

Ste. Anne Catholic School Advisory Council

Tuesday, November 19, 2013

Present: Kelly Rosaasen, Brenda Verkoeyen, Colleen Switzer, Kim Ondricko, Sheila O'Donoghue, Frank Dimario, Rick Rosaasen, Rosemary LoFaso

Rose began our meeting with a prayer.

Student Council report: deferred

Model United Nations Presentation

Mr. Sobel introduced Kat and Jake who spoke about this new club at Ste. Annes. They explained that it is a strictly academic club and the students involved are very interested in what is going on globally and in raising awareness about global issues. Involvement in this club is weekly (or twice weekly as the conference gets closer) and the students are developing research skills, debating skills and social skills. Each student represents a different country and researches the issues and the position that country takes on the issues. They are going to a conference in Lansing Michigan on December 5th, 6th and 7th where they will meet with other students and discuss and debate what is going on in the world. They were very well spoken and asked us for some possible financial support. They have started their own fundraising by selling pizza at two lunch periods so far this year. Each student is also contributing \$100 toward the trip to Lansing.

Special Education Presentation

The head of the department, Marianne DePasquale spoke to us about the new initiatives and ideas happening in the Special Education Department. There are 20 Life Skills students and about 200 Spec. Ed. students that fall under the umbrella of the dept. She spoke in particular about the programs in place for the Life Skills students, including the literacy and numeracy blocks which are balanced with learning domestic skills, in-school co-op, hopefully community co-op, cooking and shopping and a new Art course next semester. We also learned about their plans to open a Saints store in order to raise their own funds. Marianne asked us for financial support to get started on these new initiatives and Rose told us that there is no money in the school fund for the Special Ed. department.

Motion to accept the minutes of the Oct. 30th meeting. Moved by Sheila, seconded by Brenda.

Principal's Report – Rose LoFaso

The website has a new look with some new features on it.

Continuing with elementary school transition activities: Dawn Herdman has been out to the schools visiting gr. 5 students studying the human body; the gr. 7s came to St. Annes and the gr. 8 students came for a tech day.

G.A.D., Getting Along Digitally will be presented to the gr.8 students on Nov. 20th through music, dance and drama followed by media and art presentations.

The dance held for the grade 6, 7 and 8 students was a lot of fun for everyone although only about 50 students attended.

The Jr Boys and Sr boys volleyball teams won championships.

The OFSSA tournament for Girl's basketball will be held this weekend at Ste. Anne's.

Coats for Kids were collected and now cans are being collected.

Thanks to Kelly, Sheila and Kim for all the work done on the Lottery.

Grade 8 night will be held on Dec. 4th.

On Dec. 19th there will be a pancake breakfast for everyone and Christmas Mass will be celebrated.

Chairperson's Report – Kelly Rosaasen

Still waiting to hear back on the track suit prices. Will have to decide if we want to order locally or from the States.

This year we will use our Pro-Grant money of \$1000 for a speaker on mental health.

Lottery Report –Sheila O'Donoghue

We made approx.. \$28,000 this year. The top class was Mrs. Herdman's class with 27 books sold. The top seller sold 8 books. We will make some changes next year.

Teacher's Report – Rick Rosaasen

The teachers are very appreciative of all the work that went into the Lottery. We need to figure out what will motivate the students to sell their tickets.

French Immersion Report – Brenda Verkoeyen

No new meetings held recently, the next meeting is in February.

Trustee's Report – Lisa Soulliere

No recent Board meetings. The ARCs are underway for Brennan, Catholic Central and the Tecumseh elementary schools.

Volunteer Report – Sharon Haskell

We are all set for volunteers for Grade 8 night on Dec. 4th.

New Business

We talked about getting a sign for the School Advisory Committee to set up for special events. Rick is looking into prices.

Sharon brought an example of a pamphlet made up for our Committee to hand out at special events such as Grade 9 Meet the Teacher Night, Parent-Teacher interviews, etc. We can get 500 pamphlets made for \$250. We decided to look it over and not rush with getting it printed, so we will discuss it more and finalize the copy at our February meeting.

Rose will have a Christmas card made up for every grade 8 student at the feeder schools. It will be a postcard-type of card with a Christmas picture of Ste. Anne students on the front and will be signed by Ste. Anne students.

Colleen Switzer spoke from the Parent Involvement Committee regarding “Navigating your Path to Post Secondary” information night to be held on Nov. 21st at Holy Names High School.

Financial requests were discussed.

Paul Sobel requested \$3000 for the Model United Nations Team for their trip to Lansing Michigan in December. We approved \$1500.

Marianne DePasquale requested \$3000 for funds for the Life Skills and Special Education program. We approved \$3000.

Andy Kiss requested \$2000 for two sets of uniforms for the Senior Boys Basketball Team. We approved \$1000.

Motion to adjourn by Colleen and seconded by Kim. Meeting adjourned at approx. 10 pm.

Next meeting to be held on February 19th at 7 pm.