

ST. AUGUSTINE SECONDARY SCHOOL-SCHOOL COUNCIL MINUTES

Date : Monday, November 20th, 2023

Time: 6:30 pm

Location : School Library

ATTENDEES :

Jason Pratt : **Principal**

Marisa DeOliveira: **Teachers Rep**

Katrina La Nave & Laurie-Ann Clark : **Co-Chairs**

Anda Cunningham, Marsha Vigneault : **Secretaries**

Anna D'Agostino & Vijay Ojar : **Treasurer**

Laurie-Ann Clark: **OAPSE Rep**

Marsha Vigneault: **Parish Rep**

Other Attendees: Bob Romano, Kristina Porter-Ovialo

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 6:45

OPENING PRAYER

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Minutes Approved: Anna D'Agostino & Anda Cunningham

STUDENT REPORT

- Nov. 30th-dress up like a teacher/ student-\$1.00 fundraiser
- Spirit Week before break-fun events and games Dec 18th -22nd-movie night, ugly sweater day, bake sale, accessory day, ornament painting day, gingerbread house making contest fundraiser-\$10
- winter concert-dance team, choir and band, auditions for the concert date TBA (Maybe Dec. 22nd during the day during period 4)
- Civvies Day-maybe Nov. 30th
- student council will have a booth at the grade 8 night
- volunteering for Gr. 8 open house/information night-90 volunteers for small group tours
- ACER funded tree planting-Nov. 16th-planted 60 trees by the field. Several students volunteered
- dunk the halls coming up during last week of December
- senior sunrise with a reception after, with hot chocolate and timbits
- halloween costume contest

TEACHER REPORT

- lots of trips planned
- cost of bussing has increased- to almost \$388
- trips are starting in all departments
- push this year from all departments is experiential learning
- Different departments-social justice tour, AGO art lesson on feminism, conference at york university
- environmentalism-gr. 10, ROM, temple hops, Science Centre for science department, Rose Theatre to see Macbeth

- wake a thon is in 2nd semester-Friday to Saturday 7pm to 7am (need enough supervision for it to occur)-cost is usually \$40-set up in library-movies, games, haven't decided where to donate money yet
- applied to attend Peel Water Festival
- applied for YPI -\$5000--donate to charity in Brampton

CHAPLAIN REPORT

- opening school mass at St. Jerome parish-students very well behaved
- morning announcement team-read by students-spec ed students are involved too
- retreatsprogram started
- Gr. 9-Beginnings
- Gr. 10-Network
- Gr.11-Temple Tour
- Gr.12-Give Back
- advent liturgies last week of school
- Nov. 27th-Christmas Drive-19 families in need

CHAIR REPORT

- Catholic Council training session-virtual-Nov 30th-7pm -8:30-link will be sent
- central committee meeting informed that we will be getting Parent Involvement Grant
- think about what to use \$500 for
- Council Survey needs to be completed-achievements and activities and goals
- achievements-parent initiative and involvement night-Paul Davis was a suggestion-costs about \$2600+-hard to get. Could do it with several of the feeder schools and bring their councils and parents.
- goals-interview night to market council to get more parents engaged, have coffee and treats and get people to sign out
- uniform sale
- Dominoes fundraiser-\$5 from each pizza goes to school-Financial Drive store on a set date -look at dates. Max 2 days. Look at Feb.19th-family day

TREASURER REPORT

PRINCIPAL REPORT

- Instagram Handle- @staugss
- Academic Awards-very well attended
- Gr. 8 visits Nov. 14th-invited all 8 of feeder schools, 5 schools attended,-to become familiar with school and dispel myths, school tour, saw an exhibition game, saw step team perform, chose 1 student from each school to a free throw, went to caf - hot dogs and juice boxes
- push for 7's and 8's to come in and visit-recruit more of the students from feeder schools and not have them leave the area to go to other schools
- gr.8 information night, small group tours, 20 classrooms opened up for students to visit and see
- focus on trying to ramp up Science and Tech and Engineering-University Path
- looking to get a designation the school as a Regional STEM school-for engineering, sciences, and math

- parents want a reason to come to the school
- modernizing and updating weight room-make it more equitable for female students
- appeal to move to a more diverse set of fitness training-multipurpose fitness facility
- getting a 2nd busette for trips, sports, retreats-will be here for next year
- Activity Fees-\$45
- Yearbook separate cost-\$30 around
- use School Generated Funds to run activities and events at school
- lots of clubs and sports for students to engage in and become involved in

OTHER BUSINESS

FUTURE MEETING DATES

All begin at 6:30pm in St. Augustine Library

February 12th

April 8th

May 13th

MEETING ADJOURNED

7:40pm