

Catholic School Council

Meeting Minutes- Tuesday November 6th 2018

Attended: Andrée Craig, John Cosgrove, Sandy McGee, Cynthia Obrovac, Melissa Tambasco, Mieke Vanderkooy & Anthony Cordeiro

Student Attendees: Student Council – Travis Flippance, Best Buddies – Megan Hughes and Emily Perrino, Social Justice – Trinity Adams and Natalia Garza

Regrets: Ro Stagg, Susan Korol, Wayne Lachapelle

Introductions to new Council member

Anthony Cordeiro – principal

Travis Flippance – Student Council parent liaison

Mieke Vanderkooy – history teacher, Best Buddies

Megan Hughes – Best Buddies

Emily Perrino – Best Buddies and Social Justice

Natalia Garza – Social Justice Club

Trinity Adams – Social Justice Club

Andrée Craig – Chair of Parent Council

John Cosgrove – parent and first Parent Council Meeting

Melissa Tambasco – teacher, Student Council staff rep, staff rep on Parent Council

Cynthia Obrovac – teacher, staff rep on Parent Council

Approval of Agenda: Andrée Craig motion for approval, John Cosgrove 2nd the motion for approval

Approval of Minutes: Andrée Craig motion for approval, Sandy McGee 2nd the motion for approval

Student Presentations:

Social Justice – Habitat for Humanity - Trinity Adams, Natalia Garza, Emily Perrino

- **Social Justice – what they do** – social issues through the school
 - **Good Shepherd** – Be a Hunger Hero Food Drive – canned goods brought for food drive – food drive ends Nov 12th
 - **ND Green Revolution** – trying to reduce the plastic bags within the recycling bins, blue bins being brought down every Thursday from classrooms
 - **STEAM** – QR codes for information on Remembrance Day in Spectrum – interactive for students

- **Habitat For Humanity** – Catch 18 – community aligning to create habitat for people in need – Partnering with Halton-Mississauga
 - Post signing November 7th – students and staff will sign posts that will be used in framework of the homes, students and staff will travel through the gym to sign the posts and funds will be collected. St Timothy’s students will also come to sign the posts.
 - Students and staff are asked to donate \$1-\$2
 - Students can’t participate in the building of the homes since there are rules around age limits
 - Homes are being built on the Queensway
- **Mental Health** – Destress event in January

Student Council – Travis Flippance

- **Pink Day** - October 24th, recognition of Terry Fox Foundation (raised \$2103.50), activities such as pep rally, feeder schools attended, one of the highest attendance numbers, Terry Fox presentation, bake sale, t-shirt sales, ended with football game
 - Cheque was presented to Pam Damoff (MP for North Burlington and Oakville) and Craig from the Foundation)
 - Shirts sold for the Foundation were sold at cost – no money was raised off of the shirts
 - **Halloween** – costume contest based on class nominations, 4 prizes for costume contest were given in the form of cafeteria vouchers (\$10 each), bake sale, pumpkin toss (all during lunch)
 - **Christmas** – December event, week of - we do an activity each day (gingerbread houses, dress up days) with a Christmas assembly on last day before Christmas break

Best Buddies - Megan Hughes, Emily Perrino and Mieke Vanderkooy

- Mieke Vanderkooy and Liza Sneyd (Student Success) are staff reps for Best Buddies
 - Provided background to the Best Buddies organization
 - Inclusivity – all students have the same opportunities to be involved in the great things at Notre Dame
 - Often involved in major events
- Megan Hughes and Emily Perrino
 - **Lunch and Hang** – Best Buddies have lunch with one of the friends in room 106 (community living students) or cafeteria to eat with them and begin relationships that may not have been there before – interacting with peers rather than just with adults
 - Forms relationships to add comfort to talking to each other

- **Event Lunches** – Hallowe'en lunch, lunches around events, where a celebration takes place
 - Happens once a semester
 - At Hallowe'en – pumpkin bowling, costume relay (took place in the gym)
- **Event Teams**
 - Dodgeball teams paired up with best buddies
- **Socials @ ND**
 - Pink Day – walk around track together
 - Mass and Assemblies – all sit together so they aren't always centered out, all friends sit together and walk together
- **Socials outside of ND**
 - Two board-wide events
 - Christmas Social hosted at a different school (STA this year)
 - May Prom
- **Exam Camps**
 - During exams, school empties out quickly
 - Students from 106 still come to school all day, every day
 - School is very empty and becomes difficult when there is a change in routine
 - To help the staff - like a camp – take over the school over the extra day during the Exam Period and lots of events planned for the whole day

Remembrance Day – Cynthia Obrovac

- Reached out to more students and staff
- With tech department (Mr Vicic) and Arts department – students made decorative poppies, welded together and painted
- Poppies are on display for ceremony and are for sale (\$5 each) – email and picture sent to parent community
 - Donation will be made from some of the proceeds to the Royal Canadian Legion
 - ND will also donate on behalf of Irish Cares
- Partnered with Social Justice – put together an interactive museum display with photos of Canadian Veterans – linked with QR code linked to videos, songs or information
- Memory project – Veteran coming in on Friday – Andrew Barber – to speak to the students – will lead us in the act of remembrance
- 1 hour long service for students on Friday Nov 9th – ceremony will begin at 10am (and parents are welcome)
- Knights of Columbus will begin proceedings with Coloured Guard

Principle's Report:

Staffing

- 74 staff
- One teacher will be going off on maternity leave for second semester
- A position may be available in second semester depending on teacher who is on leave
- Consistent staff between semesters

IT

- As necessary – new computers, new iPads
- Refurbished computers in room 206
- Refurbished computers in room 242 for photography

Building /Facilities Update:

- Desks have all been delivered for the portables
- 30 additional desks have also been delivered
- Resource Centre will be moved to the daycare
- Additional desks will move to Resource Room as an additional classroom
- Portables will be kept – enrolment is anticipated to increase
 - If we lose portable, we may lose 1
- Daycare moved to St Mark's over March Break
- Daycare will be renovated appropriately to occupy Resource Centre – to be moved in before end of school year
- Summer to be used to update all of the classrooms and Resource Centre into classrooms
- Gymnasium cannot be painted yet as lockers which will be removed will be stored there to be picked up by dump trucks
- Goal – have some painting in gym at the completion of the work of the removal of lockers and the installation of lockers
- All hallways will be painted with installation of new lockers
- Areas of library will be transformed into Learning Commons – carpet to be gone with possibility of laminate floors
 - Update some areas to make it more laptop/computer friendly

Students

- Student count is currently at 1100, increase by 130 from last year
- Goal is to reach 1150

Finance

- Anthony reviewed spreadsheet that he provided to Parent Council Members
- Best Buddies relies on funding from the school to help run their activities
- Irish Cares helps with students and families who are in need
- Uniforms for students in need
 - In-School Wear – provides two shirts, a sweater and two pairs of pants (pants can be traded for shorts) free for students in need
 - Anything above that students are referred to New 2 You and must be purchased by family

Bishop's Gala

- Nov 7th at Le Dome in Oakville – Anthony Cordeiro, Wayne Lachapelle, Mark Shaw, Luca Martorelli and 6 students will be attending

Parish Report – Regrets – S. Korol

CPIC Report – Regrets – R. Stagg

OAPCE Report – S. McGee

- Catholic Education Matters: Renewing the promise
 - November 24th, St. Francis of Xavier – Mississauga, ON
 - Keynote Speaker: Teresa Hartnett

Meeting Dates:

- Next Meeting – February 12th

Motion to Adjourn:

- Motion to adjourn put forward by Andrée Craig and seconded by Anthony Cordeiro