

St. Gregory Catholic School Council Meeting - October 10, 2018

Attendees

P=Present, X=Absent

Position	Name	Attendance
Chair	Mara Juneau	P
Vice Chair	Melissa Robinson	P
Treasurer	Brandon Shilson	P
Secretary	Jamie Jewell	P
Community Representative	William Dickens	P
Voting Member	Allie Daniel	P
Voting Member	Rosario Espinosa-Padilla	P
Voting Member	Sarah Desjardins	P
Voting Member	Artur Topor-Hurianski	P
Principal	Paula Perrault	P
Vice Principal	Michael Crossan	P
Teacher Representative	Lisa Bourette	X
Non-Voting Member	Linsey Sherman-Zekulin	P
Non-Voting Member	Lauren Doudall	X
Non-Voting Member	Andrea Orr	X

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Council Documents: <https://www.dropbox.com/login> Reach out to Brandon to be added

6:37 – Call to order

1. Welcome & Opening prayer
2. Elections-Linsey Sherman-Zekulin
 - a. Overview of election process
 - i. Chair
 1. 2 nominations, Artur and Mara
 2. Mara Juneau Elected
 - ii. Vice Chair
 1. 2 nominations, Artur and Melissa
 2. Melissa Robinson Elected
 - iii. Treasurer
 1. 2 nominations Allie and Brandon
 2. Brandon Shilson Elected
 - iv. Secretary
 1. Jamie Jewell Appointed
 - v. Community Representative

1. 2 nominations William and Rosario
 2. William Dickens Elected
- vi. Voting Members- 4 positions acclaimed
Rosario Espinosa-Padilla, Sarah Desjardins, Allie Daniel, Artur Topor-Hurianski

3. Reports & Updates

- a. Principals Report-Paula
 - i. EQAO-look at the trends over time. Doing well, big gains in math scores.
 1. 99% reached provincial avg. for reading, 88% for math
 - ii. Parking at Car gate
 1. 2 waves this year; Parents can pick up at 3:15 for an early pick-up, alleviating the congestion.
 - iii. CDSBEO week Oct 15-19
 1. Board wide initiative- to launch new board theme
 2. All next week, each school has their own take on explaining the theme
 3. Expanding on bucket filling theme. Overriding theme-treat others how you want to be treated. Jesus as a bucket filler.
 - a. Monday-Reading bucket filling book and figuring out how to apply it to their lives and the **community**.
 - b. Tuesday-bucket filling at **school**. Tangible things- manners, friendly greetings, courtesy. Taking picture of all the kids from the roof.
 - c. Wednesday-Being a **buddy**.
 - d. Thursday- Focus on the **environment**.
 - e. Friday-ourselves. Filling our **own** bucket. Self-care and Christian meditation. 'Bucket full' assembly.
 - b. Teachers Report – Paula for Lisa Bourette
 - i. Zones of Regulation training and Mental Health – Mme. Hanson
 - ii. Wits Assembly
 - iii. Loose parts items
 - iv. Fire Prevention
 - v. Food drive
 - vi. Resources for French Teachers- trying to beef up immersion resources
 - vii. Library turnover and beep system- refresh on the library. Beep system will be a bar code scanner to keep track of the books. Significant costs associated.
- ### 4. Technology in the Classroom Presentation – Mariana Bruyere
- a. There is never enough funding for technology. Items are very expensive.
 - b. Learning with IPADS- support technology, science, language and math. Good tool for learning. Aids with coding and problem solving.
 - c. Text to speech for those who have trouble writing.
 - d. 100% motivation when using
 - e. Coding Challenge
 - f. \$100 up. Progressive learning toys. Open ended. The learning is limitless. Simple to complicated.
 - g. Great for promoting learning by trial and error and the benefit of trying again.

5. School wish list-Paula Perrault

- a. 14-15 IPADS- every classroom to have at least 1 and the writing group 3-4
- b. \$550 taxes in with charger and Otterboxes
- c. Approx. \$7,000 total.
- d. Coding items, say \$1000 in funding, station for library and a set of 4 or 5 for the classrooms.
- e. Outdoor classroom- 4 photo ideas presented – get quotes so we can determine funding
- f. Deck vs. Logs in a circle. 31 logs- spring project but we can plan.
- g. Discussion around council paying for technology. Wait to raise money for technology.

Action: Paula to look into costing for coding and share.

Action: Move to next agenda for voting. Have cost estimates in front of us to make a decision for the next meeting.

6. BBQ & Open House update- Paula

- a. Overall it went well.
- b. Long wait to buy food. How do we get people to order in advance?
- c. Preorders – not enough tickets. Make sure there are enough for the prepaid orders.
- d. Discussion on different food other than BBQ to be able to serve faster.
- e. A lot of the Knights are resigning.

Action: Brandon to bring financial update to the next meeting.

7. New Business

- a. Appointing Linsay Sherman-Zekulin
 - i. Motion: Jamie, Second Melissa
- b. Scientists in the School-Melissa
 - i. Falls under wish list and maybe we can spend some funding on. Melissa volunteered with it at her old school. Scientist put on presentations for the children.
 - ii. Curriculum based presentations, can be made age appropriate.
 - iii. Subsidized \$200 per session. Teachers would need to source 4-5 parent volunteers for each presentation.
 - iv. Option for teachers if they are interested.
 - v. If all the teachers want it (21 classrooms) it would cost \$4200.
 - vi. Maybe the science night is the best option?
 - vii. Parent reaching out grant. At the end of the school year. Up to \$1000. Must meet criteria.
 - viii. Maybe a grade gets together and does a science night.
 - ix. Maybe a goal for next year.

Action: Melissa to apply to Parent Reaching out grant in May when it becomes available for next year.

Action: Paula to talk to teachers to vet interest.

- c. Bouncer costs for carnival
 - i. Brandon got quote to hold date
 - ii. Booked second Thursday in June – June 13th

Action: Brandon to post to Facebook

- d. Parent lending library
 - i. Historically lent to parents in crisis or need help.
 - ii. Between the 2 couches in the lobby.
 - iii. Great resources on bullying, confidence, etc.
 - iv. Good option to invest council money in more books.

- e. Yard toys
 - i. Paula went to Value village and bought pots and pans
 - ii. No need for more toys at this time

- f. Yard drainage
 - i. No update yet
 - ii. Discussion around timing

Next Meeting: **Wednesday Nov 7 at 6:30 PM**

Movie night November 16th