

# École St. Mary School Council Monthly Meeting

October 12, 2022

## ESM Library

**Mission Statement:** To support and enhance student learning in our school community.

1. Approval of Agenda  
Brody – do we email agendas out prior to the school council meetings.  
Kiera will email the agenda out based on the email list that was created  
Introductions  
Motion of approval – Roisin  
All in favor - Unanimous
2. Approval of Minutes from September meeting  
Motion to approve – Wendy  
All in favor – Unanimous
3. Board Report – Tricia Doherty  
Board had first meeting at the end of September.
  - St. Martha's had first pow wow in three years, significant turn out and many other schools attended. Received their Blackfoot name, it means "Holy Spirit lodge"
  - Holy Spirit Stars are a way to recognize students above and beyond what is going on in schools. Names are submitted to the office and the office passes the names to Rhonda who publishes them. This year we are going to recognize the Sacraments on Holy Spirit stars. Many students are falling behind on their Sacraments. Important to recognize these students as part of Catholic schools. Dedicated and hardworking student awards are not necessarily for high grades but to recognize students who are accomplishing amazing things.
  - Alumni can be Holy Spirit stars as well
  - Tricia can and is willing to submit names for Holy Spirit Stars as well.

#### 4. Business Arising:

- a) Next hot lunch – due to carnival should we bump Edo earlier in Nov. and do hot dogs in Dec. if we have leftovers from the carnival?
  - a. Current hot lunch is ordered and organized. Subway has everything packaged in homerooms. Brody and volunteers will deliver
  - b. Hot dogs for next month – Maybe leave hot dogs for carnival and have Edo for this hot lunch instead. Edo had been set up for a Wednesday but currently this hot lunch is set for a Thursday. Kiera thinks it should not be difficult to shift the day.
  - c. Roisin is organizing this hot lunch and is willing to try to develop the approval letter and try to set it up for Wednesday November, 2<sup>nd</sup>. Roisin is going to ask if there are any available discounts because Edo is fairly expensive. Brody asked about if there are differences in price if juice boxes are not included. If there are then we can investigate prices of juice boxes from another location.
  - d. Edo will be for just grades 1 – 6 on Wednesday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>.
  - e. The date for hot lunch for Hot Dogs is potentially December, 1<sup>st</sup>. Due to if there are extra hot dogs from the Carnival it may be useful to have the hot lunch soon after the Carnival.
  - f. Check if Heather is in charge of the hot dog hot lunch.
- b) Carnival
  - a. Wendy, Heather, and Savio are working on the carnival
  - b. Reorganizing a bit this year – revamping the prize table
  - c. 5:00 – 6:00 Food, 5:30 – 6:30 Carnival on November 17<sup>th</sup>
  - d. Chips are being donated by Frito Lay
  - e. Lots of volunteers will be requested this year in order to try streamlining the Carnival
    - i. Roisin – Is there a way to call for volunteers from other schools?
      - 1. Potentially ask leadership classes from St. Francis and Student Council from CCH
    - ii. Wendy – 10 stations for volunteers, volunteer for one hour
  - f. Expecting 400 – 500 people
  - g. Brody – Silent auction and donating items
    - i. Spread the word for donations. Silent auction is usually pretty successful.
    - ii. Roisin – Is there a letter to give to companies to ask for donations?
      - 1. Savio may have a letter from years ago.
    - iii. Can we do the silent auction somewhere other than the gym? It gets very busy

1. The library could potentially be used for the silent auction instead
  - iv. Brody - Can School Council donate a big prize for the silent auction?
    1. What about a Chapters basket?
    2. A lego basket?
    3. Make baskets available to view in the office might help generate some excitement about the silent auction
  - v. Wendy – Please spread information about the silent auction so people are aware of it
  - vi. Motion for two 100-dollar baskets as prizes for the silent auction from school council
    1. Kid baskets – Lego basket, Chapters basket – Heidee and Wendy will be in charge of the baskets
    2. Tricia - Potentially support a local bookstore instead? Analogue books?
    3. Noreen seconds the motion
    4. All in favor - unanimous
  - h. Malorie – what about potentially selling tickets for draws for prizes?
    - i. Kiera – that may not be able to be done as it becomes a lottery instead of a donation
    - ii. St. Patrick’s had an event that had draws but it was adults only and had all the required licenses
    - iii. Silent auctions do not potentially need any licenses
  - i. Potentially a map of the carnival will be created since it has been a while since the last carnival
    - i. Noreen – potentially emailing the map out early would be useful
  - j. Stuffed animal donations can be brought to the office
    - i. Any donations are accepted
- c) Update on school shirts – Kiera
- a. Total for shirts comes to approximately 4005 dollars
  - b. Majority of teachers voted for one color for all t-shirts instead of house colors
  - c. For them to start the order a 50% down payment will be required. It will take about 3 weeks for the order
  - d. Should we go forward with a different color from powder blue?
    - i. Do we want to have the same colors as St. Francis or CCH or different colors?
    - ii. Brody – concerns about student in future years not having a shirt if this is not something done each year.

1. Should we order more shirts than necessary so we have extras if required?
  2. Should those extras be sold to students and, if so, does the money go back to school council or the school?
  3. Ask the staff to vote for the color of the shirt.
- e. Wendy – Motion to amend the amount of money to 4200 dollars in order to buy a few extra shirts
- i. Heidee seconds the motion
  - ii. All in favor – unanimous
5. Treasurers report
- a. Some profit from subway lunch
  - b. 3500 dollars left to use on what is needed
  - c. Carnival and lunches should provide some extra money
6. New Business:
- a) Fundraising for this year based on teacher's Wish List
    - a. Kiera – No one has added anything to the wish list yet. This could be decided after we know what we get from fundraising
    - b. Wendy – Other commitments – Student council has previously committed 1500 dollars for ski trip and camp trip
      - i. Intent to commit 1500 dollars to the ski trip and 1500 dollars for the camping trip
    - c. Kiera – would student council be interested in increasing the amount of donation for these trips
    - d. Roisin – Previously school council would provide money to each classroom but it was not well utilized – should we not provide this money to each class but to the whole school instead this year?
    - e. Kiera – There are committees in the school for wellness, sports, faith, and leadership – school council could provide some funding for each of those committees instead?
  - b) School dance
    - a. Brody – Is a school dance going to happen this year?
      - i. Would the school dance be planned by the school or school council?
      - ii. This will be decided later in the year
  - c) School lunches/microwaves
    - a. Brody – There was a question about availability of microwaves and the possibility of a milk cart
      - i. Kiera – The school provides breakfast for any students who require some food, there is no food sold. Microwaves are difficult to supervise and keep clean. They can also be a hazard and the school does not have the staffing available for supervision all the time.

- ii. Kiera – Milk cart is a possible option but someone will have to find out more information about this

7. Principal's Report

a. Turkey dinner

- i. Turkey dinner will be provided by Prime. Money will be provided from various sources (school may be able to provide some money, maybe pay 3 dollars a plate similar to a hot lunch) and school council will assist with what else is necessary.
- ii. Wendy – motion for 1500 dollars towards Turkey lunch
- iii. Roisin – Seconds the motion
- iv. All in favor - unanimous

8. Samaritan Stars

- a. Roisin – Samaritan stars to all the teachers volunteering for after school clubs
- b. Wendy – Samaritan star to Brody for stepping in for Heather today
- c. Kiera – Samaritan star to everyone in school council

9. Closing Prayer