

School Council Minutes for St. Francis Middle School

September 10, 2018 @7pm

Attendance: Gary G., Lou-Anne W., Cydney H., Sarah M., Diana C., Andrea U., Sarah M., Leanne L., Jenny N., Joanne G., Stephanie T., Osborn O., Tracey M., Sandra M., Cassandra A., Stacy T., Burton B., Amber L., Rob M., Carole M., Sara C., Stefan L., Donna B., Marion H., Sherry S., Cynthia L., Susan A.

Regrets: Crystal S., Tracey K.

1. Call to Order by Susan at 7:02pm
2. Opening Prayer – Mr. Gylander
3. Introductions of group
4. Adoption of Agenda – addition to agenda under new business by Mrs. Lansing; Treasurers Report added. Approved by Jenny, Seconded by Burton
5. Adoption of Minutes- Approved by Lou-Anne and Seconded by Dawn
6. School Council Overview – Susan
 - School Council is here to give advice and feedback to the school administration. We are to focus on the students’ best interest. We also have bylaws that we must follow. Those are available on the school website.
7. Administrators’ Report -Mr.Gylander
 - Please see attached Principal’s Report.
 - Calendar printout was presented with events for the school, however things can change so it is best to check school website.
 - Mrs. Lansing provided information on Literacy Week (October 9-12, 2018) project taken on by the teachers to provide fun and educational activities with a focus on literacy. The committee requests \$1000 to assist with costs extra and above what the school is able to provide.
8. Fundraiser’s Report – Jenny
 - Coupon book information sent home with students last week. Magazine and gifts are not on the form anymore, but they can be ordered from the website.
 - “59 minute Fundraiser” information has been sent home with students. Fundraiser to take place on Sept. 21, 2018. Question raised regarding students who do not have cell phones. Mr. Gylander stated that students will be to use school phones or

- buddy up with a friend. We are hoping to raise \$30,000 this year for fundraising and that can include cash donations. The 59 minute fundraiser has 40% return.
- Burton brought up a bottle drive if we can promote it can be super profitable, to be discussed at a future meeting.

9. Treasurer's Report – Sara

- See attached Budget
- There are extra funds in the account due to an additional fundraiser from last year which was not counted in the budget decisions. Boston Pizza receipt fundraiser will continue. See bulletin board at school entrance for information.

10. School Trustee's Report – Cynthia Leyson

- Mrs. Leyson introduced herself, gave an overview of what her role is as school trustee and offered support to parents and students.

11. Old Business:

- Is there an interest Bullying Committee? Which was discussed at previous meetings. There was no response from the group
- Jody Carrington who is a parent advocate is coming to speak on October 2 it is a free event however they need numbers they are asking for parents to sign up.

12. New Business:

- Motion by Sherry Skocylas for School Council to provide \$1000 to the Literacy Week Committee per Mrs. Lansing's request. All present approved motion. Motion was passed.
- Meet the teacher is September 11 and they changed the structure to be presentations in classrooms this year instead of the gym.
- Friendship Meal is set for March 24, 2019 looking for a parent to coordinate the meal with lots of help.
- Teacher/Parent Appreciation – teachers enjoyed potluck at the end of the year
- Proposed School Council Events- Request from Mr. Gylander regarding School Council organizing more events during and after school for students and families in order to increase school spirit and friendships. This will be added to the agenda for the next meeting.
- Ideas of Spending – GRR prizes, field trips, Faith recognition, frog dissection, exam survival kits. To be discussed in October

13. AGM – October 1, 2018

Budget meeting- November 5, 2018

Adjournment at 8:20pm, Donna B. approved Sherry S. seconded