



Catholic School Council

Improving student achievement and school performance.

ND Catholic School Council
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Catholic School Council Meeting

12.13.22

6:40pm, ND Library

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Attendance: Norm Roberts (Principal), Stephen Clarke, Mark Ilcayszyn (VP), Danielle Piantoni (Teacher Rep), Tiana Kayemba (Student), Helen Biggs, Julie Tippett, Erica Nieuwenhuis, Sheila DeSouza, Kim MacGregor, Marc Clare, Cait Geddes.

Phone: Christine Curtis, Marysia Papagianis, Gail Blakeley

Welcome & Opening Prayer, Land Acknowledgement: Mr. Roberts

Approval of Minutes: Approved via email

Approval of Agenda: Sheila. Second, Helen

Arts Night 2023 Presentation & Request: Student Reps

- Arts Night 2023
 - May 11th, 2023. 6pm. Library
 - An evening for art students to showcase their work with musical & drama performances
 - Grade 6 students from feeder schools are invited
 - *Principals from feeder schools requested more engagement with students to prepare them for high school - Grade 6 focus on art, grade 7 focus on flag football, grade 8 focus on leadership*
 - 511 students currently in the arts programs
 - Past years:
 - Generally well attended by community members, family and friends: 200+ people
 - 40+ Volunteers
 - \$2 at the door is generally charged (last was free due to Covid)
 - SHSM will purchase items that can be used year after year
 - Business Leadership to help acquire donations for food & beverage
 - **REQUEST:** School Council to cover the cost of the following:
 - \$700 Decor, Hair & Make up, Popcorn & Baked Goods, Volunteer Pizza
 - **MOTION:** Sheila: To support the Arts Night 2023 in the amount of \$700
 - Second: Julie



- Motion Passed

Principal's Report: Mr. Roberts

- **Grade 9/10 Dance: Police vs. Security**
 - 265 students in attendance
 - The board instructed the school to hire security, rather than police, as police presence may be a trigger for students and parents. If there was any type of issue during the event, police may be called
 - School's liaison officer was made aware of the event
 - Security did not show up to the event last minute due to a family emergency
 - School Council will be reimbursed
 - VP's and Teachers helped with security, but students were well behaved. No issues reported
- **School Council Constitution**
 - Stephen to send out constitution and by laws to the rest of council via email
- **Student Awards Night: Honor roll and subject awards**
 - Reports from the board arrived late this year
 - Honor roll & subject awards to be presented:
 - Last year grade 9s: Dec. 15, Period 4
 - Last year grade 10s: Dec. 16, Period 1
 - Last year grade 11s: Dec. 16, Period 2
 - Presentation cannot be streamed to parents due to privacy issues
 - Friends & Family will not be invited in-person as we have done in the past as the school cannot accommodate the amount of people
 - Parents are upset they will not be included and disappointed in the lack of communication and planning
 - Admin to do better next year
- **Bathroom Update**
 - Kid still congregating in the washrooms, however vaping and vandalism is down
 - VPs and supervisors continue to monitor
 - No alcohol has been found - just vaping
 - Items needed to fix plumbing issues in one of the bathrooms are backordered
- **Cafeteria Update**
 - Admin looked into Subway, however Subway cannot handle the amount of students
 - Student Council increased pizza days and are planning Pasta Days
 - *Parent concern that they may run out of pizza: don't generally run out of pizza unless you come right at the end of lunch*



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- A local catering company was scheduled to tour the cafeteria but they unfortunately did not follow through
- Chartwell (Board catering company) is currently underemployed - they employ other cafeterias (nursing homes)...High schools generally make the least amount of money, so they are at the bottom of the list to be employed
- Students aren't necessarily missing out on too much! Cafeteria food is not what it used to be. Board deemed no fryers (French fries etc..), no pop, nothing unhealthy
- Food Trucks - very difficult to have them here regularly because of City of Burlington "red tape"
- **Alternative Lunch Areas**
 - Cafeteria is not ever full
 - If the cafeteria is too noisy, there are some classrooms available and other quiet areas. Case by case basis - please contact principal for arrangements
 - Certain stairwells are open to students. They are regularly monitored by VPs and Supervisors. Several staircases are not open to students due to illicit activities taking place
- **Holiday School Hours**
 - Thursday, Dec 22nd
 - Christmas Concert
 - Early dismissal
 - Communication will be sent to parents
 - Buses will be adjusted
 - Friday, Dec 23rd
 - No school for students
- **Civvies Day**
 - Theme Days (orange shirt day) are usually uniform bottoms
 - Civvies Days are full civvies
- **Sample Uniform Bottoms**
 - Mr.Roberts presented one sample pair of pants from McCarthys
 - More samples needed
- **Promotional Video**
 - A promo video is being made to showcase the positive side of Notre Dame and what the school has to offer
 - Corpus got the AP program - mostly because they have the space to accommodate more students. ND does not have the space.
 - Examples of what Notre Dame has to offer:
 - French immersion



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- The only Greenhouse & horticulture program in the board
- The only Manufacturing program in the board
- Ongoing tiny home project
- STEAM program (coming next year)
- **Questions:**
 - Where on the website will the honor roll students and award winners be recognized?
 - It will be a slider in the main feed “What’s happening in Notre Dame”
 - Could we get pictures done for students on honor roll and awards
 - Photography teacher is scheduled to be there
 - Can we make these available to the students? Possibly. Mr.Roberts to look into.

Student Report: Tiana

- **Student Dance**
 - Went well. Students enjoyed the event
 - Grade 11/12 dance to be planned in new year
 - Security will be present
- **Business Leadership Conference**
 - Fundraising:
 - Pizza day, pasta sales and bake sale
 - Dec 22nd, 5-9pm Fortinos bagging groceries fundraiser
 - Needs to be shared on social media

Chaplain Report: Mr. Roberts

- Advent blessing and service in the spectrum on Wednesdays
- 2 Liturgies were held with the Deacon

Council of Chairs: Kim MacGregor

- Held at St.Nicholas, Oakville. Nov. 23,2022
- Guest Speaker: Dr.Jean Clinton. Professor of Psychiatry and Behavioural Neurosciences at McMaster University

PRO Grant: Stephen

- Grant has been approved
- Looking for School Council members to form committee
- To be discussed in January’s meeting



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Communications: Helen

- Parent concerns:
 - Grad wear
 - Business leadership is planning something
 - Missing school photos
 - Need to contact Edge Imaging
 - Some are in the main office
 - D2L - Parent login issues
 - Board has been going through a lot of updates - Contact admin

Community: Marc

- Knights of Columbus
 - Food Drive Over 2500lbs of food collected and \$1700 donation
- Halton Catholic Children's foundation
 - Please encourage families in need to reach out to school
- Bishop Dinner
 - Very successful and great feedback
 - Over \$30k net

Next Meeting Dates:

- 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: 8:26pm