

Catholic School Council

Meeting Minutes- Tuesday February 19th, 2019

Attended: Andrée Craig, Sandy McGee, Ro Stagg, Melissa Tambasco & Anthony Cordeiro

Student Attendees: STEAM Executive Member – Michael Paul Sullivan

Regrets: Susan Korol, John Cosgrove, Cheryl Delugt, Wayne Lachapelle

Approval of Minutes: Andrée Craig motion for approval, Anthony Cordeiro 2nd the motion for approval.

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STEAM (Michael Paul Sullivan - CEO):

- Upcoming elementary STEAM nights – giving back to the community:
 - Feb 22nd St Mark's – 6:30-8pm, March 28th St Gabe's– 6:30-8pm, April 1st St Anne's – 6:30-8pm
 - Events have been run in the past demonstrating everything that STEAM does
 - Encourages student involvement and student engagement
- High School Projects – every year STEAM takes on a major initiative decided on by the students.
 - Looking at healthy living, mental health.
 - Decided on a portable greenhouse – achieved this decision by looking at how they can give back to the community
 - Formed a link with the greenhouse and the culinary classes
 - Greenhouses built with PVC piping and a shell, portable and lightweight
 - Construction, coding and research – 3 branches of the STEAM team to build the greenhouse
 - Currently in testing phase in order to test on prototypes
 - Greenhouse will have a QR code to be used to link to healthy websites and healthy recipes
 - Final project – comparing designs and projects from all groups, taking one of the designs and bringing them out to the elementary schools to use – giving back to the community
- Healthy Living Day – targeted to high school students (elementary also welcome).
 - Engages the high school students
 - Saturday May 25th
 - Booths in spectrum - 9-10am – displaying student projects – greenhouse, farm bot, electric car, other booths from community looking at healthy living, mental health
 - Booths are meant to be interactive
 - Would like to get 4 speakers, 20- 30 minutes each, speaking to different facets of STEAM – mental health, exercise science, healthy living, physical health – TED Talk set up, trying to make it interactive
 - Lunch – healthy living lunch – recipes, interactive set ups, demonstrations, speaking to senior students for when they go to post-secondary - Day finishes at around 2:00pm
 - Mr. Nason – trying to contact Jamie Oliver to come in for healthy living
 - Bell Let's Talk – mental health – have a speaker come in
 - Exercise science – McMaster's Female Hockey Coach
 - Renewable energy – Mr. Vicic connected with somebody to come in
 - STEAM Students are determining the day, putting the project together, gathering the information and doing the leg-work

- Looking for a donation of \$1000 to help offset the cost of lunches for around 100-150 students and speakers
 - Estimated cost of lunch of around \$7 per person
 - Cost for speakers
 - Don't want cost prohibiting families to attend the events
- Cannot come from Pro-Grant fund as it was allocated for another initiative last year
- Parent Council will discuss and return with an answer to Mr. Cordeiro
- 4 trips for STEAM have been covered by Ministry of Education for opportunities for students this year
- A STEAM grant that was available last year is no longer available this year

Principal's Report:

- ND is hosting a soccer tournament for secondary schools in support of Habitat for Humanity
- Signing of the posts for same organization raised around \$1,800
- Staffing:
 - New religion teacher was hired and began on Friday, Feb 15th 2019 from LTO pool
 - ND is at 1100 students, up from 970 from last year – anticipating growth of another 60.
 - Teachers are hired on a 22:1 ratio – anticipating 3 new teachers because of growth
- Facilities:
 - Coming this summer lockers will be replaced, hallways painted, library turned into learning commons.
 - Turf field will be replaced in July
 - Gym was refinished between the semesters
 - Bathrooms and change rooms will be redone, retiled
 - Facilities are often rented – school is often being used by other members of the school community – front doors are now locked at 5pm, doors between gym and rest of school are locked after school hours
- Vaping has decreased – signage, assemblies, TV postings and emails home have helped significantly.
- Finances:
 - Spent 99% of revenue ND took in last year
 - Last purchases for the year – second iMac lab for the first floor ~\$75,000 already budgeted for
 - 2 classrooms with tables - modern day learning, high and low tables 21st century setting
- Graduation Ceremony – Tuesday June 25th – First Ontario Concert Hall:
 - All parents on Parent Council are placed in the front row of the parent rows for graduation
 - Morning mass will be at St Paul's Parish
 - End of year mass will be led by Fr. Yanis of t. Gabe's
 - Friday, May 17th – 5:00pm-11:00pm – Oakville Conference Centre – Dinner/Dance

Student Council:

- Christmas Week – went well, activities were being held every day at lunch time the week leading up to the Christmas Break
- Valentine's Day activities difficult to promote due to exam period and snow days
- Semi-formal: April 25th, planning has begun, security and police officers will be present

CPIC Report:

- Ro reached out – no update was given for us
- Parish priest at St. Gabe's is waiting for surgery

OAPCE:

- Annual Parent Conference – April 5th and 6th – North York – Madonna CSS
- April 5th – networking, April 6th – conference – Greg Rogers from Me to WE (Education Director)
- Pro-Grant funding – have all been sent out
- Catholic Education Week – May 5th – 10th – Living as Joyful Disciples
- Met with Lisa Thompson – Minister of Education and Kathleen Wynne

Budget:

- \$5,901 in budget
- A lot of money was raised for Angel Campaign so no money was taken from Parent Council
- Grad award account already has the funds for this year's grad
- April Council Meeting – requests may be made from Business Leadership for funding, Breakfast Corner
- Council is in favour of granting \$1000 to STEAM

Other business:

- Pro-Grant Funding – CYC and Social Worker – Anthony will reach out to them to speak with Andrée if they need anything
- Speak Up Grant – will be used to support Best Buddies

Nest Meeting Dates:

- Tuesday, April 16th and Tuesday, June 18th (Social)

Council of Chairs:

- Wednesday, Feb 27th St. Joan of Arc in Oakville
- Wednesday, May 22nd at St. Scholastic in Milton

Trivia Date:

- Friday, February 22nd – set up starts at 5:30 p.m.

Motion to Adjourn:

- Motion to adjourn put forward by Andrée Craig and seconded by Sandy McGee.