

St. Dominic Catholic School Council

December Minutes

Voting Council Member (2022-2023)					
Name	Attend	Regrets	Name	Attend	Regrets
Natasha Kovar, Chair	X		Vicki Lefkaditis-Said, Parent Member	X	
Jacqui Kuypers, Treasurer	X		Alicia Kowalcyk, Parish Rep		X
Lauren Muszynski, Secretary		X	Anastasia Lata, Parish Rep	X	
Tamara Parkes, OAPCE Rep	X		Danielle Crnkovic		X
Joanne Plut, Parent Member		X	Eileen Sheehan		X
Principal, Teacher Reps, Non-Teacher Reps and Trustee					
L. Mundy, Principal	X		Mario Pascucci, Trustee	X	
D. Frigo, Teacher Rep	X				
D. Paterson, Teacher Rep	X				
J. Kalynowski, Non-Teacher Rep		X			
Non-Voting Members and Guests					
Jennifer Da Costa		X			
Agenda Items – Wednesday December 7, 2022					
6:30 pm Prayer, Land Acknowledgement & Welcome					
Approval of Agenda -Motion of Approval of the agenda by Vicki -Seconded by Anastasia -Agenda Approved					
Approval of Minutes -Motion of Approval of the minutes by Anastasia -Seconded by Vicki -Minutes Approved					To be placed on website

Chair Report – N. Kovar

-agreement with World Fine Chocolate has been finalized – major fundraiser
 -Joanne our fundraiser chair to speak of brief overview changes to school fundraiser report at January 2023 meeting
 -ability to secure ice for a family skating night has proven to be a challenge – given closure of Carmen Corbasson Community Centre and committed hockey practice and games
 -Plan is to have a family Roller Skating night at Scooters Roller Palace (February 2023) They will provide all roller skate rentals. Cost is \$500 for hour (including rentals) and the plan is to ask families for a nominal contribution \$2.00 – with rest covered by council and donation. Also asking for a non-perishable food item for Compass. Mrs. Mundy will confirm we have no liability issues with the board before finalizing a date and communication to all families. Safety equipment is highly recommended by the rink as like ice skating, families are skating at their own risk. More information to come in January and February.
 -Thursday December 1st, board hosted training for each council member via Zoom. I attended the new chair training live.

-Council will be hosting the 2023 Shrove Tuesday aka Pancake Tuesday. Griddle pans will be invested in from council funding so going forward, council can host two pancake breakfasts a year. (Christmas/Pancake Tuesday). Details to follow in January/sign up for volunteers needed. Date is February 21st.

-Will work towards finalizing "Spirit Wear: details in January in time for our February 17th interview evening.

CCCSC Update

-new policy for prayer to go first now before land acknowledgment

-was suggested to use high school gyms vs. spending money renting outside halls/venues to help with cost

-next CCCSC meeting tomorrow evening (December 8) so no other updates.

Principal's Report

-It's been a busy and exciting time of year

-Progress Report Cards and Communication of Learning were sent home on Tuesday November 15th

-Interview Evening was held on Thursday November 17th. Parents had an opportunity to speak with teachers about their child's progress. Parents are always welcome to request an opportunity to meet or have a phone call with their child's teacher at anytime throughout the year

-Picture retake day was November 22nd

-St. Paul had their open house for our Grade 7 and 8 students that are interested in possibly attending

-Site inspection on November 16th at the intersection of Northaven Drive and Arbor Road for student attending St. Dominic. Traffic Safety council meeting on November 30th found:

a) that the warrants have not been met for the placement of a school crossing guard at Northaven Drive and Arbor Road

b) that transportation and works requested to paint zebra markings on the south leg of the intersection at Northaven Drive and Arbor Road for students

-With the passing of Fr. Terry's mother, some of our classes made a card. Staff also sent a card

-Our grade 2 students had their First Reconciliation on Saturday November 26th. We congratulate them all on receiving this sacrament

-Sunday November 27th – first day of Advent. We had a school wide liturgy on Monday November 28th, led by our Youth Faith Ambassadors (Ms. White and Ms. Frigo) We will continue with a liturgy every Monday during the season of Advent

-We celebrated our Advent Mass with Queen of Heaven on Tuesday. It was a beautiful mass and the children were well behaved

-Our intermediate students enjoyed their volleyball season. We congratulate them on a great season and thank their coaches Ms. Formica and Mr. Guadagnolo.

