

Monday October 2, 2018

Regrets; Cynthia Bonar, Cheryl McKeown, Trish Cabrias

Attendance: Kelly Thomas, Andrea Mangos-Mureddie, Melissa Lavelle-Alsdo, Tammy Sova, Mary James, Monique Christie, Julia Donovan, Vicky Agiannidis-Zucaro, George Abdo, Mirco Cabrias, Laura Celsie, Rob Fortin, Karolina Baker

Welcome and prayer

Introductions

Principals address: 50th anniversary event DCDSB. Number of events this year. The 15th is the 50th day; will be different activities planned by staff. Will be promoted on the 25th. All about promoting catholic education. Holy trinity 50th year, the year of joy, renewing the promise. Review of renewing the promise. Consultation email was sent out to parents. Received thousands of responses. Copies ordered for everyone A few copies here tonight. Banner for every event for the 50th year

Fundraising: Lisa D'Amica – she, Mr. Fortin and Karen Rankin. Leftover fundraising from last year. Each division got some money towards bussing costs. Grad expenses a little overboard – includes, lights, awards, foods, décor and whole year awards. Emergency busses. Track and field – most schools charge for it, we don't. Class fans, salmons, culture night etc. Shade tent for teams, downpayment for gala, ipads.

Overall about \$5100, spent \$4800. leaves \$300 remaining,

Fresh from the farm bought the basketball net.

Might be two portables added out there.

Alleyway to Cochrane is now closed

Lunch programs \$1500 – used for sports jerseys

Share life donated \$850 – recognized as one of the top fundraisers

Durham childrens foundation usually about \$500 for families- done discretely

Sand and mulch, projectors, two classes don't have. D'youville will bring their own. Bought three backups from amazon

One class needs new IVP -grade 3 french immersion IVP only requires whiteboard– better than smartboard.

Ipad, chromebooks – always in use, can't keep them in here. Seem to have a three year lifespan – continuing to replenish.

Volleyball nets and posts are in rough shape

Robotics

EQAO – review of handouts. In summary - Kids are liking math more, like to read more. Attitude scores going up, actual scores going down (provincially)Primary school is at 82 board is at 75 (small sample)

Math - wondering is it language piece (French immersion). Thinking questions were most trouble. Everyone looking into (board, school etc). help clarify the language.

Juniors- grade sixes French and English doing well with reading but again fell down again in math. students like to read, write, math – attitudes going up.

Trends over time – can't compare different kids. Take three years and average it out 65% are at level 3 or 4 in patterning. Geometry 60% below. Data management 70% above number sense 70%. Parent event coming. Application and thinking questions

Last years EQAO Results come this week to parents.

Are they getting rid of the testing? Its good information. Doesn't rank schools. Some people don't care and want rid of it. Not a positive attitude towards it. Might look different in future. Lot of stress for kids. Prep on EQAO site. Some parents stress out and get tutors.

Thought eqao reflected format teachers taught at school. Some eqao cant use tools, some can. Primary is a lot of hands on doesn't translate well to pen and paper. Need to find balance. Standardized and field testing to thousands – questions asked every year.

Demonstration of questions kids are struggling with. – kids too worried about what formula to use. At what point do strategies become a barrier. (particularly junior kids) great at graphs and data, not at probability.

Now that the curriculum is being changed, how does that effect. Government focus on fundamentals. Not throwing everything out, refreshing. Things like pennies still in curriculum. Tweak and update. Very logical, used throughout world (Ontario document) balance simple and complex.

Gala update

Underway. Booked Tosca 6:30, dinner 7:30 – move if needed. Menu similar, went out Friday. Posted reminder today. Donations for silent auction. Focus on getting larger items. Get donations, drop in office. Cutoff for tickets October 29 numbers to hall, add a few that week. Need 170. Tickets starting now. Full table \$400 (10 people) paid at one. Sweet table, involve parents.. four course meal. Décor included (tables, chairs etc) max 350 people. cash bar, silent auction, dj, raffles, 50/50, slides, self - coat check

Sign up for fundraising committee – meet october 10 then every week going forward. Meet at community place. Normally meet for a few hours.

Dress code – changed from last year -old one three bullets, detailed- maintain Christian standards. Appropriate for activities. Dealing with a lot in grade 6 plus. Handful of kids. Handled in respectful manner. Indoor footwear, jewellery etc. Staff – business casual. Footwear appropriate for activity. Dress down for charity, special mandated days (orange, purple etc) spirit days etc. Principals dress appropriate. Kids happy and safe more important. Group reminders. Same for volunteers. Lulu is the biggest issue.

Upcoming events – open gym one Thursday a month – nothing planned yet. One Thursday Monique can teach European handball

Movie for one, change up what to do. D’youville will have one night as well

Hot dogs days Oct 15, December 10 (depends if moving week) Oct is good. Envelopes only. Healthy hunger – nothing on go – add on for lunches helping parents. Someone needs to take on, set up online, gets delivered, hasn’t been a big hit here – maybe 20 or 30 so far. More of a convenience

Christmas – no pageant this year cause of move. What alternatives. 50th day history of rock and roll maybe culture day around x-mas instead. Do something in December but nothing that requires rehearsal etc. open house, gathering etc. culture night was awesome, huge success- maybe do with crafts, santa, food in hall etc. when we do pageant again, almost at capacity at church. All saints smaller. Change format. Maybe split out grades, afternoon and night etc.

Up to 340 kids and projected to grow

Look at first week of December as latest

Breakfast with santa – December 1 – conflict with communion retreats also santa parade. At appelbys. Santa, kids serve etc.

School swag – up and coming. Like to get shirts, toques, sweaters. Find the right suppliers to get shirts, look at subsidizing for some families.

Yard etiquette- what’s happening – good – new students who don’t speak English, older kids rally to help. Paired up with buddies. Friends stay together where possible in classes.

Yard not crammed, more pavement. Intermediates hanging out on landing. Maybe picnic tables to hang out. Bring them together to hang out. Bad - competitive sports -ultra competitive kids who must win. Competing outside school and in. space is never an issue lots of space. Sacrificing between keeping within earshot and giving more space. 5 or 6 adults, but harder to hear everything. Minimal fights a year (3-4) very minor. Very good community here. Embrace newcomers and know each other well. Language also an issue. Bad language heard more in the yard than the internet. Worse here than other schools. Many different people, backgrounds, parenting styles, family situations

Dcpic has all sorts of information – check out facebook page, website etc.

Municipal elections – new catholic trustee – is our parent voice on the board oct 22

Scientists in the school – used to be subsidized ends up \$200 plus each class – do we want to subsidize a few dollars per kid – drop from \$7 kid. In the future maybe we buy equipment and supplies to do ourselves

Prefer no Mondays - Next meeting November 6 at 6:45

Thank you