

## **St. Thomas Aquinas School Council Meeting Nov 21, 2022**

Call to order 18:35

### Opening Prayer

- Land Acknowledgment
- Motion to approve previous minutes, seconded, approve
- Introductions and round table
- We are going to apply for the School Council Grant of \$500 again. Looking to engage parents again. There were many topics that were sought after on the question and assessment board. Engaging parents is a challenge. Last years attendance was low but it was last minute. Need to advertise better. Perhaps have more information at Demo of Learning.

### Principal Report

- This is not the right time to do it but the school is starting to think of ways to honour the memory of Timmy. How to honour his legacy?
- AHS has continues to be notified around absences. Total number of students away has dropped since the beginning of November.
- There are NEW and IMPROVED schools t-shirts for sale. They will be available online and at the demo
- Demo of Learning, Friday, opening of the website to book a time slot. Elementary will have a 30 minute time slot. Jr High have 10 minute interviews. May not be able to capture all in the school but Teams Meetings can be scheduled if students cannot make it in person.
- School population 1189 and fluctuating. 1 more portable being requested
- Bussing continues to be a challenge. Driver shortages. Apologies to parents, out of the school control.

### Mr. O discussion of Christmas Concert

- Carolling Event
- Fire pits from the community league
- Wed Dec 14th from 6-7PM
- Hot Chocolate? Food Truck? Decided against food truck to see how this event goes. Maybe next time.
- All invited? Room for 3000? YES!
- Too cold? Wind chill below -22 event will be cancelled.
- Glow Sticks? All white? Fundraising associating will order them.
- One song at a time everyone singing at the same time
- Parents NEED to stay with their children, not a drop off event
- Enough light? Yes, school lights light up all the back of the school.

Meeting adjourned 19:14