

St. Wilfrid

Catholic School Advisory Council

MINUTES of the **MEETING** of St. Wilfrid Catholic School Advisory Council held in the library at St. Wilfrid Catholic School, Tuesday October 24, 2017.

Council Members Present: Louella Di Francesco, Sylvia D'Souza, Barb Perrott, Jubelda Premnath, Christine Martin, Mike Ward, Mike Young, Mike Neubauer,

Community Representative: Sherry

Regrets: Joe Przybylo, Keisha Petrolo

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

Item 1.1 Opening prayer

Mr. Young led the group in Opening prayer.

Item 1.2 Welcome & Courtesies

Mr. Young is going to chair the CSAC meeting due to a lack of an official chair. Mike Young called the meeting to order at 7:10 and welcomed all in attendance.

2.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

THAT the St. Wilfrid Catholic School Advisory Council approves the Agenda for the October 24, 2017 meeting.

Moved by Mike second by Christine.

Carried

3.0 PRESENTATIONS

Item 3.1 EQAO Results

1. Mr. Young reviewed EQAO results. Results show St. Wilfrid students in grade 3 and 6 are doing well in reading and writing in comparison with the board and province. In mathematics our results have been going down as are the board and provincial results. Numeracy is the main focus in our school at this time. The school improvement team is getting forensic with numeracy by breaking down the data to figure out exactly where our students are at in their learning. Teachers are working to identify gaps earlier through assessment. The challenge is identifying these gaps in learning and teaching the curriculum. There are more funds being allocated to improve numeracy.
2. Council asked If we compare EQAO results today from 10 years ago were students doing better in Math now or previously. Parents feel Math is taught very different now. The question was raised is the new math curriculum really better. Mr. Young said at the end of

the day kids do need to know times tables they just get to it in a different way (grouping). Things are changing but the school is not throwing the old way out the window. They want kids to be able to solve problems and understand word numeracy problems versus memorization.

Item 3.2 School Improvement Planning

Numeracy is the main focus of the school improvement planning team.

4.0 ANNOUNCEMENTS

Item 4.1 Next CSAC Meeting

To be held on Tuesday, November 14/2017. Mr. Young said he did update the website.

Item 4.2 Pro Grant Results

Pro Grant results have come in. St. Wilfrid received the full \$1000 grant.

This money was earmarked to go towards the X Movement event. The feedback for the event was very good. Students were very enthusiastic and eager to participate. Approximately 200 people came to the X Movement evening event. It was a very positive experience for the students and families. Mr. Young did say the \$5 payment for the X Movement was received by approximately 70% of students. Council did say that they feel the school was asking for an excessive amount of money this year. (agendas, trips, X Movement, hurricane fundraiser) Mr. Young did say this was good feedback from parents. Council discussed pushing fundraiser to later in the year. Mr. Ward did say this would bring little benefit to the grade 8 students.

Chrome books have come in.

Mr. Young would like to use fundraiser money to help subsidize for field trips. Does not feel the kids go without.

Council discussed one time donation for the year as a possibility. Mr. Young said these are all options to consider.

5.0 ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN

Item 5.1 Approval of minutes from Wednesday September 20/2017.

``That the St. Wilfrid Catholic School Advisory approves the minutes of the Wednesday September 20/2017 meeting.

Moved by Mike Young , seconded by Mike Ward

Carried

6.0 EXECUTIVE REPORTS

Item 6.1 Chair Report

No chair report at this time.

Item 6.2 Principal's Report – Mike Young

Program News

1. Daily physical Activity is a focus much wider than our school. For some classes it has been difficult to block 20 minutes in the day. As an alternative some teachers are giving kids 5 minute energizers four times a day. This is going well. It seems to be more manageable during the day. It is called a body break which helps to improve kids focus. Mr. Young did say studies are showing this generation is expected to live 5 years less than the previous generation due to lack of activity.

Happenings

2. Hurricane Hot Dog Fundraiser raised \$1600.0 for hurricane relief in the caribbean.
3. Picture Day went well
4. Six students involved in the social justice committee and one teacher went to We DAY. This year the school was given floor seats to the event.
5. Grade 4 Water students went on a field trip to the water festival.
6. Terry Fox Run Day was a success. The students raised a \$1000 for cancer research.
7. Celebrates Assembly November 3/17 Mr. Young and Keisha are attending.
8. Cross Country is finished for the year.
9. Grades 1-6 had a visit from the author Susan Agulio
10. Flag Football
11. Whitmore farm Trip
12. X-Movement week event was a hit.
13. Opening mass went very well even with the school microphone being broken. Students were very engaged during the mass.

Item 6.3 Upcoming Liturgies

1. Grade 4 Bible ceremony November 14/17 Father will present bible's to the students.

Item 6.4 Upcoming Events

1. School Fundraiser Oct 31/17 at present.
2. Bus evacuation presentation was today Oct 24/17
3. Orange Shirt Day coming up to recognize indigenous people of Canada.
4. Rosary Apostolates Oct 27/17
5. Picture retakes Nov 1/17
6. Grade 8 Trip to St Mary's Nov 1/17
7. October celebrates Assembly November 3/17

8. Progress Report to go home November 6/17
9. Parents Conferences are to be set up for November 9/17. Teachers are going to be sending home a time slot request letter.

Item 6.5 Parent Involvement

Mr. Young said the school is looking for lunch hour supervisors and someone to run snack program. Mr. Young is going to put out a letter to parents to see if there are any volunteers.

Pizza lunches are every week now and are going smoothly.

CSC Balance

Balance in the account is the same \$728.22. Mr Young did say we are expecting a cheque soon.

Council asked for a list of times clubs and school sports are run during the year. Mr Young did say for some clubs it does vary. Basketball starts grade 4, Cross country starts in grade 3 September. He said this information could be added to the website.

Item 6.6 Parish Report

No Parish report at this time.

7.0 DISCUSSION ITEMS

Item 7.1 CSAC Elections

Council did not have anyone come forward to be elected as chair. Mr. Young explained the responsibility is to set the AGENDA FOR THE MEETING. Mr. Young put forth the suggestion to rotate the responsibility. Mr. Young said he would assist in helping the make the role turnkey . Jubelda Premnath is going to chair the next meeting on November 14, 2017.

Keisha is attending the Commissioners assembly with Mr. Young.

Item 7.2 Family Christmas Night

No date has been set. Council to discuss further next meeting. Mr. Young will discuss with Keisha as she did organize it last year.

8.0 ADJOURNMENT AND CLOSING PRAYER

Closing prayer was led by Mr. Young . The meeting was adjourned at 8:36pm

``That the St. Wilfrid Catholic School Advisory Council meeting of September 20, 2017 adjourn.

Moved by Mike Young , Second by Sylvia. Carried

