

Holy Heart of Mary School Council
Meeting Minutes
Oct 16, 2018

Present: Colin McNeil, Sheldon Barry, Fiona Higdon, Mark Jones, Donna Conran, Kelly Brewer-Balch, Jean Harding,

Regrets: Gerry Heffernan, Burke Brokenshire

Order of Business:

Meeting called to order at 5:05 p.m.

- 1) Confirmation of 2018- 2019 council: Council needs to fill the teacher rep position and the student position. Sheldon will take care of this. Co-chairs Kelly and Colin re-appointed for this year.
- 2) Website needs to be updated with meeting dates and email link for parents to forward agenda items.
- 3) Anxiety related activities to help students cope. Donna introduced the Bridging the gapp app and other agencies and activities that could be brought into the school. Discussion focused on what could potentially could be brought into the school to reach more students to address mental health.
- 4) Sheldon will share the quality of life survey with council for discussion at the next meeting. Also the achievement data for last year.
- 5) Fundraising: council approved Pita Pit fundraiser for the 2018-19 school year and the Christmas ticket draw in support of Prom 2019.
- 6) Prom: Sheldon spoke about the issues around hosting rom from a financial perspective and a liability one. Financially, board policy states that any expense over \$10,000.00 has to be put on public tender. This causes serious concern around where the prom will be held and how much it will actually cost. The lowest bidder could still be significantly over our budget. Prom also places considerable liability on the school, especially when students show up under the influence of alcohol or drugs after attending parties at parent's homes. Major changes need to occur. Next meeting will be devoted to discussing what these changes could look like.

Next Meeting: Nov 13

