

St. Teresa of Avila SCHOOL COUNCIL AGENDA

Date: Tuesday, December 05, 2023

Time: 6pm thru 8pm

Location: Google Meet

Prayer: Paula Pizarro

Present: Paula Pizarro, Christine Johnston, Julie Kuntz, Amy Nero, Jessica Melady, Madeline Langlois, Michael Kuntz

Regrets: Lindsay Soetemans, Theresa Mendler, Chantal Allen, Julie Kuntz

Reference - WCDSB Strategic Plan

1. Nurturing Our Catholic Community
2. Student Engagement, Achievement & Innovation
3. Building Capacity to Lead, Learn & Live Authentically

	Item / Description	Responsibility	Ref	Action Anticipated	Minutes
1	Welcome, Land Acknowledgement, prayer and personal introductions:	Paula	1, 2, 3	Greetings, attendance, and regrets	<p>I (we) would like to begin by acknowledging that the land on which we gather today is the land traditionally cared for by the Haudenosaunee, Anishinaabe and Neutral People. I (we) also acknowledge the enduring presence and deep traditional knowledge, laws and philosophies of the Indigenous People with whom we share this land today.</p> <p>Prayer God, the source of every good gift You have called us together as servants to do your will Grant us the light of your Spirit To guide us in our responsibilities as a School Council May we work together in harmony for the common good May we listen to one another in a spirit of genuine respect May we encourage and reverence one another's unique talents May we use the gifts of the Spirit in creative Christian leadership May we approach our decision-making through discernment and prayer May we respond effectively to the needs of the children in our care God of Love</p>

					<p>You give us the gifts of the Holy Spirit For the common good May your blessings radiate from us to others In a new spirit of service We ask this through Jesus Christ The Light of the World Amen</p>
2	Old Business	Christine	1, 2, 3	Adoption of Minutes	<p>Paula brings up the minutes from November 7, 2023 as posted on the St. Teresa of Avila web site for everyone to review/ refresh.</p> <p>Christine motions to adopt. Jessica seconds. Minutes passed.</p>
3	New Business	Christine	1, 2, 3	Christmas Lunch?	<p>Lunch is scheduled for Dec 18.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Paula was able to confirm the Lunch Lady with \$2 lunch donation. The price had gone up a little bit, but we are going to cover the cost to keep it at \$2. There was some talk about Mr. G coming back dressed up as Santa. Perhaps Lindsay was going to ask him (as he is her dad). It will be in the Church Hall. Grade 7/8 will help with set up and take down. Chantelle, Lindsay and Amy have said they will help. The food comes in and we have to sort it into the 5 different meals. We usually have 2 sittings. We may need to find a couple more volunteers, and could perhaps ask for some Grade 7/8s if needed. We bought cutlery (forks) and napkins last year. The Lunch Lady provided candy canes that Santa handed out, but without confirmation we would need to consider the candy canes too. There are 215 kids in the school. Christine J notes she will buy a box of forks at Costco. Paula to message Lindsay to ask Mr. G to be Santa at the lunch. Last year we had asked about getting snacks from Nutrition for Learning. The only thing we could get this year is Apple sauce. It is a separate organization we would ask, and Amy (a different Amy) usually orders for our school. Paula emailed her about that request in the meeting.
4	Faith Focus	Paula	1, 2, 3	Update: Christmas Pageant at the Church	<p>Christmas Concert:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thursday Dec 21st. Rehearsal is in the morning. All the other students get to see the classes perform. The parents get to come in the afternoon, and that performance will start at 12:30pm. Lindsay had asked about offering tea or coffee. It's a very tricky time for families by asking for food bank or financial donations. We want to be mindful that it is often a tricky

					<p>season and potentially a tricky year for families. That said, we are faith based and its important to give when you can. As long as the request doesn't add pressure to families that already be strained then it should be fine. Would need to advertise ahead of time so everyone doesn't arrive with Tim's.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Potential for running a tea/ coffee station in the hallway outside the gym by donation only, and allowing for food bank donations if possible. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ If we go forward, Jess can potentially bring a large coffee maker, and Paula has a large one for hot water only. Christine and/ or Jess can buy coffee cups with lids at Costco, as well as hot chocolate packs and/or tea bags. ○ Paula would need to ensure that there are garbage cans in the hall or gym as well, and would advertise in the newsletter. • Request that Paula include in the newsletter that Mrs. Langlois' class is making programs that will be available. <p>Church Pageant:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • They have volunteers for the choir but may need some for the play.
5	Principal Items	Paula	1, 2, 3	Dance-A-thon Date?	<p>Dates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our next CSAC meeting is not until Feb, so it would be good to select Dance-a-thon dates now for March. • March Break is Fri March 8-Fri Mar 15th. We could do it in the middle of the week to capture more kids' availability. • Tentatively plan for Wed March 6th. Its an all-day event – different classes go at different times so not all day for everyone. • Last year we sold glow sticks and snacks and drinks. We would need volunteers in shifts for the entire day to sell. Last year we made a decent amount of money from that activity and the kids really enjoyed it, so lets plan for that to go forward. Will aim to discuss details at the Feb meeting.
6	Budget	Michael			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not much to report. Nothing hit the books. • Fresh from the Farm raised about \$1400. • A credit for gym equipment entered the account that needs to be figured out. Paula shares that we said last year at the Dance-a-thon if people gave over a certain amount they could get a tax receipt, but for that to happen the money had to go through the Foundation. This was our school receiving the credit back from the Foundation from the spring dance-a-thon last March. • Budget is under a bit, but lots to come.

7	Open Floor Questions and Future Topics				NA
8	Adjournment				Michael motions to adjourn at 6:40pm. Jessica seconds. Meeting adjourned.
9. NEXT MEETING:					Tuesday, February 6, 2024 @ 6 p.m.