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ND Catholic School Council
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Tuesday, January 13, 2022 @ 6:30 pm ND School
Library

Call in: 1-587-405-1252 Code: 7308746

Fadi	Sharaiha	Yes, I will be there
Debbie	Cheretas	Yes, I will be there
Gail	Blakeley	Yes, I will be there
Cheryl	Delugt	No, sorry, I can't make it
Julie	Tippet	Yes, I will be there
Marysia	Papagianis	Yes, I will be there
Sheila	DeSousa	Yes, I will be there
Charmaine	Smith	Yes, I will be there
Erica	Nieuwenhuis	Yes, I will be there
Marc	Clare	Yes, I will be there
Caiy	Gedded	Yes, I will be there
Jeannie	Bugiardini	Yes, I will be there
Tiana	Kayemba	No, sorry, I can't make it
Laurie	McBride	Yes, I will be there
Matthew	Pichocki	No, sorry, I can't make it
Melissa	Forbes	Yes, I will be there



Brian	Dunn	No, sorry, I can't make it
Kim	MacGregor	Yes, I will be there

Meeting Minutes

Opening Prayer - Chaplain Dunn

Meeting agenda - approved

Meeting minutes from previous meeting - approved

Land Acknowledgement - Chaplain Dunn

Student Reps - presenting later due to play

Principal Report

Grade 11 dance - scheduled March 9 - waiting for permit, alternatively March 8
Security - police will not be there, 4 security guards, plus 25 teachers
Grade 10 dance went well - high percentage of female, washrooms were monitored, positive environment, no issues. Feedback was that the kids had fun. School council organized.

Historically, junior dances are well received, senior dances have been cancelled 3 times due to low attendance

Bathroom update - \$72,000 damage prior to the year Mr. Roberts started at ND. Not the same vandalism now as previously.

No real damage this year, vaping and overcrowding and only a couple of incidents of seriously concerning behaviour, students have been reprimanded. All the monitors are female, so can't go in men's room, but they are very invested and take their job seriously. Suggestion to have them identified some way.

Cafeteria update - In Burlington, 3 other schools have also lost their cafeterias, Corpus, Nelson and MM don't have cafeterias - Chartwell has a lack of staff and can't supply,

Reached out to alternate caterers but no caterers will come due to size of job, school contracts are difficult to obtain.

Lunch Lady, rotating subway, they don't want to take on the job either.

Currently Pizza twice a week is in rotation.

There hasn't been a lot of comments from the student body.

Looking at cooking class doing the odd day...but can't be on a regular basis.



There are lots of food places within driving distance...

Pancake Tuesday - last year, they made enough pancakes for the whole school - culinary class handles that. Lots left over.

School uniform pant sample - in the office, will show us

Grad photos - Many students unhappy with them, photographer was the issue, Assumption had a table for grooming and Notre Dame didn't have a set up like that. Maybe ND could provide a table and a mirror next year.

Some people haven't received their pics yet.

Suggested to use Assumption photographer next time. Life Touch, Pegasus are other choices...

Contract? A one-year contract likely – Ida will know for sure.

Can Edge Imaging come back to do retakes and not charge an additional sitting fee. Mr. Roberts will check out this option.

Budget - board is running at a deficit this year, found out in December our school budget is being reduced significantly, 30% reduction. Some projects may need to be postponed. Disappointing news.

Proposal - STEAM learning centre, looking at how we can budget for that creatively....

Arts and Drama summer camp for a fee to raise money for drama program, and sports camp which is ½ price of a regular camp - combined with the CO-OP program for staffing - all to raise funds for phys-ed program to offset costs

Budget deficit is due to decrease in enrollment - pandemic, not as many students are attending JK and SK, keeping the kids home, Milton school isn't built yet so they lost a lot of students due to these issues. Recruiting international students in the hopes of increasing enrollment.

Incident – Two students on snapchat, language and references were inappropriate and racist, conversation was shared and went viral.

High profile within the community due to the viral nature of the incident, therefore, ND communicated the issue to the parents.

Two students were being threatened. Families of the perpetrators are mortified and on board with addressing the issue with the students. Their parents brought it forward, due to threats to their children, and were subsequently open and honest about the responsibility of their students.

