

**St. Christopher Catholic School
Parent Council Minutes
February 2018**

Opened with prayer led by Cara

FDK Playground Improvement

- Meeting this morning with Evergreen (architectural aborist and landscaper)
 - Money coming from a grant (not sure the amount currently)
 - A lot of the grant money will go toward re-building the space, and will be completed in phases because of the amount of work
 - Surveys have been done with students, parents, teachers/ECEs, custodial staff
- Preliminary drawings will come out the end of April, out to bid in May and ground breaking in June

Spirit Wear

- Did another round of spirit wear orders
- Jim came in and brought sample sizes that are dry-fit material for sports teams
- Mrs. Borg to ask how they wash
- Going to order 50 at \$18/each; Money will come out of fundraising, and will bell curve the sizes

Survey

- What time of day would be better for gatherings?
- Would you be more inclined if childcare was an option?
- What topics are you interested in (anxiety, healthy eating, homework help, sleep)?
- What is stopping you from coming out to a school event?

Math Night

- April 19th Event with Book Fair
- Need to create a subcommittee – Cara will send out an email asking for volunteers
- TopTwo Events
- Casino Events
- Door Prizes that are math focused/board games
- Pizza dinner to be provided

Daily Physical Activity

- In-class, throughout the school, students are engaged in physical activity
- Challenge in January was for schools to come up with a video
- St. Christopher's video was recognized for various activities and amount of students involved

Principal's Report

Renewed Math Strategy

- Job-embedded training for staff continues with the support of Mr. Richard our Numeracy Consultant
- Focus – “Thinking Classrooms”
- Besides PRO grant need ideas to increase parent engagement in numeracy – what would parents like to see?

Parish Connections

- Rosary Apostolate visits continue
- Rosary Fridays well attended

Online ordering

- Cash online info – all parents must register using students’ unique OEN (Ontario Education Number)
- going forward this option will be preferred for ALL cash transactions (donations, trips, sports, spirit wear...)

School Activities

- Kindergarten Yard greening initiative
- Spirit Wear update
- CWL Speech Contest
- ShareLife Cupcake Day – over \$1,200 raised
- Valentines/Ash Wednesday
- Popcorn day – April 9th (ordering via cash online)
- Camp Muskoka Grade 8 trip successful, preferred to Camp Kandalore
- Nice Bistro Grade 7
- Continued emphasis on excellent attendance, awards continue
- Follow school Twitter account for up to the minute updates on school activities:
@St_Chris_dcdb

Other Upcoming Dates/Information – Next Meeting – Monday March 19th

Check School Calendar online for dates

Black History Month Presentation – February 23rd

March 2nd – fundraiser for Bonchek family

March Break begins Friday March 9th (school resumes March 19th)

March 20th – Guinness World Record attempt at 10 a.m.

March 22nd – 7-9 p.m. ARTiculate Gala McLaughlin Art Gallery

Trauma Informed Schools – Pilot Project – over 10 staff members signed up