

Mother Teresa Parent Council Meeting Minutes

September 9th, 2024

AGM Elections:

Chair: Sarah Franchetto

Vice Chair: Jennifer Ladouceur

Secretary: Sheri Gizen

Fundraising: Collective by Committee

Treasurer: Jay Pinnell

Hot Lunch/Snack Day: Jennifer Pinnell

Parent Association Rep: Jodi Breitreuz

Meeting Called: 6:07pm

In Attendance: Aura Street, Tanya Scherer, Sarah Franchetto, Jennifer Ladouceur, Sheri Gizen, Jennifer Pinnell, Jodi Breitreuz, Ariana Lecorps, Courtney Ritchie and Candy Roberts.

Additions & Approval of Agenda: Approved

Budget Meeting: Heads up that round trip bussing jumped last year from \$80 - \$120 and now we should be prepared for over \$200 per bus this school year. So that means the 4-5 buses that go to mass will cost around \$1,000 now, plus any other field trips, Christmas Concert, etc. The school might have to start charging \$2 per student if we are not able to absorb the inflation through parent council. We will look at this next meeting along with the rest of the budget.

Candy motions to add Sarah Franchetto, Jay Pinnell, Jennifer Pinnell, and Sheri Gizen to signing authority at the Credit Union and to remove Courtney Ritchie. Ariana Lecorps seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

Old Business:

End of Year BBQ: As always, the BBQ was a success. The kids LOVED the popcorn which is available to us for free anytime through the Cineplex or COOP Place. The only catch is the job of individually bagging, which will require 2-3 volunteer's next time. The kinsmen now have a BBQ trailer that we can use if we would like to BBQ hotdogs/burgers this year. If so, we will need to book around April.

Munch-a-Lunch: Lisa has booked her pizza days for the library fundraising for us to work around. Suggestions: Tim Hortons, DQ, Taco in a Bag, JJ Kitchen – too expensive, Costco Hot Dogs are cheap \$1.39 with a drink – Courtney will do pickup if need be, Booster Juice Smoothies only, Boston Pizza, Taco Bell/Time, Mr. Pretzel, Asia Garden, Cora's, Stacked, IHop, McDonalds, Edo, Tutti Frutti, Earls – Used to be priced super fair, Country Crumble, Kookie Bytes, King Bagel, Chopped Leaf, Grocery Stores Catering – Coop, Save on Foods, Anne Gretes, Moxies, Argos.

New Business:

Halloween Dance: The afternoon dance party has worked very well in the past with DJ Aura, so the school is going to keep that format with no help needed from Parent Council.

Fundraising Ideas:

- Kernels – Orders seem to come back wrong every time and it's a nightmare to pack, will pass this year.
- Little Caesars - Pass
- Silent Auction (Christmas)
- Art Auction/Gala
- MHMT
- Paint Night
- Raffle Box
- Charity Mini Golf (Hooplas)
- Donations on School Cash – Keep, it brought in a few hundred last year.
- Plant Fundraiser
- Booster Juice
- Cookbook – There is an option this year through Gateway Rasmussen. Each book sells for \$15, and we would get \$5. Not sure if there is a minimum order. If Fit Friday is doing another one this year perhaps, they could use this format.
- Anne Gretes
- Insta Cakes
- Mila's Kitchen
- Moms Pantry
- Bison Burgers out of Calgary
- Reg's Meats, Deerview Meats, Mike Meats, etc.

- Rain Barrels
- School Year Journals - \$50 per book we get back \$10, would be a good one for Kindergarten.
- Perogies and Sausage
- Hubers
- Poinsettias and Planters
- Nutters (Christmas Platters)
- Gift Cards
- Farm Fresh or Farm to School
- Bath Bombs
- Bake Sale – During PT Interviews “Baking for Buses”
- Chips – Costo or Old Dutch for Halloween, Courtney will investigate.
- Ham & Turkey BINGO – Winner leaves with Ham or Turkey for Holidays, maybe for November community night.
- Community Cookies
- Rolling Pin
- Sleek Bedding Fundraiser
- West Coast Seed
- VIP Parking Spot
- Retro Candy – Freeze dried candy @ Homestead Market

Teacher Report: Grade 6’s are already looking forward to the annual Outdoor Education Camp McCoy trip. They are asking for \$65 per student for 27 students to help fund groceries and the interpretive center. Since bussing is such a huge cost this year, perhaps there is a smaller coach line and/or the possibility of parents pitching in some funds. There are active community-oriented grocery stores in Medicine Hat that would be willing to help donate food or gift cards for food such as Fresh Co, Coop and possibly Save on Foods as well. Parent Council will confirm the budget we are able to give once we approve the budget for this school year.

Principal Report:

There are extra Parent Council binders if anyone would like one.

A parent was asking if we could change our meeting nights from Monday to any other weeknight. Council chose to keep it on Monday’s.

The school will help share a profile about Parent Council that we will provide to educate parents about what our fundraising helps with and to also hopefully gain more volunteers and reach international parents as well.

Aura will look in to see if there is any workshop money left over from our Healthy Snack Workshop last year.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:18pm

Next Meeting: October 7th, 2024, at 6:00pm in Learning Commons.