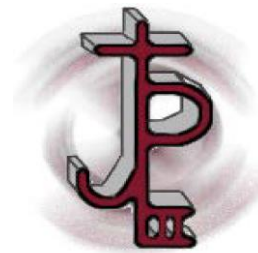


## Saint John Paul II

### Parent School Council Meeting Minutes

**Date: November 6, 2017**



**Present:** Annalise Yuzda, Laura Balanko, Stacy Walker, Terri Nixon, Tamara Guenette, Maureen Wert, Carrie King, Jill Gaumont, Laurie Kardynai-Bahri, Rob Stecyk. **Guest Speaker (& teacher):** Sarah Balla

Agenda Item	Outcome
<b>1.0 Call to Order/Prayer</b>	Meeting was called to order by Annalise Yuzda at 6:34 p.m. Laurie led the attendees in prayer.
<b>2.0 Approval of the Agenda</b>	Agenda amended to add on items. Jill Gaumont moved to approve the agenda as amended, all in favor - carried.
<b>3.0 Approval of Minutes</b>	Laurie Kardynai-Bahri moved to approve the minutes of the October 3, 2017 meeting. All in favor - carried.
<b>4.0 Treasurer's Report</b>	Terri Nixon advises the current balance in the account is \$1,141.68, which is after the disbursement to cover the cost of the Sister Ada Toner Award.
<b>5.0 Business Arising</b>	<p><b>5.1 School Resource Officer:</b> Cst. Ahlstrom, the School Resource Officer will be our next guest speaker.</p> <p><b>5.2 Guest Speaker : Sarah Balla: Health Champion for JP II, as well as the Division.</b> Sarah discusses the background to the creation of this project. Government funding was received for classroom improvement, and EICS Division decided to utilize it by focusing on positive mental health and a proactive preventative approach to help students achieve optimum success, hence the creation of Health Champions. Sarah, as an official Health Champion, and as part of the team at JP II which includes Elaan Zaleschuk, Nicole Labrecque, Laurie Kardynai-Bahri and Rob Stecyk, is constantly providing continual information, strategies and tools to all staff that will assist in making this project a success, aiming for the best positive learning environment for the students. This includes listening and acknowledging the external influences in the student's life that may be having an adverse effect on their mental health, ultimately affecting their academic success. In addition, there is a student "swag group" of 5 Wellness Leaders that Sarah engages with on a regular basis to keep connected to the needs of the students. Various strategies are being tried by teachers as a way to help students "arrive and settle" by taking approximately 5 minutes to gather student focus and creating an environment of connectedness before starting into the course material. Dr. Jody Carrington, a psychologist has been working with the Division to deepen their understanding of attachment theory and suggested tools to help implement and create a secure base so that when "life" happens, students are able to re-group and continue growth in a positive way. Different strategies discussed included lid flipping, circle of security, collecting before you direct, and empathy. Dr. Carrington will be giving a parent presentation tomorrow evening, with another session planned for April 2018. Dr. Carrington continues to work closely with the Health Champions and the entire Division to reach their goals. Sarah indicated that she has made it known to the students that she is available to talk and discuss any concerns, and she has extended that invitation to the parents as well.</p>
<b>6.0 School Report</b>	Laurie Kardynai-Bahri and Rob Stecyk
	<p><b>6.1 Dress Code Committee Update:</b> Approximately 30 students participated in the process to update and arrive at a consensus to the current school dress code. All parties involved in the process benefitted from the experience. A copy of the policy was distributed to those present.</p> <p><b>6.2 Parking Lot Committee Update:</b> The parking lot committee is made up of both students and teachers. Responsibilities for being allocated a parking spot includes ensuring the cleanliness of the area and specifics of when you can be in your vehicle, and what can or cannot take place in the vehicle, during school hours. Students and parents will sign the Agreement when a parking spot is assigned. Discussion regarding the fact that some students go to their cars during breaks/lunch because of the overcrowding in the school. This is not anticipated to an issue when relocation to the new school occurs.</p>

	<p><b>6.3 Remembrance Day Celebration:</b> The service will be this Thursday morning at 9:30 in the gym, parents are welcome.</p> <p><b>6.4 Parent Teacher Interviews:</b> These will take place this Thursday evening. Lots of spots still available if you haven't signed up yet.</p> <p><b>6.5 NCYC Conference- Indianapolis:</b> Nine students will be attending from our school. The students are responsible for paying their own way- approximately \$1500. Maureen advises that the Parish is providing some funding; as well, the students have a fundraiser of lentil soup in a jar, that they have been selling.</p> <p><b>6.6 PARTY Program:</b> The Grade 9's are currently participating in the program and all is going well. A refresher of the program is planned for the Grade 12 students, to take place around graduation time.</p> <p><b>ADD-ON 6.7 Assaults:</b> Concerns addressed as to rumours of assaults happening in and on school property. Administration clarify that there have been 4 assaults, resulting in criminal charges being laid in respect to two. The most recent assault of parental concern involved a student being assaulted in the hallway between classes. Administration advised that in that incident, a student stepped in and ended the altercation, just about as quickly as it had started. The procedure when an assault occurs is to refer the matter to the RCMP - whether charges are laid or dealt with extra-judicially is totally in the jurisdiction of the RCMP. With respect to school/Division practise, there is no automatic expulsion. When an incident occurs, the Divisions procedure consists of consultation with both the victim and the aggressor, and a risk assessment is done to determine what the next step shall be. Each incident is treated on an individual basis.</p> <p><b>ADD-ON 6.8 Catholic Education Weekend:</b> The Mass in support of Catholic Education Week was well attended by staff this past weekend. CPAC (Catholic Parent Advisory Committee) is still in the organizing stage.</p> <p><b>ADD-ON 6.9 Awards Night:</b> Discussion about the change to the Awards Night the previous week. Positive response to displaying the student's name and picture on the screen at the front of the gym. Concern over the poor lighting was expressed, but as the next Award Night will be in the new school, this issue should not arise again. Discussion over the poor turnout of recipients may have been a result of short notice being given and non-disclosure of the specifics of the award being received. While some of the graduates may have moved out of the community to attend schooling, it was expressed that if the recipient knew that the award they were receiving was going to be presented by the Award Donor a greater turnout would be expected.</p> <p><b>ADD-ON 7.0 Outside Lights:</b> Concerns addressed regarding the perimeter lighting at the school not being on after sunset when there is increased people traffic attending sporting events, or the Awards Night. Several requests have already gone in to update the light timing system. Suggestion that Annalise, on behalf of the Parent Council, forward a letter to Laurie supporting the urgency for the completion of this service request.</p>
<b>7.0 Set Meeting Date</b>	Next meeting: TBA. Annalise will check with Cst. Ahlstrom and her availability as the next guest speaker.
<b>8.0 Adjournment</b>	Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm