



Catholic School Council

Improving student achievement and school performance.

ND Catholic School Council
Notre Dame Catholic Secondary School
2333 Headon Forest Drive
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Tuesday, March 21, 2023 @ 6:30 pm

ND School Library – Meeting Minutes

Agenda – Carlos from McCarthy was unable to attend

- Charmaine moved the agenda

Student Rep Report – Matthew and Tiana

- Smoothies
 - o Blenders to be purchased for smoothie sales, Idea to go to the Manufacturer for a significant discount – sale ends Friday
 - o Smoothie sales - April
 - o Start with a full week of smoothie sales
 - o Follow up with every Monday smoothie sales
 - o Purchasing frozen fruit to save on ice
 - o \$5 cost each – profit \$1
 - o Principal will send communication to community
 - o Idea to ask community to contribute gift cards for the frozen fruit
 - o Idea to provide samples on Mar 23 Parent teacher night
- Pasta sales are next week
- Dance for gr 11/12 went well, 228 tickets sold, provided candy bags, photo booth, min issues
- Looking for another year end idea
- May 16 – soccer baseball tournament
- Business Leadership Conference, may 3, logo reveal this week
- Mar 2 Dodgeball event was great, great participation, great enthusiasm
- Grad Sweaters – good sales
- Student Council – mentoring 5 grade 11's for next year's council, Schism students being trained

Principal's Report

- McCarthy's pants trial will take place in the fall
- Grade 12 prom – May 26
 - o Upcycle/recycle day – donate prom dresses and suits/shoes to the school by April 6
 - o Pop Up store will be available at ND, date TBD
 - o All proceeds to charity



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- Any remaining clothing will be shared with other schools
- Social Justice Class – Mandate that all efforts needs to affect ND community, LGBTQ etc.
 - Horticulture class – Garden table built special for students with disabilities
 - \$200,000 grant for ablism
 - All projects are student led
- Parent/Teacher Interviews March 30
 - Meetings are only meant to connect with teacher
 - All parents that would like to discuss deeper issues will need a special appt on a different day
 - Electronic sign up works well and will be used again this year
- BuyOuts – Question about why there have been so many?
 - Due to COVID, students have suffered socially, buy outs are an opportunity to come together as a group, create group social connections, build community within ND, create enthusiasm and spirit for the school
 - Liturgies, ADVENT, Ash Wednesday, all opportunities to bring students back to faith, remind them of respectful behaviour during spiritual teachings
 - World Cup – exciting time for sports and a chance to create spirit and fun in the ND community
 - Junior Basketball – ND was an underdog team, not expected to win
 - Semi final was held at ND, 500 kids came to cheer them on, gym was full of positivity and team spirit and they won! So much positive energy!
 - ND was allowed 4 buses to the final game, all buses were full
 - BR Team was undefeated throughout the season, ND worked as a team and with the traditional ND sports spirit and the fans in the crowd, the ND team won!!
- Dodgeball – team spirit, positive energy, great turnout, teachers won, lots of fun was had
- BuyOuts are not about skipping class, they are about creating team/school spirit
 - If students are signed out, they must leave the premises, they can't hang around the school unsupervised
 - If they don't attend the event and they aren't signed out, they must attend class – good time to catch up on homework and get one on one time with teacher
- STEAM – next year we will be a STEAM school
 - 6 dedicated teachers
 - Looking to figure out how to schedule these students and the program
 - Cohort?
 - Project based? – every class project, STEAM students will have to focus the project objective on STEAM project ie. Grade 9 – electric car - art class, project will be focused on car design/colour etc.



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- Grade 10 project will be chosen by the students (from previous gr9 class)
- STEAM day
- College/Uni benefit is a resume booster, added educational experience

HCCF – Mark

- 24 hour fast, \$2500 goal
- Link has been sent out

PRO GRANT – Sheila

- Guest speaker idea has been put on backlog for this year
- Focus this year is to gain insight from parents to see what they want/need from Council
- Create 2 minute Survey to be presented at the Mar 30 parent/teacher night – need volunteers to talk to parents about the survey
- BBQ to create interest/engagement in the survey, Ida to order food/drinks
- All council members to meet at ND at 4:45pm – 5pm for set up, 6pm start time, smoothie samples???
- Guest speaker for Sep Curriculum night – when parents will be at the school anyway, to gain participation
- Council of Chairs – drop in March 8 – opportunity to participate with other councils

Chaplain Dunn –

- Irish Cares – school fundraising,
 - Angel campaign in the fall – 44 families benefited, \$250 gift card each
 - Easter – Council gave \$1000 at Fall campaign, Charcuterie board sales on Mar 30 will raise \$2000 to benefit the fund, some funds left over from fall.
- Outreach Program –Wednesday mornings
 - Chaplaincy group focus is on the following:
 - Social justice
 - Outreach
 - Parish work
 - Coldest night of the year
 - Prepare meals
 - Dr. Samonis
 - Damasonod’s Door
- Catholic University Presentation – Mar 30 period 4, Importance of Faith in post secondary school. Schools represented:
 - Western University
 - Kings College



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- Brescia
 - Waterloo
 - St. Jeromes
- Wednesday's Liturgy in the Spec
- Holy Thursday
 - Focus is on service & foot washing, stations of the cross
- Grad Retreat – May 1
 - Mount Mary has been booked but will depend on response number
- Journey with Jesus – May 4
 - Event at ND and other schools
- Committee reports
 - Progrant 700
 - Art Night 700
 - Angel Fund 1000
 - Blenders 1000
 - Teacher Project 4000
 - Awards 1000
 - STEAM 1000
 - Business Leadership 1000
 - Black History 1000
 - Cookies 1000

Communications – Erica is away

Event – ProGrant

OAPCE – Kim

- Regional meeting Monday
- April 22 – Annual Conference and AGM in Kingston

Cookies – Cheryl

- Cookies for all students at the end of the year from school council
- Reward students for maintaining positivity during trying COVID years, token of appreciation for students
- LifeSkills students can hand them out
- Include card from school council (sticker?)
- Jeannie/Stephen motion to approve
- All in favour \$1000



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Activity Fee – includes fee for year book, maybe communicate this on front page of CashOnline to get more participation, Due March 31

Purdy's fundraiser idea for next year

Arts/Drama summer camp this year - \$260 per week – 3 X 1 week sessions

Prayer to end the meeting by Chaplain Dunn

Next Meeting: Tues., Apr. 18, 2023 6:30 pm