

Mother Teresa Parent Council Meeting Minutes

September 8th, 2025

AGM Elections:

Chair: Jennifer Ladouceur

Vice Chair: Vacant

Secretary: Sheri Gizen

Fundraising Coordinator: Courtney Ritchie

Treasurer: Jay Pinnell

Hot Lunch/Snack Day: Tiffany Vossler

Parent Association Rep: Jodi Breitzkreuz

Meeting Called: 6:02pm

In Attendance: Aura Street, Pam Leahy, Jennifer Ladouceur, Sheri Gizen, Jay Pinnell, Jennifer Pinnell, Jodi Breitzkreuz, Courtney Ritchie, Candy Roberts, Tiffany Vossler, Vanessa Bonville, Christina Stienley and Thora Huss.

Additions & Approval of Agenda: Approved with addition of School Parent Council Reporting and Signing Authorities.

Old Business:

End of Year BBQ: The Kinsmen trailer donation to cook burgers was highly favoured by students and staff. Would love to do this again this school year.

New Business:

Munch-a-Lunch: The invoice is paid to use their platform however there is nothing scheduled due to pending teacher strike. We decided to go ahead and book a few dates and instead of refunding if there is a strike, we will just transfer the order to a future date if need be. There were a few people tonight that volunteered to help day of. We will try to keep lunch dates to Wednesday's and Thursday's.

Christmas Concert Location: As the cost of the Esplanade is rising so much every year, it is time that we move locations to the Holy Family Parish. It is booked for the evening of the third Wednesday of December. We may need to rent sound equipment however will know more once the Music teacher comes up with a plan, stay tuned! The equipment may run around \$800 and there is a seat capacity of around 1300.

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. They will plan a costume parade for the day as well.

Fundraising Ideas:

- Old Dutch Chips – Courtney will run this prior to Halloween.
- Vauxall Meats – Sheri will contact them for their fundraising material.
- McBrides Donuts – Jenn P will reach out to her contact.
- Beef Jerky
- Gift Cards to Station – For a \$25 card we will get \$5 back, Jay will coordinate.
- Gift Cards to Mr. Pretzel – Same margin as their boxes but more affordable and easier, Jay will coordinate this one as well.
- Gift Cards to Booster Juice – Sheri will reach out with the contact she used a few years ago. We will run all three of these gift cards prior to Christmas
- 50/50 – Will run for the whole school year instead of just Christmas.
- Coupon Book – greatlittlecouponbook.ca looked like some good options in there. Books are \$15 each and funds the Terry Fox Foundation as well.
- Raffle – We will do a raffle table at the Christmas Concert this year. Everyone will find some donations and let Jay know the value of the prizes so he can open a AGLC license. Ideas: Staycation, Sporting Event Tickets, Cineplex, Elkwater, Baskets, ect.
- Bake Sale – We will plan a bake sale at the January 18th School Sponsored Mass this year. And maybe Knight of Columbus could help us out with a \$5 pancake brunch as well?
- Art Cards – May be a good option for before Christmas and they use kids art and make them into sets of cards. Looks like they have good profit margins.
- Kernels – Orders seem to come back wrong every time and it's a nightmare to pack, will pass this year.

Field Trips: A round trip this year with Southlands is \$185 +gst and Camp McCoy is booked. The Sunshine Trolley is a hit with a few classes and is much cheaper. Teachers are hoping for the same \$400 per classroom budget as last year. This will be tabled until PC Budget is figured out.

School Parent Council Reporting: Sheri has sent them the minutes, Jay will send all the banking information and Jenn P give them a report of events from the previous school year.

Signing Authorities: Jay motioned to adjust the signing authority to Jay Pinnell and Jennifer Ladouceur and remove Sarah Franchetto and any other signer that is no longer in parent council.

Parent Association Report: Nothing to report.

Teacher Report: Nothing to report.

Principal Report: Nothing to report.

Meeting Adjourned: 6:55pm

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