-Our pita lunches have started. They have introduced smoothies and many students ordered this new item.

Upcoming...

-Hearing and vision clinic is tomorrow. Students can still bring in their form and money.

-We will have a special visitor on Monday. (Santa Claus is coming to St. Dominic)

-Kindergarten performance at St. Dominic Church Thursday December 15th at 1:15 pm

-Primary Division – Take a Walk Through Christmas Tuesday December 20th at 9:30 am

-Junior/Intermediate division – liturgy with some performances Thursday December 22nd at 9:00 am.

-Sing-a-long in the afternoon for students

-St. Paul Christmas performances Tuesday December 20th – Grade 5-8

-Spirit Week – last week of December

-Christmas break officially begins on December 23rd

-On behalf of our staff, Merry Christmas and blessings to everyone this new year.

Trustee Report

- Thanked Council for all that we do for our students, school community and for Catholic Education
- Wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

Fundraising Report

- flip give was rolled out and doing well
- as of this morning we had 30 sponsors which to date has raised \$63.45
- various restaurants and stores contribute different amounts. Also the addition of a \$5.00 flat donation goes to the school with every new sign up
- the campaign will be running until the new year
- to help with support awareness, I posted the schools flyer around the church
- chocolate fundraiser update: more details to follow from Joanne at our next meeting. Fundraiser will start the week of February 15th with boxes of chocolate going home with students to start selling on February 24th

Parish Report

- Alicia and Anastasia attended the training on December 1
- good ideas were shared by the leaders and other parent members
- one idea we had was that we would like to curate a list of religious material to be donated from the council to the school in the new year
- we would ask Ms. Somers for input as to what might be needed or missing in the library
- council can then approve the material and how much can be expensed to this initiative

From the Parish

Confessions

- Father Terry spoke about the importance of confessions this week at mass, encouraging all to attend
- advent confessions will be held on Tuesday December 13th from 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm at the church

Lenten Confessions

- we would like to inquire with Father Terry whether he would be willing to come to the school to hear confessions during Lent

Giving Tree Initiative

- Similar to Angel on a Tree – deadline is December 11

Sacrament of Confirmation Update

- preparation is a 6 week on-line program designed for candidates and their parents to be taken together. Those intending to be confirmed can register online.

Cost is \$65.00

- mandatory meeting for candidates and parents is March 8th, 2023 at 7:00 pm
- Parish Representatives are prepared to create a bulletin to relay this information to our grade 8 students through the school email

OAPCE Update

- introduction to our roles and responsibilities
- Grant sent to school for \$5000 – Ms. Mundy said that the school receives \$500 – for parent engagement. Ms. Mundy asked Ms. Parkes to verify
- Question asked about how Afterschool Tutoring is Funded
- it is ministry funded and this concludes the second half of the ministry funds to close the gap in student achievement due to covid / school closures

Treasure's Report

- Balance in the bank as at November 1 was \$4,402.87.
- We deposited final funds for sales of glow items from the dance a thon, plus three amounts from the prior year (sale of a donated baseball, Hello Fresh fundraising and online donations) totaling \$1,787.94
- Expenses incurred included \$198.39 for glow items and \$6.50 of bank fees.
- The bank balance at November 30 is \$5,985.92.

- Jacqui will prepare a spreadsheet to share with Council at future meetings setting out the deposits and disbursements by month. This will make preparation of the year end financial report easier.

Other Notes from Meeting

-J. Kuypers put forth a motion to move our meetings to start at 6:45 pm

Approved by Natasha, Vicki and Anastatia

-Danielle sent regards for not attending in person, but sent in an appetizer for potluck

-Thank you Mr. Pascucci for your box of chocolates

-Next Meeting January 11th, 2023 at 6:45 pm

Meeting adjourned at 7:17 pm