St. Paul Catholic School Council Meeting Monday January 27, 2020

Name of Members present: S. Thomson, J. Black, S. Pacheco, L. Harlock, G. Tass, K. Fischer, G. Borg, and J. Fraser-Downey

Agenda Item	Decision/Action Taken	Person(s)
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Welcome, Opening Prayer and Courtesies	Welcome everyone. Prayer led by Linda. Thank you to Jennifer & Laura and our Spirit Council, for the excellent job on the Christmas Snaps! Thank you to all who helped out with the Christmas Concert Raffle and the Christmas ornament painting, both were a great success.	L. Harlock
Approval of Minutes	Minutes reviewed and approved.	K. Fischer S. Pacheco
Declaration of Conflict of Interest	None declared	None
Chair's Report	Winter Carnaval is on Fri Feb 14. An afternoon event with volunteers needed for the Hot Chocolate & cookies "rest station" from about 12:30 to 3:00 p.m. to allow for set-up & clean-up. Contact Linda if you are able to volunteer. <u>Shrove Tuesday</u> is on Tues Feb 25. This is a morning event with volunteers needed from 8:30 a.m. to allow for set-up & an early start. We provide pancakes for all students in JK to Grade 6 and will be serving the pancakes in the gym in two shifts The grade 7 and 8 will be making their own. We will look into pancake options, Sherry's diner was a recommendation with premix pancakes rather than the frozen that we used last year. Will send a note for students to bring their own plate, fork and knife, a suggestion to bring in a Tupperware then they can easily take the pancake home if they are unable to finish. Students can bring their water bottle with them and we will have jugs of water for any students that forget. Also looking for any spatula's and griddles that people can bring in. First Communion & Confirmation student/parent sessions continue at Holy Family. Looking into someone who can make the traditional cupcakes for the celebration held at the school on the Monday after the sacrament if anyone has suggestions. We need the cupcakes the end of April. Kristen Fischer and I had an initial conversation with Mr. Shaw regarding the Grade 8 Graduation Ceremony. Event takes place on Mon June 22 and we typically offer support through the afternoon & evening in decorating the entranceway, serving cake & drinks immediately following the caree. He will be speaking with Mr. Joly, we will see what Mr. Shaw	L. Harlock

	decides to do. We need new tablecloths so Mr. Shaw is able to change the colour scheme, black and gold are suggested as they are school colours. We usually order vegetables, fruit, pizza, and cake (last year we had way too much cake). There will only be 22 grade 8 students graduating this year, 66 students in total including the grade 7s. Typically a parent will organize the restaurant afterwards, last year they had it at Billie Jax and previously has been held at Melanie Pringles.	
Holy Family Parish News	Alpha is taking place again on Tuesdays at 10:00 am or 7:00 pm from Jan 28 to Apr 14, 2020. Youth Ministry programs continue. Next dates are: Life Teen – Jan 30 @ 6pm, Edge – Feb 6, and Edge Jr @ 6pm – Feb 12 @ 6pm. Registration has begun for Steubenville Toronto at U.O.I.T from July 3-5, 2020. Wedding Anniversary Mass will be held on May 9 at 5:00 p.m. <i>More information about all parish events can be found in the</i> <i>bulletin and at</i> <u>www.holyfamilywhitby.ca</u>	L. Harlock
Principal's Welcome	Our last meeting in December was a social. Looking back to December events at the school, Spirit Council wanted to do 12 days of Christmas. We did not want to encourage disposable society, purchasing product for one day and instead had a spirit day where children learned how to say Merry Christmas in different languages. Mrs. Woods did a fantastic job of the Christmas market. This year it was a one day event and they had the price by tables. Also restocked and held back items so every group was able to shop from fresh stock. Rather than cookie decorating the school had ornament decorating from Crockodoodle. The staff were very easy to work with and appreciated the help they received at the school. The Christmas concert was lovely – just the right length. Raffling the parking spots was great and fun. The raffle went really well Marianna did a great job! Since the holidays the labour unrest is stressful, however; legal strike and collective bargaining is part of democracy. Thurs Jan 16 th the Spirit Council met with Diane Mullane from the board office regarding health initiatives. Our focus	G. Borg

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	 will be on wellness and getting enough sleep. A survey about sleep and technology will be going out. January 14 our school Public-Health Nurse, Christine Gianoutsos offered a session on Internet safety, on-line bullying and screen time. May try another session after school, offer it as a drop-in. Lovely Mass on Friday afternoon with Father Ravi Had a Staff meeting tonight Tomorrow girls are off for basketball festival – basketball varsity junior and senior teams help organize a skills clinic. The boys will be going on Wednesday. Grades 1, 2, & 3 are heading to the art gallery Tues & Wed Grades 5 – 8 are skating 4 times this year. Focus right now is on attendance, at St Pauls' we are barely above average. High attendance and high number of late. We have 25 students who haven't missed a day of school. It is the law that you have to go to school, encouraging routines. Looking forward to meeting about Sharelife and cake walk on Holy Thursday. 	
New business	N/A	
Adjournment	Closing Prayer given.	L. Harlock
Next Meeting	February 24, 2020	G. Borg