

St. John CHS School Council Meeting Minutes

Monday October 3, 2016 7pm

Attendance: Catherine English, Janey O'Dacre, Sandra Theobald, Student Council leaders: Annie Stranberg, Shannon Retty, Kate Thornton, John Healey, Julie Dowdall, Brenda Noonan, Jeanne Seguin, Tamara Derkzen

- Mr. Healey welcoming everyone. Opening prayer.
- No additions to the agenda.
- Minutes of last meeting, May 2, 2016 were reviewed and approved.
- **Principal's report. Student council report**—A *Halloween dance* is planning for the end of the month. There is a plan to have 2-3 dances this year. There is a *student-teacher baseball game*, coupled with a barbeque this Friday, Oct 7. The football game 2 weeks ago went well—council ran a canteen which was successful and St. John's won! Grade 9s have been elected to council and all is going well so far. **Intermediate report**—sports are all running and going well. Staff are looking into how to structure the intermediate schedules such that the students have a day divided into 2, with lunch occurring more in the middle of the day, assimilating the intermediate students in with the high school students more. **High School**—high school sports are also going well, as well, swimming will be starting in a few months. The spirit day and Terry Fox run was successful. A new *musical theatre class* will be offered this year co-taught by Ms. Walford, Mr. Doucette and Ms. Doyle. Trips planned this year include the *Dominican Republic poverty exposure trip* as well as the *Costa Rican trip* with Ms. Doyle. The *Hedley concert* went very well. Mr. Peters is preparing a board presentation about this Relay for Life and concert.
- **Microsoft Showcase School presentation.** Mrs. Sandra Theobald. St. John put in an application to be a Showcase school and was granted this. Grade 6-8s will be working with *Office 365* to make language learning effective for all, especially for students with learning challenges. A student tech leadership team has also been developed, which is very exciting. Part of the package is also focussed on building staff comfort with the applications and learning tools. Mrs. Theobald identified a program goal to build a third bank of computers for student use.
- **Catholic School Council Summit.** Occurs Thursday Oct 27 at 530pm at St. Michael's School in Kemptville. Dinner is included in the various workshops that are focussed on math.

- **Early Start.** Mr. Healey shared that discussions are beginning around changing the start and end times for students; specifically considering an early start which many schools have adopted. There are many good reasons to consider this including less lost time for sports, stream-lined bus routes and to be more in line with other schools within the board. He mentioned that there will be many more conversations about this, along with a pros and cons analysis. The Board expressed some concern that if students are on the bus longer, it may not be practical.
- **Treasurers Report.** Jeanne shared that the Council has \$5321 in the used uniform account, and \$232 in the general account. All agreed that the used uniform sale has been very successful. *Thank you to Jeanne & Janey and all the volunteers for all your hard work.*
- **Requests and Bills.** Council approved \$89 for sewing and Staples supplies, \$74 to provide uniforms for a student in need, \$141.47 for refreshments for the open houses, and \$500 to purchase 1 computer for Ms. Theobald We will consider purchasing a second computer down the road. Jeanne will also look into purchasing a large barbbq for the Relay for Life and other events.
- **Twenty fifth anniversary** of school building. St. John elementary school is also going to be 200 years old, so there is the opportunity to celebrate the 2 anniversaries together during the 2017/2018 year.
- **Elections.** Chair—Jeanne to remain. Secretary—Tamara to remain. Treasurer—no expressions of interest at this time but Jeanne will get report from Leanne and present to Council. Community Rep—Vivian may still be interested in this. Student Reps—Kate, Shannon and Annie. Non-teaching Rep—John will ask staff. Huge thank you to everyone.
- **Next meeting date:** Monday, November 21 at 7pm.