

Parent Council Meeting  
Wednesday October 18, 2017

Present at this meeting: Phyllis Pereira, Patty Furlani, Yvonne Wolfesberger, Loni McCarthy, Mimi Thompson, Jennifer Gowland, Jen Foote, Anna Sunn, Julie Morrison

1. Welcome and Prayer: Phyllis Pereira
2. Principal's Report: Phyllis Pereira

Sports

- ✓ Cross Country just wrapped up. Good feedback about how students were prepared and how the team was managed. Our students did very well. We came in second overall at the first meet and many of our students finished top 15 at the Super 60 (grades 3 to 8)
- ✓ Flag Football: Intermediate/Co-ed: Our team did really well, made it to the finals, finished second over all in a close game.
- ✓ Volleyball is starting now – Junior and intermediate grades 4 to 8, boys and girls

Arts

- ✓ The new sound system has been installed – two hanging speakers, one wearable mc, one hand-held. It sounds amazing. Speakers mounted on the outer wall of the stage with cages.
- ✓ Have ordered new lighting to be installed on the 20<sup>th</sup> this month
- ✓ We are doing a production this year. Magic Tree House: Pirates Past Noon: Mrs. Wolfesberger, Mrs. VanDerVleuten, Mr. Cook, Mrs. Bambao, Mrs. Loewen, Mrs. Arnold, and Mrs. M. Brown will collaborate on it. Auditions will be happening soon. Planned / tentative dates: Feb. 9 – Dress Rehearsal, Show dates: Feb. 12, Feb. 13, Feb. 15. All students in grades 3 to 8 are welcome to participate in the production. A lot of the rehearsals will be at lunch time and then after Christmas there will be one day after school.
- ✓ Ukulele Club starts in November:
- ✓ Battle of The Books Has started

School Improvement

- ✓ What are we on about? Math, MakerSpace, Student Well-being, The Arts, Faith and Developing our Catholic Community of Culture and Caring
- ✓ For our professional development we are focusing on Math
- ✓ We had a Maker Math Workshop for teachers today supported by UOIT MakerLab
- ✓ Learning Commons: Venture Projects
- ✓ CHIMO: we have a social worker from CHIMO assigned to our school. Her name is Jen Curtis and she works at our school every Monday. She is running small groups for boys in grades 6, 7, 8 to develop resilience, build emotional capacities and self-awareness, and examine relationships and build social skills. Jen is also running a "Lunch Bunch" group for students who need support developing healthy relationships with peers at school. Both programs are meant to build connectivity.

- ✓ Big Brothers Big Sisters North Durham: we have a mentor with us two full days a week. She is doing mentoring with individual students and also running a group program for grade 4 and 5 students called "Sick Science"
  
- 3. Review of School Fundraising Finances: Julie Morrison  
Terry Fox  
Vegetables – ask Lori
  
- 4. Market Place Committee Update: Jen Foote or committee member
  - ✓ Friday December 1<sup>st</sup> 5:00 to 9:00
  - ✓ Vendors can sign up and pay online – if you know any vendors you can direct them to our school web-site
  - ✓ [StJoesMarketPlace@gmail.com](mailto:StJoesMarketPlace@gmail.com)
  - ✓ ask to borrow a Santa Costume
  - ✓ we will have Santa
  
- 5. Parent Council Newsletter
  
- 6. Chairing Meetings: a council member has offered to chair the meeting and another has offered to record the minutes.  
November 15:  
February 7:  
April 18:  
May 23:
  
- 7. Laura Secord Chocolate Fundraiser:
  - ✓ Kick-off January 30
  - ✓ \$5 each – 25 bars per box = \$125 – we keep 45%
  - ✓ propose doing draw prizes rather than highest seller prizes