



Catholic School Council

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ND Catholic School Council
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Catholic School Council Meeting
October 18, 2022
6:30 pm, ND Library

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Attendance: In-Person: Mr. Norm Roberts (Principal), Amanda Morrow (VP), Mark Ilcayszyn (VP), Chaplain Dunn, Stephen Clarke, Nicole Edwards, Marc Clare, Gail Blakeley, Christine Curtis, Viktoria, Laurie McBride, Melissa Forbes, Erica Nieuwenhuis, Fadi Sharaiha, Sheila, Debbie Cheretas, Danielle Piantoni (Staff), Matthew Pichocki (Student), Tiana Kayemba (Student)

Phone: Charmaine Smith

Regrets: Kim Bevington, Cait Geddes, Cheryl DeLugt, Chirag Saraiya, Nicole Edwards, Jeannie Bugiardini, Nikoletta (Student)

Land Acknowledgement & Opening Prayer: Chaplain Dunn

Approval of September 20th 2022 minutes: acknowledged email approval completed

Agenda Approval: approved

Members listing:

- List distributed to members and roles reviewed
- Volunteer(s) needed to Co-chair as existing Chair and Co-Chair will not be at ND after this year. Melissa and Sheila volunteered

Principal's Report: Mr. Roberts

Exams: Exams will take place this year. Preparation will be done with students

Bathrooms:

- continue to be monitored and vandalism repairs done immediately. Some improvement with gatherings in washroom and number of vandalism incidences.
- Lack of soap in bathrooms is an issue; to be looked into with the janitorial services
- Bathroom locks: there is no lock on inside of bathroom doors. Magnetic closures on bathroom doors have been approved for 2 bathrooms. Negotiations on costs and funding for adding to other bathrooms
- Bathroom monitors; 1 hired and hiring in progress for 2 more resources; in final hiring stage



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Cafeteria:

- Hiring is still a challenge. The school is looking into options for staffing cafeteria: catering businesses, pizza days, other options to provide food options at the school
- Student council has been organizing pizza days

Liaison officers: request pending

Tutoring: email to be sent out Wednesday Oct 19th for tutoring for Grade 9 & 10 students. Spots fill quickly so early sign up recommended

Other student engagement:

- Literacy and numeracy sessions starting next week . Not aware of other “catch up” funding or programs from the Board
- Many clubs already running or starting up; good variety of extracurricular activities available to students
- Engagement and learning gaps have been observed more since Covid; social and maturity gaps, self-regulation. The newly introduced destreamed path in grade 9 has made it more difficult to clearly identify and assess the gaps

Uniform Survey:

- 413 student responses
- 83% prefer any colour shoe with closed toe and heel
- Other feedback:
 - Sweatpants option
 - Spirit wear on certain days of weeks
 - crocs
 - Wearing Sports jerseys on game days
 - Crewneck sweatshirt option
 - Shorts are not comfortable, especially female short style
 - Full zip sweatshirt
 - Consistent enforcement of uniform policy
 - More civvies/spirit days
- New pant options that are more comfortable are being looked into to add to the uniform options through McCarthys. Parent Council majority supports further exploring these options and sweatpants. Update to be provided at next Council meeting

Parent Council vote on changing shoe policy:

Should Crocs be allowed?



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Vote: Yes: 0 votes

Decision: crocs should not be included in shoe policy

1. **Any colour shoe:** 12 votes
2. **All black:** 0 votes
3. **Mostly black; 2-3 colour choices of white, blue, black:** 6 votes

Decision: recommendation from Parent Council is to change shoe policy to any colour shoe with closed toe and heel.

Next Steps: this will be taken to Staff meeting for their feedback; update to be provided at the next council meeting

ND CSC positions: there is an open role for Parish contact; Chaplain Dunn volunteered to fill this role.

CSC Budget & Financial Update:

- initial budget created based on last year's budget
- Copy has been distributed to all council members
- Suggestion to add Drama as a line item
- Fundraising and event volunteers: communications can be sent out via School Messenger to elicit parent volunteers
- Fundraising committee to explore fund raising events, ideas
- Priorities for spending funds: Mr. Robertson to discuss with Administration & Staff and bring back a list of priorities to next Parent Council meeting for consideration

PRO Grant:

- applications need to be in by December; bring ideas to next meeting to decide
- Suggested Options:
 - Sports teams host parent night
 - Club night dinner

Reports:

- 1) **Treasurer:** no update
- 2) **Communications:** no update
- 3) **Event & Fundraising**



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What are the policies for event and fundraising? Amanda to check policy on donations and any restrictions and will be distributed out to council members

- 4) **Community** no update
- 5) **OAPCE** no update

Bishop's dinner on Wed Nov 9th

- 10 tickets purchased (6 reserved for students): any council members interested in attending to email Stephen
- Anyone not comfortable with their name being published as part of council, contact Stephen by end of day

Chaplain Report:

- Introduction
- Overview of this year's plan

Student Council Update: Matthew & Tiana

- Pink day – very successful
- Halloween planning and communications in progress
- The square (debit payment)...in progress with Board

New Business:

- 1) Parent Teacher Interviews: link to be sent out this Friday Oct 21st

Next Meeting Date: Tuesday Nov 15th at 630pm

Closing Prayer

End Time: 8:38pm