



Catholic School Council

Improving student achievement and school performance.

ND Catholic School Council
Tuesday, February 21, 2023 @ 6:30 pm
ND School Library

In attendance:

Stephen Clarke, Tiana Kayemba (student rep), Matthew Pichocki (student rep), Fadi Sharaiha, Danielle Piantoni (teacher rep), Cheryl Delugt, Charmaine Smith, Sheila DeSousa, Marysia Papagianis, Erica Nieuwenhuis, Julie Tippet, Norm Roberts (Principal), Marc Clare, Joining by phone – Christine Curtis

MEETING MINUTES

1	Welcome	Principal Norm Roberts & Stephen Clarke Recorder - Marc Clare Meeting started at 6:32pm
2	Opening prayer	Principal Norm Roberts
3	Land acknowledgement	Principal Norm Roberts
4	Approval of January 17, 2023 meeting minutes.	Approved via email.
5	Approval of agenda	Motion by Cheryl Delugt - carried



6	Student Reps Report	<p>Tiana Kayemba & Matthew Pichocki (student reps)</p> <p>Smoothie proposal</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Have been researching good quality blenders- Approached Canadian Tire – hoping to hear a response back this week<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Requesting potential discount or donation of a good quality blender- Stephen – Costco has a higher end blender – Vitamix<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Consider researching through Costco Business- Norm – will look into whether the Board has a vendor they could utilize <p>Business Leadership</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Annual Dodgeball Tournament- Registration has starting- March 2 during the school day <p>School Council</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Grade 11 & 12 dance – March 9- \$1200 for security – 3 guards- Will CSC support the cost of the security?- <u>Discussion</u><ul style="list-style-type: none">• Concern with this security firm missing the grade 9 & 10 dance:<ul style="list-style-type: none">• There was a family emergency which caused the issue for the last dance• Suggestion to prepare a “Plan B”<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Matthew and Tiana will ask their staff advisors about options & will meet with Mr. Roberts tomorrow• Low ticket sales so far• Lots of advertising - Will continue to work on ticket sales - 2 weeks to go for sales – typically people buy tickets last minute – need approximately 200 students to break even• Student Council will connect with security company & DJ regarding potential last day to cancel if needed• They have been advertising a ticket sales cut off date• Will talk about potential door prizes to help create some excitement• DJ is \$1200; Photo Booth is \$800- Motion from the Fall ND CSC meeting included covering security for the Senior dance as well – no vote required
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7	Principal Report	<p>Grade 11 “Prom”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- It is not associated with the school at all.- It is run by students/parents- Typically happens in the spring <p>Bathroom update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Schools has been told there will be magnets for the bathroom doors by May<ul style="list-style-type: none">o Doors will stay open to help with safety / supervision of student bathrooms & will release and close if the fire alarm is activated- There have been fewer issues with the supervision that has been happening <p>Cafeteria</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Not likely to be open this year- Not many schools have cafeterias open due to staffing issues- Culinary class served pancakes today- Business Leadership has been doing pizza days- Culinary class looking to do a pasta day <p>School Uniform Pant Samples</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Norm showed a sample of a potential pant that McCarthy’s has available- Norm suggests keeping the current pant and add a second option that will not be out of fashion in a few years- Students would be consulted via a focus group- Norm will invite McCarthy Rep to next ND CSC meeting if he has several samples available<ul style="list-style-type: none">o CSC members expressed interest in a “track pant” material as an option – some elementary schools have had this available through McCarthy’so Norm to look into whether this would be possible <p>Grad photos – retakes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Have talked with the company (Edge Imaging)- Will come back to the school for retakes for a \$10 sitting fee- Coming back in March to the school- Information about retakes on the company website <p>Sports Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Junior Basketball Team<ul style="list-style-type: none">o Fantastic turnout from students to cheer the team in the semi-finals at Notre Dame
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		<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Finals this Thursday VS Bishop Reding at Holy Trinity CSS○ 4 busses will be taking students to the game- 7 swimmers going to OFSAA- Snowboarding – 1 student going to OFSAA <p>Student issues</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- 4 serious issues involving suspensions and expulsions over the past month- There have been issues around inaccurate information being circulated by students and through social media- There are policies and protocols in place to ensure that students are safe and have their dignity in a personal crisis- All schools buses will have video to help ensure safety of students and drivers- There have been some suicides at other schools<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Admin staff are very aware – ND have had some students with some mental health challenges. Child & Youth Councilor & Social Worker have been involved with getting the students the help they need- Looking at a “Science of Happiness” program for students <p>Promotional Video</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Norm showed a draft of a Notre Dame Promotional video, which highlights many of the great classes, programs and unique options available at Notre Dame- Will be on the Notre Dame website and shared with Elementary feeder schools- Will be launched soon <p>Ash Wednesday – several small services tomorrow for each grade</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Students can choose to receive ashes if they wish <p>Black History Month is continuing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Had a very impactful speaker talk with students- Fadi’s wife has a video on racism that the school will be purchasing the rights to show, and potentially showing across the school board.
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8	Chair Report	<p>PRO – Family Wellness Subcommittee (Sheila DeSousa)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Potential Ideas <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Considering Miguel Martinez - he is willing to come <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • He is a well known life coach with many topics to choose from • Bio to be forwarded by Stephen • Need to confirm date and fees and parameters re: number of sessions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Potentially during Education Week • Elementary schools are having him come to speak with parents in April – is there an opportunity to utilize this somehow? • Fadi – has a friend with a PHD in psychology <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Could potentially consider a streamed session on mental health first aid • Fadi will send the person’s bio • Fadi’s wife’s film – potentially consider a viewing with her present to answer questions. Film is about 1 hour. • Subcommittee will connect with Norm Roberts next week to discuss further <p>- Council of Chairs Meeting – Thursday Feb 23</p>
9	Chaplain’s report	Not available
10	Reports:	<p>Treasurer Fadi Sharaiha</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Bank Balance = \$17,366 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Are there potential needs within the school that the CSC could support? ○ Norm will put together a list of potential needs within the school and send to CSC for consideration
		<p>Communications Erica Nieuwenhuis, Helen Biggs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Nothing to report
		<p>Event & Fundraising Nicole Edwards, Melissa Forbes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Nothing to report



