

Mother Teresa Parent Council Meeting Minutes

February 3rd, 2025

Meeting Called: 6:02pm

In Attendance: Aura Street, Cody Young, Natalie Bueckert, Sarah Franchetto, Jennifer Ladouceur, Sheri Gizen, Jay Pinnell, Jodi Breitreuz, Ariana Lecorps & Courtney Ritchie

Additions & Approval of Agenda: Approved with additions to old business: Grant Money and additions to new business: Pie Day

Approval of previous minutes: Approved

Old Business:

Munch-a-Lunch: Nothing to report.

West Coast Seeds: Email went out today with information, closes on February 22.

Spring Fling Dance: We are planning for March 20th as it is a Thursday before a PD Friday. Currently the gym is being used on Tuesday & Thursday evenings for volleyball however it sounds like we will be able to book this with 10 days' notice. Cody will confirm with us once he talks to the organization. DJ is too much so we will create a playlist. Perhaps we could get the classrooms to pick their 2 collective favorite songs and help collaborate with the playlist. Will finalize details next meeting.

Grant Money: We have \$500 available for a parent engagement community event. St. Pat's is still looking for schools that would like to pool their money together and get a speaker, Phil McCray. Mother Teresa Council has decided it would benefit us more to use this money and try to engage our parents directly with our school. We could collaborate this with a community night, Student Led Conferences or have it as a solo event. There was some discussion of ideas however nothing set in stone. Tabled until next meeting.

New Business:

Little Caesars: We may go ahead with this fundraiser on April 4-21, Jenn P will confirm next meeting. They have some new items available such as peanut butter cookie dough, ½ bread ½ pizza as well as the usual. We have not had this fundraiser for a few years so we are hopeful it will go over well.

Pie Day: The school staff is curious if there is an individual tart (mini pie) option as the full pies seem to be quite chaotic and messy. It is a great event if we can make it a little less hands on. Moved to the next meeting.

Parent Association Report:

They met last week these are some of the things they touched base on:

- 6 part Navigating the Online World series
- School registration open and encouragement of early enrollment
- New programs at McCoy High School
- St. Mary's Sports & Wellness Academy as Notre Dame turned down 70 some students this year
- 2026/2027 calendar confirmed
- Staff appreciation idea – Bring food in during busy grading weeks/interview weeks
- There is a school Parish Parent Committee that meets quarterly

Teacher Report: Nothing to report other than skating starts this week and everyone is very excited.

Principal Report:

Track & Field: Confirmed that Jay sent funds so our school is registered.

ELP: MHCBE just went through the work to become licensed so parents could receive government subsidy. However, the Provincial government just made some changes to childcare subsidy, so the school board is back to the drawing board.

School Fees: There were a few adjustments due to transportation costs and one because of printing fees. Also OSC fees will go up 15% next year so they can keep offering the program.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:01pm

Next Meeting: March 3rd, 2025, at 6:00pm in Learning Commons.