

St. Gabriel School Council
September 15, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm with opening prayer provided by John Barfoot.

In attendance

Gayleen Sinclair, John Barfoot, Michelle Chellew, Josephine Stout, and Jonathan German

Principal's Report

John Barfoot gave a description about what school council is. School council gives parents a voice in our school. It is a great way to become involved.

We currently have 270 students registered for the 2015-2016 school year. This is up from the end of last year where we had 260. We have two less teaching positions this year and two combined classes (3/4 and 5/6). Kindergarten numbers increased over the summer/September so we now have an AM (20 kids) and PM (7 kids). There is still one EA position open to be filled shortly.

Apple School Explanation for the new council members.

New school policy for the parents is being implemented throughout September. Parents with kids in grades 1-6 should go the playground before school and wait outside for them after school. EEP-K can wait inside. This is to hopefully reduce anxiety in children.

Goals for the year are:

1. Balanced Literacy – all classes will be at the same time this year.
2. Creative thinking/Project Based Learning – continuation from last year.

PAT's had excellent results. Results will be released later this fall but the students had overall much higher marks. SLA's for grade 3 will be another pilot year and grade 6 will be PAT's again.

Chair Report

Set dates for meetings:

Board agreed that the 3rd Tuesday of the month works again this year.

Oct 20, Nov 17, Jan 19, Feb 16, Mar 15, Apr 19, May 17

Dielman Fundraiser:

Packages should arrive around September 20th. We will receive 50% profit from all fundraising. Send out for Oct 5th and due back Oct 19th.

Set dates for events this year:

Christmas store: Dec 14, 15
Christmas Concert: Dec 10
Family Dance: Feb 11
Walk-a-thon: End of May/Early June
AR Picnic: June 27 or 28

New event ideas: Zumba afterschool, Healthy school night, multicultural night, Movie night – changed to movie afternoon

New snack ideas for movie/dance – package idea, water or juice

COSC meeting is Nov 2 at St. Kateri School at 7 pm. Michelle will attend.

Treasurer's Report

Presented by Gayleen Sinclair

There is currently \$15,688.36 in the general account and \$2,143.94 in the other account

We had to write a new check to Mrs. Auger because the previous one had been misplaced. Check was cancelled.

New bank requirements are for us to make a deposit on time a year. A \$1 deposit was made into the other account to keep it active.

Science in Motion is about \$1700.

Brainstorm for a large goal this year:

- breakfast program?
- iPad mobile Lab
- Apples?

Motion to buy apples on a weekly basis made by Michelle. Jonathan seconds the motion. Gayleen will buy apples for the week on Sundays.

Look into a bank card for large purchases. Gayleen and Michelle will go to the bank to ask.

Staples school supplies fundraiser brought in \$345. Ask about different bags for next year since most were thrown away.

\$2000 is usually donated for bussing. Any options to save on this cost – possibly moving to city transit for some outings.

Meeting adjourned at 7:49 pm.

Next Meeting: Oct 20 at 6:30 pm