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		<p>OAPCE - Kim MacGregor</p> <p>Report from OAPCE virtual meeting on February 6, 2023: Guest speaker Teresa Hartnett shared her presentation called, “God’s Design for us: Who we are called to Be and Who are we capable of Being.” Teresa reminded everyone that God loves each person with infinite capacity and that we are called to use the gifts we are given to make the world a better place. Spring OAPCE conference is scheduled for April 22, 2023 at Regiopolis-Notre Dame Catholic High School in Kingston with presentations from Theresa Kennedy, Dr. Josephine Lombardi, and Miguel Martinez</p>
		<p>Community - Marc Clare</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - HCCF 24 Hour Fast supports HCDSB students in need - Happens March 30-31 – registration officially starts February 23 - Marc presented information on the HCCF 24 Hour Fast <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Similar to a Walk-a-thon, community groups can form a team and invite others to join that team. Those individuals will have their own fundraising page to invite friends and family to sponsor them by making a donation. o Participants can give up anything they want for 24 hours, or even challenge themselves on other ways - Stephen will create a team and will invite other CSC members to join or donate - Visit https://www.hccf.ca/24-hour-fast/ for more information
11	New Business	<p>All</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No new business
12	Closing Prayer	Principal Norm Roberts
	Next Meeting	Tuesday, March 21, 2023, 6:30 pm

Next Meeting Dates:

- Tues., Mar. 21, 2023 6:30pm
- Tues., Apr. 18, 2023 6:30pm
- Tues., May 16, 2023 6:30pm
- Tues., June 13, 2023 6:30pm