



# Parent Council

## Meeting Minutes



Date: Wednesday, November 7, 2018

In Attendance: Lucia, Tara, Linda, Lori, Dana, Jemi, Mallory, Anita P., Anita S., Cristina, Erin (YMCA)

Regrets: Kathy, Candice, Jennifer, Ruth

- Welcome – Prayer
- Pizza from Topper's was provided for us to sample as the school has changed supplier. Size was upgraded and slices are now comparable to Free Topping. It was delicious – Thanks Tara!
- Halloween Treat Tent Report:
  - ❖ We had 76 children trick or treat at the tent!
  - ❖ Excellent feedback from our neighbours – excited that we are doing community events!
  - ❖ Christmas market flyers were handed out and well received.
- Advent
  - ❖ Office will be sending out pre-order forms (Nov 22/23) for pizza dinner. Pre-order will most likely be an x-large pizza (Hawley to price for us), 4 drinks, 4 chips - \$20.00. Cash online will be available.
  - ❖ Arrive to help set up any time after 3:35pm. We will be handing out hot chocolate again this year during the outdoor service. Tables will need to be set up and photo area decorated.
  - ❖ Cupcakes will be made for donation to Christmas families.
  - ❖ Jenn McPhee will be selling tickets for the concert seating raffle.
  - ❖ Linda to purchase hot chocolate carafe for HC use only.
- Principal's Report
  - ❖ Lucia thanked us again for World Teacher Day. Balloons and banners are still up in the staff room and appreciated.
  - ❖ School Messenger – issues with system being resolved. Possibly a Google Chrome issue?
  - ❖ School is not taking a hard line with cash online. They will still receive cash payments for those that prefer to pay this way.
  - ❖ Iodine pills are in the office – 10km radius to Darlington. YMCA needs to confirm their evacuation site.
  - ❖ Learning Commons has new white boards as part of Thinking Classroom. New concepts at staff meetings – random groupings and best practice principals. Classrooms are more like work rooms – non conventional seating.
  - ❖ Pastoral Plan has been reviewed. Year of Joy – Valuing Catholic education.
  - ❖ Mrs. McPhee is retiring at Christmas – ideas on a gift from Council?
  - ❖ Extra-curricular – choir, rosary, triple ball, scrapbooking (Ms. Basile had 80 kids join!)

- Christmas Market
  - ❖ We have 37 confirmed vendors
  - ❖ Market positions: gift wrapping (Dana), bake sale/food (Tara), welcome/raffle (Anita S./Candice), new merchandise (Kathy), pre-loved clothing/books (Mallory) \*Ruth to confirm availability
  - ❖ Cristina confirmed 5 high school student volunteers! (front door, mid hall, story tent, Santa area, float/relief)
  - ❖ Classroom will be available week prior to event to set council tables, price clothing etc.
  - ❖ Story tent can be set up on the stage prior to event as well.
  - ❖ If you have any décor items that we can borrow, we are looking for lighted trees, blow up characters, strings of lights, projector lights etc. We would like to have the front of the school look very inviting.
  - ❖ We have a Santa! Thank you to Tara's father in law for volunteering. We also have a custom made Santa suit – thank you to Lori and Linda's mom for making it! Santa hours will be 5 – 8pm  
\* we will schedule breaks for Santa
  - ❖ Edge imaging will be doing photos. Council selected Christmas tree back drop. Council decided on print on site option - \$10.00 for 5x7, \$5.00 for each additional photo. Linda is checking on payment options that will be made available.
  - ❖ Vendor set up – will be a full gym. Jemi's table for Moms to Go Durham will be set up in the library with Santa. Cupcakes/Uncle Jack's/Vegan food in the amphitheatre with Council bake sale. Welcome/raffle ticket sales/merch/clothing out near kindergarten area.
  - ❖ Raffle prizes – Dana brought in five (5) more prizes! Anita S. is getting another package from McDonald's. Thank you Dana and Anita!
  - ❖ Flyer handout – date to be determined.
  - ❖ Gift wrapping date after the market – Dec.12<sup>th</sup>
  - ❖ BAKE SALE: If you would like to donate baked goods, please let Tara or Linda know. We will be happy to wrap everything and price it. All you have to do is bake! ☺ Tara is doing squares, Linda is doing jumbo chocolate dipped marshmallows and gingerbread men. Tara's mom is doing pretzels with chocolate kisses.
- Merchandise: will be picked up next week. Council will have first opportunity to purchase.
- Meeting dates set: Dec – no meeting, Jan. 9<sup>th</sup>, Feb. 13<sup>th</sup>, Mar – no meeting, Apr. 3<sup>rd</sup>
- Motion for meeting adjourned at 8:05pm

**Next Meeting: January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019 – 6:30 – 8:00pm in the Library**