018 at 6:30 pm.**

Upcoming Events

-PA Day- Fri, Oct 26th

-Picture Retake Day and Class Photos- Thurs, Nov 1st

-Spaghetti Dinner and parent teacher interviews- Thurs, Nov 29th from 4-7:30pm

Addendum: Andrea Lee will be organizing a Christmas wreath fundraiser and will send out the order forms in early November. She is looking for volunteers to help with the wreath pick up after school on Monday, December 3rd from 3:30-5:30pm. Please email Andrea if you are able to help out that afternoon.