



2024-25 St. Helen Catholic School Council

Chair – Mrs. S. Tomaino
Treasurer – Mrs. G. Tota
Secretary – Mrs. T Landriault
OAPCE Rep – Mrs. J. Field
Parish Rep – Mrs. P. Tryfanow
Principal – Mr. Furtado
Teacher Reps – Mrs. Kosik, Mrs. Kirkbride
Non Teacher Rep – Mrs. Tiberi
Member at Large – Mr. C. Adamiec

Meeting Date: December 2, 2024

Attendees: Mrs. S. Tomaino, Mrs. G. Tota, Mrs. T Landriault, Mr. Furtado, Mrs. Kosik

Regrets: Mrs. Tiberi, Mrs. J. Field, Mrs. P. Tryfanow, Mr. C. Adamiec, Mrs. Kirkbride, Mrs. A. Williams

Agenda:

1. Opening Prayer & Land Acknowledgement
2. Approval of the Minutes from Last Meeting
3. Approval of Tonight's Agenda
4. Treasurer's Report
5. Parish Report
6. Teacher Report
7. Chair's Report
8. Principal's Report
9. New Business
10. Meeting Adjournment & Closing

Opening Prayer & Land Acknowledgement:

- Mr. Furtado completed

Approval of the Minutes from Last Meeting/Tonight's Agenda:

- Approval of October 10, 2024 minutes, seconded by Mrs. Tota
- Approval of agenda, seconded by Mrs. Landriault

Treasurer's Report:

- \$6,219.13 account balance
- Less \$813.59 (\$653.59 for the poinsettias and \$160.00 for the greenery)
- Net \$5,405.54
- Waiting for pizza dough fundraiser cheque, so balance will increase

- June withdrawal error was rectified in October
- X-movement will come back to the School – cost \$1,186.50
 - Council needs to vote if \$500 pro-grant can go towards the cost
 - Includes K-8 and parent engagement events
 - School asked if Council can contribute an extra \$600
 - No Council funds if Council still giving \$100 allocation/classroom
- Gr. 8 composites
 - School to confirm if \$500 will cover all the students
- Gr. 8 medals
 - School to confirm if \$200 is enough
- Gr. 8 plaques
 - School to confirm if \$145 is enough
- Basketball net – will allocate \$0 for now
- Additional amounts allocated to the budget totalling \$3,700, which includes allocations for kinder/gr. 8 grad \$400, Chocolates \$160, Play Day \$70, Breakfast with Santa \$350, Shrove Tuesday \$100, etc
- Will email the budget for Council to vote

Parish Report:

- No report

Teachers Report:

- Preparing for Christmas concert
- Canvassed staff about opportunities for parents to volunteer for sports teams, but not needed at this time
 - Other opportunities for parents to volunteer, such as with the Eco-team, Shrove Tuesday, Play Day, etc
- \$100 allocation/classroom – 11 in total
 - Council agreed that teachers must spend by Feb 7
- Indoor/outdoor equipment
 - Council discussed allocating the Nov Dough raiser funds (\$290) plus an additional \$100 toward the equipment
- Technology
 - Uncertain how Board will be treating tech budget, so may need to support from School budget

Chair's Report:

- Chocolate fundraiser
 - Sold 44 boxes and received \$150 in donations
 - After the online fee, delivery charge and prizes, we raised \$1,674.99
- Spook-A-Thon
 - Budgeted to spend \$131.14, but actual spent was \$64.87
- Dominoes Dough Fundraisers
 - Raised \$290 in November – funds to go towards indoor/outdoor equipment

- Council needs to vote on doing the January event on a Tuesday or a Friday and what the funding will be used to support
- Poinsettias/Greenery fundraiser
 - Sold 35; to confirm amount raised
- Breakfast with Santa
 - Sold 47 package A and 33 package B thus far; need to get updated totals from Mrs. Tiberi
 - Council is picking up supplies for the event
 - School confirmed that there is no permit on Fri, Dec 6, so Council can set up on Friday morning
- Krispy Kreme
 - Plan for funds to go towards school jerseys

Principal's Report:

- Upcoming events:
 - School is doing well in sporting events
 - Breakfast with Santa coming up on Dec 7
 - Gr. 6-8 going to Iona on Dec 10
 - Advent mass and virtue assembly in December
 - Christmas spirit week has various themes each day
 - Holiday food drive – families asked to bring a non-perishable food item to the Christmas concert
 - Angel tree to support families in the community

New Business:

- Discussed other fundraising opportunities
 - Silent auction
 - School prefers to avoid
 - Would need to have rules to share with the community
 - Can only do if the prizes are only available to students
 - Spring craft table
 - School needs to confirm if this would be possible
 - Look at other existing activities
 - Consider charging a per student fee for Spook-a-thon
 - Consider charging for a Santa photo at Breakfast with Santa

Meeting Adjournment & Closing:

- Mr. Furtado completed