

St. Josephine Bakhita Catholic School
Catholic School Council Meeting - Minutes
September 20th, 2018

1. **Welcome** by Jovie
2. **Opening Prayer**
3. **Introductions** of all in attendance
4. **Explanation of the role of Catholic School Council** presented by Colleen
The role of the CSC is to be an advisory group made up of parents and staff. The council and the topics discussed is used to provide the children with a better learning environment. The council is a vital part of the school community.
5. **Healthy Hunger and Lunch Discussion** presented by Mignonne
Mignonne provided the council with some options for lunches through Healthy Hunger. Parents wanted to increase the lunch schedule and offer more variety to the families. Admin cannot commit the time to managing any lunch issues if it was increased to every day. A few parents offered to volunteer an hour during those extra lunches.

Monday will remain as Subway

Tuesday or Wednesday will alternate between Extreme Pita, Quesada, Lunch Lady and Wok Box

Friday will remain as Pizza Pizza unless there is a PA day and then it will be Thursday

May consider offering novelty lunches on Tuesday and Thursday (non PA Day weeks)

6. **Parish Update** by Mignonne
First Communion forms have been sent out and registration is on Wednesday, September 26th or Saturday, September 29th
First Communion will be on Saturday, May 25th and the rehearsal will be on Friday, May 24th
EDGE Youth Group begins on October 26th
Confirmation date TBD but registration is on Monday, September 17th or Saturday, September 22nd
7. **Brief description of each position on the CSC** by Colleen
Chair and Vice Chair will act as the liaison between the council and administration. Chairs will send out an email to the council 2 weeks prior to a meeting to ask about any topics of discussion. Then they will meet with admin to discuss the topics in order to create the agenda for the meeting. This keeps the meeting organized.
Secretary will record the meeting minutes and send to the Chairs and Admin. The Chairs will send it to the council and Admin will upload the minutes to the website.
Parish Representative will work with the parish and provide the council with updates from Father.
8. **Elections** held by Jennifer
The results: Jovie and Colleen as Co-Chairs, Rita as Secretary and Mignonne as Parish Representative

Parent Representatives must attend meetings regularly to have a voting power

9. **Open Forum**

Kiss and Ride Concerns and Etiquette - People are stopping in the Kiss and Ride line and leaving their vehicle causing frustration with other parents. There are also safety concerns with children crossing through the parking lot when parents stop in front of the parked cars in the lot. Jennifer will send a notice about Kiss and Ride on Monday.

Students from the portables are eating on the gym floor - Jennifer indicated that last year there were more fights in the portables because there are not enough volunteers to watch each portable. She also said there is no storage for tables and that most kids are either standing or on the tarps for a few minutes as they generally eat their lunch quickly. Tarps are currently being used for the kids to sit on if they decide to sit down in the gym. Parents are still not comfortable with that arrangement.

Air Conditioning Concerns – this is a concern with parents and staff but the issue goes past the school and the DCDSB. This is something that needs to be mandated by the Ministry of Education.

10. **Next Meeting** – November 22nd