

## **St. Teresa of Avila (Elmira) CSAC**

November 7, 2023      *St. Teresa of Avila or online*

**Present:** *In-Person:* Paula Pizarro, Jessica Melady, Madeline Langlois, Christine (Co-Chair), Lindsay (Co-chair),

*Virtual:* Amy Nero, Michael Kuntz, Chantal Allan-Robinson, Julie Kuntz,

**Absent:** Theresa Mendler

1. Called to Order – 6:02pm
2. Land Acknowledgement and Prayer – Paula
  - 2.1. Introductions
3. Adoption of meeting Minutes from October 3, 2023
  - 3.1. Moved by Christine, Seconded by Lindsay, Passed.
4. New Business:
  - 4.1. Commissioning – both co-chairs are busy so won't be attending. Paula is busy so won't be attending. Its regional confirmation for Co-chairs of the CSAC.
  - 4.2. Fresh from the Farm
    - 4.2.1. Delivered Nov 21<sup>st</sup> for pickup. Last year they brought in the food on skids, and then parents came and picked up. Teresa said she could volunteer. We need some volunteers to get the food divided and sorted for pickup. Parent-teacher interviews are Thursday so we'll have that for last pick-up. Delivery is booked for 9am-12pm, but okay because Admin can send it to back gym doors. This would take over the gym area depending on how its packed. The majority of parents who pick up their kids can take it home that day.
    - 4.2.2. We know that the last call to pick up the food will be until the last parent-teacher interview (7:30pm). Grade 8's usually help with sorting vegetables as well. Give folks from 3-5pm on Nov 21<sup>st</sup>, and then have all evening on Nov 23<sup>rd</sup> to pick up. Chantal, Jessica, Lindsay going to come for noon to sort with Grade 8s. Lindsay, Christine going to hand out from 3-5. Anik will provide list of families/ children with orders.
  - 4.3. Christmas lunch:
    - 4.3.1. In past years we would make the food, and feed the kids. Last year we ordered the food from the Lunch Lady. It was good because they offered GF options, and when they brought it in we did rotations. We served the food in the Church, and classes paired up with their book buddies and had the kids and classes come in two sittings. Teachers helped hand things out. We borrowed the ovens to keep things warm. Mr. G came dressed as Santa and handed out candy canes. We had the donation component of \$2 per child/ meal, and it helped offset the cost well.
    - 4.3.2. Do we want to do a Christmas lunch again? Getting pre-cooked turkeys is quite expensive. Lindsay is happy to go the same way. It was clean and tidy to take care of and we didn't have to worry about allergies. Paula would have to price it out again because the price of everything has gone up. We have to choose a date, so that would be dependant on what Lunch Lady can provide given their schedule. Last year the lunch was on Tuesday. Lindsay and/ or Paula will need to verify with Father that the Church is available as well.

- 4.3.3. Paula says our fundraiser didn't earn as much as last year, but given costs we might need to ask for more from parents depending on the costs.
  - 4.3.4. Fresh from the Farm fundraising amount is \$1,357. Overall revenue was \$3400. Last year our part of the fundraiser was \$1,496.80. About \$150 less than last year.
  - 4.3.5. We extended the order date this year and it still didn't seem that popular. Lindsay asks the board to consider if we want to keep Fresh from the Farm as our Fundraiser for discussion at our next meeting.
- 5. Faith Focus Update:
  - 5.1. Reconciliation going on for the Gd. 2
  - 5.2. Paula also includes link to the Church for parents to be aware of the events the church has coming up.
  - 5.3. Catholic Student Learning Expectations is working on the Deep Learning skills with the Church.
- 6. Principal Items: Paula
  - 6.1. EQAO results: EQAO.com – enter the school name “St Teresa of Avila”, and select option to see the results. Our results that are ‘at or above provincial average’ are:
    - 6.1.1. Grade 3 – Math 62% - Reading 71% - 57%
      - 6.1.1.1. We are still gap closing from covid. We are in good shape compared to other schools. Testing is now online and they are trying to be more culturally responsive regarding materials being used. Comparisons show a drop, but the grade was very small last year (around 16).
    - 6.1.2. Grade 6 – Math 67% - Reading 93% - Writing 93%
      - 6.1.2.1. Last year we had around 24 children.
  - 6.2. Food Drive last month
    - 6.2.1. Our partnership with Dresinger Funeral Home went well. Madeline coordinated and they came and gave out prizes. Over 3000 items were collected from our community.
  - 6.3. Artshine
    - 6.3.1. Paula put out a survey asking for interested families. We had enough interest, and have it set up for families. Paula sent to families that responded yes to the survey, and then sent to the rest of the parent community. Maybe its something we can offer next year too. Chantal is actually been assigned to our school as the teacher for the program.
  - 6.4. Sheltering Hearts Fundraiser
    - 6.4.1. This is from the Board. The Board has been really promoting the Tiny Homes initiative in KW. All the money is for A Better Tent City or Bridges, and any donation over \$50 is possible for a tax donation.
  - 6.5. CSAC Coffee Chats – Nov 29, Jan 17, Mar 27, May 22
    - 6.5.1. Open to anyone on the CSAC. Will be a launch of the system on MS Teams. Can share fundraising ideas or activities at school. Paula has sent the flyer out to the Parent community.
  - 6.6. Family Movie night using CPIC grant
    - 6.6.1. There have been requests for a family movie night. We have to pay for the movie if we decide to go forward with the idea. Wondering if we could use some of the CPIC grant money to pay for licensing (which is usually \$2-300) to have a movie. There are only certain titles that you can get a certain times.

- 6.6.2. Its not something we have to decide now, but it is an option to consider. There is a certain company that we would need to go through as well. We would be able to use the gym. Parents would need to attend as it would be a family night.
- 6.6.3. Our grant amount for CPIC is \$500. Potentially half of that would go to the movie licensing costs. Then we could use the rest for a budget for popcorn.
- 6.6.4. Also asked for ideas are:
  - 6.6.4.1. Idea for a Family Game night – where it would allow families to bring games and it would encourage interaction between families and teachers, but it would be a nice activity in the winter.
  - 6.6.4.2. Trivia night or Kahoot games as well are fun.
  - 6.6.4.3. Pub Stumpers is also an option.
- 6.7. Timing – hoping for after Christmas. We don't have a meeting in Jan, but do have one in Dec. Let's plan to discuss dates and ideas at the Dec meeting.
- 7. Open Floor Questions and Future Topics
  - 7.1. Lindsay: Working with Factory Shoe to get coupon cards. Our school would get \$5 from every \$35 spent.
  - 7.2. Mabels Labels is up and running. They sent a cheque monthly after every \$50.
  - 7.3. Peter Pan: The Panto – Jessica has reached out to Drayton Entertainment regarding the play.
- 8. Budget:
  - 8.1. CPIC Grant: \$500
  - 8.2. Fresh from the Farm: \$13
  - 8.3. Still trying to fill in the blanks from Sept but otherwise caught up.
- 9. Adjournment:
- 10. Jessica moves to adjourn at 7:07 pm. Lindsay seconds. Approved.