



Catholic School Council

Improving student achievement and school performance.

ND Catholic School Council
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Catholic School Council Meeting
11-15-22
6:30pm, ND Library

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Attendance: Cheryl DeLugt(Co-Chair), Norm Roberts (Principal), Cait Geddes, Danielle (Teacher Rep) Gail Blakeley, Matthew Pichocki (Student), Taiana Kayemba (Student), Julie Tippet, Charmaine Smith, Melissa Forbes, Fadi Sharaiha, Katie, Laurie McBride, Jenna, Marysia (Phone), Sheila DeSousa

Welcome & Opening Prayer, Land Acknowledgement: Mr. Roberts

Approval of Minutes: Approved via email October 10, 2022

Approval of Agenda: Julie. Second: Cheryl

Principal's Report: Mr. Roberts

- **Student Award Night**
 - Traditionally, Awards Night is held in September, in-person with low attendance.
 - This year, honor-rolls will be presented during school, by grade. It will also be posted on the website (with permission)
 - The following day, subject award winners will be presented
 - Why?
 - Delayed results due to new platform from the board (Power School)
 - Low attendance to awards night in the past
 - 650 students on the honor roll this year. School cannot accommodate
 - It would be a lot of money and a lot of work to plan multiple ceremonies
 - Mr.Roberts to look into video streaming awards for parents

- **Bathroom Update**
 - Noticeable improvement
 - Interior lock on the door was investigated and it is a non-issue. The inside lock does not lock the door
 - Board has chosen our school to participate in a washroom accessibility audit
 - School will receive \$230,000 grant to make it more wheelchair accessible
 - Because of this, all washroom doors will have magnets and be open at all time



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- 3 new lunchroom supervisors have been hired to monitor washrooms and stairwells
- Warnings have been issued to students vaping in the school that next time it will go to municipality and there will be a \$300 fine
- Addiction nurse is available to students that suffer from addiction

- **Cafeteria Update**
 - Subway would not be able to accommodate the quantity needed
 - Students prefer hot food
 - Meeting/tour of kitchen has been schedule for a new catering company
 - No food trucks - permit is too difficult and expensive for vendors

- **Black Student Union**
 - First meeting last Friday night
 - 3 teachers and a community partner have signed on to help facilitate
 - 12-14 students have come to participate
 - Main focus is how to celebrate black culture

- **Alternative Areas for lunch**
 - Request for an alternative area for students that would like a quiet space for lunch
 - Cafeteria is not necessarily full, it's just very loud
 - Some students enjoy spending lunch in the stairwell - so long as they clean up after themselves and behave, it is allowed. (May become an issue when the cold weather comes)
 - These areas are monitored by supervisors
 - Wellness room is not for eating and is small
 - Library does not allow food
 - What other areas are available??

- **Questions:**
 - Will the coat drive be happening this year? Yes, date TBD
 - More media attention for:
 - Tiny Home project
 - As well as upcoming projects: Living wall going into spectrum, Accessible areas in greenhouse, Indigenous garden in front of school

Student Report: (Tiana & Matthew)



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- **Previous Events and Fundraisers**
 - Cookie Grams
 - Haunted House

- Grade 9 &10 Winter Wonderland Dance Dec 7th, 7-10pm
 - \$10/ticket. Food & Drink additional \$. Available through cash online
 - Grades 11 & 12 dance to be planned in the spring
 - Request for funds for Police presence - Liaison officer has been notified, so it will be a familiar office
 - **MOTION: Cheryl:** To financially support 2 Police Officers to be present at both the Grade 9&10 dance and the upcoming Grade 11&12 dance
 - **SECOND:** Unanimous

- **Upcoming Events & Fundraisers:**
 - Business leadership SHSM
 - Business case study competition (2nd annual)
 - December 1st & 8th,2022 - all day in the library conference room
 - Open to grade 11 leadership SHSM students and grade 10 BBI students
 - Judges include a Degroote accounting association student as well as notre dame administration and business department
 - Drama Club
 - Children's theater production of Alice in Wonderland and Three Little Pigs for Best Buddies
 - Grade 12 class play - Clue - January 17th, 2023 (PM) in the cafeteria
 - On-going STEAM weekly activities - working on community outreach in elementary schools
 - On-going pizza sales
 - More fundraisers are coming!
- POS Square still going through the school board for approval - Amanda looking into this

Chaplain Report: Mr.Roberts

- Supporting community families with gift cards
- Coat drive - Date TBD
- Advent Liturgies in gym

Council of Chairs:

- Nov.23rd, 2022
- Kim & Cait to attend



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PRO Grant:

- Application due at the end of November. Stephen will submit
 - General idea: Wellness Family Fun Night
 - To include different stations. Ideas: Yoga, Comedian, Nutrition, Trivia etc..

Treasurer Report: Fadi

- See attachment for budget

Events & Fundraising: Julie

- Boosting Cobbs Fundraiser in communications
- Revive Mabels Labels fundraiser and blast on social media
- New ideas
 - Indigo
 - Pizza

OAPCE: Cait

- Commissioning ceremony at Council of Chair Meeting
- Next meeting Dec.1st, 2022 (Virtual)

New Business:

- Sweat Pants to uniform

Next Meeting Dates:

- Tues. Dec. 13, 2022 6:30pm
- Tues., Jan. 17, 2023 6:30pm
- Tues., Feb. 21, 2023 6:30pm
- Tues., Mar. 21, 2023 6:30pm
- Tues., Apr. 18, 2023 6:30pm
- Tues., May 16, 2023 6:30pm
- Tues., June 13, 2023 6:30pm

Closing Prayer: Mr. Roberts

End Time: 7:53pm