

St. Matthew's Elementary School - Parish Education Committee – May 2023

Report: Events & Fundraising (Lisa Smith)

Hot Lunch

- Things are running smoothly.
- Will be meeting with Joan and Susie in the weeks ahead to plan for 2023/24.
- During T3 my understanding is that Joan has really been managing the vendor partnership, weekly orders, etc. so she is prepared to take over for Susie. At the same time, weekly volunteers are self-managing.

Walkathon:

- Done – ended with over \$27,000 from this initiative – minor weekly prizes spend, busses to park, and then the grand prizes come out of this.
- Lessons learned session will have occurred the day of our PEC meeting so likely more info to come.
- Money was to go to scoreboard and climbing wall for sensory room – Debra, are you arranging?
- Working on prizes for the Grade 1 and Grade 3 classes – unfortunately the Otter Coop Experience is fully booked up so working on alternate options.
- Really pleased with the great work of our entire community to make this happen!

Carnival:

- June 17, 2023. The school spaces have been booked.
- Committee continues to meet and work incredibly hard at this massive undertaking – in person meeting from 8 to noon this Saturday at the school.
- Goal of \$10,000 this year. Plan to make this an annual event.
- Grade 6 parents will hold a raffle at the event as an independent fundraiser.
- Dress down day on May 31 will be for handing out pre-sale forms and announcements have now started via the church bulletin, Friday updates, and Instagram. This will only ramp up!
- So far, over \$7K in corporate and ministry sponsorship, about half of which will be used for the games and attractions we have booked, and food.
 - o Bouncy houses, dual lane slides, golf, bungee run, cake walk, dunk tank, krispy kreme, cotton candy, basket auction, food, treats, DJ, facepainting, you name it!

Other Notes:

- School volunteers for Parish events – dinner dance and international brunch.
 - o Do we have someone else on the PEC that is willing to be accountable for planning and executing alongside volunteers for these two events in 2023/24?
- Starting to think ahead about next year and what we will offer by way of events and fundraising initiatives. Really pleased with some of the leadership and support we are getting from more parents these days!