

# Parent Council Meeting #1 Sept. 25/18

**Start time 6:00 p.m. Location: School Library**

## **Principal, Glenda Leusink:**

- Prayer and Introduction
- Review purpose of School Council roles and responsibilities
- All stakeholders to voice school community concerns
- Going paperless for school registration moving forward into the future (worked well this year)
- Parents are accessing uniform resources and purchases
- Recent uniform sales 2018 = \$700
- Total from uniform sales thus far: approx. \$7600
- October 25/18 Parent/Teacher Interviews, continue with uniform sales that night - student help
- Grade 8 night (January 10, 2019, volunteers needed by parents, link crew, SAC etc...)

## **Parent Council and School Update:**

- School Cash Online: a few technological issues? mostly positive
- Request for hangers for clothes, space limitations etc...during uniform sales
- Link Crew / SAC, Beginning School BBQ had positive feedback
- Grade 9 Dance Sept. 27/18 - White Out theme
- Semi Dance (Unknown location- February 21, 2019?)
- SAC retreat sleepover in Sept.(planning time for events)
- First School Mass Sept. 26/18
- Terry Fox Fundraising Sept. 27/18
- Positive feedback from the school community as school events are running smoothly (busy school atmosphere with sports, SAC, school play, clubs etc...)

## **Cheryl:**

- Volunteer issues for uniform sales (need more volunteers to help!!!)
- Concerns about affordability for "Parents in Need" purchasing uniforms
- Glenda has indicated that those in need go through the Guidance Department (funds, vouchers and purchases are available through the proper channels)
- Future donations and discounts by McCarthy to support students in need (Carlos from McCarthy's is our contact),
- Parent Council will provide future set dates of events once dates are confirmed?
- PD Day Feb. 1/19 -- Staff Appreciation
- Volunteers needed for Teacher Appreciation (twice a year), Paula will organize the dates and times for volunteers to assist

### **Issues addressed by Parent Council:**

- The need for more people to join the committee and be committed
- Suggestion for more details and mass communication outlets to get the word out to parents to join Parent Council (Newsletters, Newswire, Grade 8 night etc...)
- Need to elect Co-Chair and Chair by the first meeting (postponed until next Parent Council Meeting)
- Susan Smit will be the Secretary moving forward 2018/2019
- School Council name tags for next meeting for introduction purposes was suggested
- Staff requests for money (Parent Council will provide the guidelines and a questionnaire)
- Submission for funds requested by School Staff to Parent Council by Oct 23/18, School Council Review on submissions Oct. 30/18, final decisions will be made at the November Parent Council meeting
- Discussion concerning fundraising and providing monies through Catholic charities to support Global issues, Nutrition for Learning, Natural Disaster through "Chalis", Peace and Development projects etc...
- Concerns were raised about inflated marks by St. David, School Board responded in a positive manner and support systems are in place for students, use of Data should be used as a reflection tool
- Glenda offered "A Walk Around" the school and gave updates about renovations and progress, will continue to provide updates to Parent Council as the year progresses

### **Next meeting:**

- Glenda will provide the "Pro-Grant" update and future applications for grants moving forward --The speaker is Kate Jones from Kate Jones and Associates. It says that the event is Fall of 2018.
- Election for Co-chairs and Secretary will be selected at the next meeting in October 2018
- Review dates and responsibilities for upcoming events
- Meeting adjourned 8:00 p.m.

**\*Next Parent Council Meeting: Oct. 30/18**