ND offered the victims of the abuse support. Staff was informed and asked to respectfully address the issue should it be required. Announcement was made at



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9:15am so the teachers could address it. Communication to parent community via email.

Black racism was the issue. Black student union was brought together with the Board equity officer and a Social worker, Norm apologized for the incident. Norm realized these kids are dealing with this on a regular basis and felt apologetic.

Planning to have an education with the student body so that they can share their learning.

LGBTQ is also being addressed simultaneously. Social Worker has been brought in to advise.

Racist culture is more normalized here. Public school has less issues.

Uniform - Wearing school labelled clothing outside school while misrepresenting the school should be addressed...

ie. student was arrested wearing ND hoodie for assault - video went viral -

Perhaps they should be reminded that when they wear school clothes, they are representing the school and should behave respectfully.

Good Stuff:

Lots of great stuff happening too:

Tiny House

Greenhouse

Rehabilitation

Student Rep Report - Tiana

Smoothie Proposal -

No cafeterias - proposing a healthy alternative and raise money for the Business Leadership Program.

Business Leadership club - runs the ND conference, student led event, extremely successful

Fundraising - pizza (not a big profit), bake sale, pasta, dodgeball, Fortinos bagging

Selling smoothies in the spectrum, 1 full week, plus every Monday, Starting second week of second semester

Lots of flavours

\$5 cost - \$1 per smoothie profit

Business leadership will pay for ingredients, cups, lids, straws, cost breakdown provided

Surveyed the students and they said they would be interested, based on sales of pizza, the students would support. Students can bring their own cup - just confirming sizes



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3 X Blenders are being requested from School council - Would prefer the \$69.99 blender

Costco warranty may want to be considered.

Vita-mix so pricey for a pilot project. Blender considerations - capacity, and endurance

FB post to support the program - Julie will create

Julie will Reach out to Canadian Tire to see if blenders can be bought at cost.

JT French and ULine - cups and straws etc for reduced prices

Is this going to be ongoing next year? School, cafeteria may be open, also next year's CEO has to advocate.

School council will Vote electronically later once some blender research is complete.

Chair Report

Circulated ByLaws for council

Accept bylaws as presented - Marc seconds the motion

Board should have equal waiting between Catholic and non-catholic

Co-chair - must be catholic

Vice-chair - does not have to be catholic

Bylaws - if you miss 3 meetings then you are asked to step down, unless notification is provided prior to the meeting.

Goal is to have a balanced representation of CSC members, half Catholic and the half non-Catholic

The spirit of the meeting is to have the parent voice.

More often meetings to engage with more parents - have meetings monthly rather than the minimum.

Council's purpose is to hear about everyone's issues - open and inclusive

All voted in favor of motion - motion passed.

PRO GRANT

\$750 grant received plus \$1000 from the council - family wellness is the theme for the grant

Need a committee to lead this initiative. 2-3 people needed to take on the project and give direction accordingly.

No date set yet. Before or just after Easter - after parent teacher interview March 30 (advertising tool)

Idea - family wellness evening with parents and students attended - booths or guest speakers.

Need someone to champion the Grant - Sheila, Fadi, Erica, Kim, Debbie, Norm said they would be a part of it.



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Get teachers involved - yoga teacher
Venue - is the school - Wednesday night is best
Smoothies suggested
Ida was going to receive a portion of money left over from last year, split 3 ways between Corpus, Assumption and ND

Chaplain Report - not available

Budget Report - Fadi - still have \$19,000

Communication Report - Erica - communication is all good

Event and Fundraising -

BBQ event - Spring time

Last year, curriculum night - BBQ went well

Education week is first week of May - consideration for timing

OAPCE - no comment, nothing to report

HCCF.ca - Halton Catholic Children's Foundation,
self-funded

Marc - Community presentation

HCCF Identifies students in need - through an application from the school, for Catholic Board

(Halton Learning Foundation, for Public Board)

Funding:

Evening with Bishop Crosby - November - net proceeds \$30,000

Golf Tourney

24 Hour Fast - Fast anything - cell phones, sugar, social media, you choose

March 30-March 31 - sponsors, Online website for registering, team or individual,

Requesting School Council forms a team for the fundraiser

Next Meeting Dates:

- 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



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