St. Paul Catholic School Council Meeting Monday November 25, 2019

Name of Members present: M. Schulz, L. Ore, S. Pacheco, J. Black, M. Bahan, K. Fischer, G. Borg, L. Harlock, and J. Fraser-Downey

Agenda Item	Decision/Action Taken	Person(s)
		Responsible
Welcome, Opening Prayer and Courtesies	Welcome everyone. Prayer led by Linda. Thank you for the successful Halloween Dance-a-thon. A particular thank you to Mrs. Barton, Mrs. Borg, Kristen F, Gina & Laura for the daily support. Thank you to Jennifer for the amazing thank you card created for our use. (And an early thank you to Kristen F & Gina for your assistance in getting them signed!)	L. Harlock
Approval of Minutes	Minutes reviewed and approved.	K. Fischer M. Schulz
Declaration of Conflict of Interest	None declared	None
Chair's Report	DCPIC Commissioning Mass & Orientation Session on Oct 30. Linda, Laura & Mrs. Borg attended. Concerns Internet safety and security, social media and mental health and anxiety. We can have a workshop at a parent council meeting with more information on Edsby. Public health nurse or board lead for mental health can offer a breakfast 8:30 am "kids have stress too" or "social media for parents" in the library. Mrs. Borg will send survey and we can have it in January. There are funds made available for councils for parents will look into speaker: Anne Douglas, or Brett Allman depending on cost. Major Fundraiser Debrief: Results were better than last year, 220 participants out of 320 students. 60% paid online 40% paid in cash. Reviewing the results, timing is difficult as we are only one month into school. On average those who participated donated at least the minimum. After experiencing the dance-a-thon now, students will know what to expect next year. Suggestion to offer more prizes of smaller toys to have more kids win and to have a big prize draw right after Thanksgiving weekend to encourage students to bring in donations early. M. Schulz will head a new prize committee for those who want to join. For a mini fundraiser around Christmas we will raffle off the front row seats for the Christmas concert. And we will sell raffle tickets for gift cards. M. Schulz will work on this with Mrs. Borg.	L. Harlock
Holy Family Parish	Inscription Ceremonies have taken place for both First	L. Harlock
News	Communion & Confirmation. The first session for	

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	Confirmation candidates was held on Nov 23 and the next	
	one is set for Dec 14, while First Communion sessions begin	
	in January.	
	Holy Family Gift Shop has lots of seasonal items for sale	
	(Advent Candles, Bishop Barron's Advent Reflection	
	booklet, Christmas Cards and the new Missals).	
	Children's Christmas Party will be held on Sat Dec 7 from	
	12:00 to 2:30 p.m. and their looking for high school student	
	volunteers too.	
	Christmas Choir Concert will be held on Sat Dec 14 after the	
	5:00 p.m. Mass.	
	Holy Family Advent Retreat will be held on Mon Dec 9, Tues	
	Dec 10 & Wed Dec 11 (7:00 p.m. each evening). Advent	
	Reconciliation will follow Mass on the 11th. More information	
	about all parish events can be found in the bulletin and at	
	www.holyfamilywhitby.ca	
Principal's	Our last meeting was October 28 th , that week was black and	G. Borg
Welcome		G. boly
Welcome	orange day, door decorating was successful. Then the	
	dance-a-thon, Halloween pictures, costume parade were	
	fun. The kids enjoyed the closing assembly.	
	Mrs. Borg outlined school events:	
	Mr. Nevins and Mrs. Marshall completed coding training.	
	Grade 3 attended swim to survive	
	School had the bus evacuation and safety presentation	
	On Bring your Grade 9 to work day, the grade 8 students	
	had their intro to Father Leo J Austin.	
	Mrs. Pacheco and Mrs. Marshall planned the afternoon of	
	the PA day.	
	Nov 7 th Parent teacher interview night.	
	There are 8 students on exchange here from Columbia for	
	the month.	
	Remembrance Day Assembly, new Mrs. Woods took over	
	this year and did a great job.	
	Yoga sessions are being offered for teachers after school. It	
	has been well received, focusing on wellness.	
	Rosary Apostolate was here, Mrs. O'Brien will be retiring.	
	PA day worked on math activities and discussed EQAO	
	During the staff meeting Mr. Shaw presented math	
	information that he learned at CGE Assemblies.	
	Nov 20th EA appreciation day. Triple ball volleyball for	
	Juniors hosted the boys that day. Both girls and boys won	
	the banner.	
	Tomorrow the girls' team is at St. Matthews and the boys'	
	team will be here Wednesday we are hosting.	
	Fall Immunization Clinic	
	Parents will be receiving a note home soon regarding	

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New business	advent: mass at the school, concert at night, 3 liturgies, staff advent, Fundraiser (Rose of Durham), Christmas market. Considering Crock A Doodle so kids can create a tree or stocking rather than decorating Christmas cookies. Boomerang lunch is falling away lately. Notifications will be sent home. Santa Snaps – Mrs. Borg will look into these. L. Ore presented fundraiser for Spring: Make it sow. Environmental friendly make 50% of the profit.	
	Question: incorporating St. Paul merchandise: clothes, or pencils, water bottles, hat, toque, etc. Should maybe include some at the Open House BBQ.	
Adjournment	Closing Prayer given.	G. Borg
Next Meeting	Wednesday December 18th Shadow Eagle Social 7pm	G. Borg