

# St. Dominic Catholic School Council

January 11, 2023 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 January 11, 2022					
6:45 pm Prayer, Land Acknowledgement & Welcome					
<b>Approval of Agenda</b> -Motion for Approval of the agenda by Alicia -Seconded by Joanne -Agenda Approved					
<b>Approval of Minutes</b> -Motion for Approval of the minutes by Alicia -Seconded by Tamara -Minutes Approved					To be placed on website

## Trustee Report – Mario Pascucci

- Asks council to discuss the items that are needed
- money will be tight for 3 years at the ministry level
- meet with Rudy Cuzzetto for possible beautification at the school
- Ms. Parkes – inquiring about tutoring and the possibility to have it continue in schools
- Mario Pascucci will speak to Director regarding this as well as MPP. Additional money is needed.
- April – Catholic School Trustee Association Meeting
- Ms. Parkes asked if a petition would help to support with MPP and she will follow up at the OAPCE meeting
- Mario Pascucci will connect with board to create and put forward a possible motion regarding tutoring

## Chair Report – N. Kovar

Strove Tuesday/Pancake Tuesday is coming up on February 21, 2023:

- Asked for names to create a list of parent volunteers available to assist at the school on the day of. Parents who volunteered: - 1) Natasha, 2) Eileen, 3) Danielle, 4) Alicia, 5) Jacqui & 6) Vicki.
- Natasha to send a sub-committee email to all volunteers with further details.
- Danielle will be going to purchase the pancake grill pans that will be used annually by council at the school.
- Alicia will create a Pancake Tuesday hosted by parent council flyer to be sent to all families.
- Ms. Mundy will create an ingredient flyer/document for all families to ensure no allergies.
- Pancake Mix (Krusteaz), Syrup (Kirkland Signature Organic), Plates & Cutlery being purchased from Costco.

#### Family Roller Skating Night:

- Still working towards finalizing plans. Goal is for the event to take place prior to the launch of our chocolate fundraiser (show parents' additional tangible events where funding from council is allocated).
- Ms. Mundy received communication from the board with further questions and concerns. Additional follow up with superintendent will be needed if council goes forward with the event.
- Joanne to create roller skating flyer once details have been finalized.

#### Spirit Wear Update:

- Needs to be ready for February 16, 2023 Parent Interview/Open House
- Natasha spoke with all three board approved vendors.
- 1st vendor not an option as they will not provide samples due to COVID restrictions.
- 2nd vendor was not as eager or responsive. Said normally works with school that have a minimum population of at least 300 students. Will provide samples. Will not do anything in terms of support/contributing to the Grade 8 hoodies.
- 3rd vendor very responsive and professional. Will provide samples (without printed logo to borrow). Price point of the hoodies \$3.00 more than 2nd vendor - BUT will help out with the Grade 8 hoodies @ 15% off and also offer a signature page on the back for \$4.50 vs. The normal charge of \$6.50. Reached back and they will match the \$34.95 price for the hoodies as vendor 2.
- Natasha went back to 3rd vendor who agreed to match the same price for the hoodies as the 2nd vendor. The 3rd vendor also confirmed the school may borrow mannequins to use on the school open house night to display samples
- Vote was made to move forward with 3rd vendor T. Litzen (contact person is Jay Murray).
- Natasha to confirm with vendor the 2 colour option that will be made available is the Navy Blue and Grey.
- All the grade 8 graduation hoodies will be the same colour (navy blue) and purchased for students on behalf of parent council.
- Jacqui brought forward the idea of creating a council visual aid/board to have on display at the open house that outline everything parent's council has been doing with funds raised. Everyone agreed great idea.

Parent concerns brought forward:

- Christmas concert schedule being over multiple dates and during business hours. Challenge for families with multiple children. Request for next year to look at other options.
- Ms. Mundy agreed to look at other options for next year.
- School consider creating a new social media platform for communication vs. using Twitter because of the controversy.
- Ms. Mundy is not comfortable creating a school Instagram account. Will continue using Twitter as that's what the board uses.

#### **CCCS Update**

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#### **Principal's Report**

Happy New Year, I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas.

It was a very exciting time at school and the students were equally excited for all of our advent and Christmas preparations.

Weekly liturgies took place in the gym during Advent. Thank you to our YFA for your planning and hard work. It was wonderful to come together as a school to celebrate the advent season.

- Our Hearing and Vision Clinic was very busy. We had to add an additional date to accommodate all of the students that signed up. December 8<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>.
- Santa came to visit us on December 12<sup>th</sup>. He was able to meet with all of the students in divisions, read stories and sing a few songs. Our kindergarten students sang songs to Santa
- Our Angel on the tree was a huge success. Thank you immensely for your outpouring of support. We were able to help many families within our school as well as provide a number of gift cards to St. Vincent de Paul.

On December 15<sup>th</sup>, we had unexpected weather that day, and it certainly threw us for a loop. We initially planned to have our kindergarten performance at St. Dominic Church at 1:30 but quickly realized that we needed to change our plans. With a quick dress rehearsal in the morning, our performance changed to our school gym. Thank you to all the parents that were ready for the change of plans and make it see the performance. It was standing room only! They did a great job.

Spirit week took place on Monday December 19<sup>th</sup>. Students were very excited to dress in their Christmas colours and wear their favorite accessories.

On Tuesday December 20<sup>th</sup>, our grade 5-8 students walked over to St. Paul's for 2 performances. Thank you to the high school team for inviting our students

While these students were at a performance, our primary students welcomed parents to their Take a Walk to Christmas. They did a great job with their songs and enthusiasm.

We ended off our week with a beautiful liturgy by our Junior and Intermediate students and finally a sing-a-long in the afternoon.

Thursday Jan. 12, ST. Paul's will be in to visit our grade 8 class for course selection.

Upcoming dates:

PA Day – Monday January 23<sup>rd</sup> Assessment and Evaluation

Class photos will take place on Tuesday February 7<sup>th</sup>.

Report Cards go home on February 14<sup>th</sup>.

Interview Evening is on Thursday Feb. 16 and Friday Feb. 17<sup>th</sup> during the day.

Dental Screening will take place for our JK,SK, 2, 4, 6, 8 students – information will be sent home

Family Day Feb. 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Parish Report – A. Kowalczyk**

- Christmas seasons was reverent and joyful at St. Domini's parish
- Christmas mass included visiting Bishop
- Will continue to be in touch with the parish office for Confirmation and First Communion preparation updates.

**Fundraising Report – J. Plut**

**Roller skating evening event:**

Joanne to prepare flyer once all details are confirmed.

**Chocolate fundraiser**

- Date to commence: Email to all Feb 15<sup>th</sup> outlining the campaign dates, the goals, what the money will be spent on.

It will not clearly ask families to opt out, however those who wish not to participate can contact Ms. Mundy to be removed.

-Delivery to the school: Feb 21st as we will launch to students Feb 24th. 1 box per family given to the oldest student.

-Families are to sell each bar for \$3 x 30 bars in a box. \$90 per box. Paid by school cash online.

-Families can request additional boxes which will only be given once the box they have is paid (proof with school cash online receipt is needed)

Goals:

# of boxes = 192 (based on 188 families)

# of free boxes based on the total paid of 192 = 8 free boxes (\$720 value).

(If we sell only 170 = it will be 7 free boxes.)

Delivery fee \$75 plus tax

Terms Net 30

Cost to the school is \$54 per box. Profit is \$36/box.

Product: Laura Secord Nut free only

We plan on ending the campaign the end of March.

Prizes: (From the \$720 free boxes noted above)

6 x \$100 Gift cards of various options so that each prize has the same overall value.

3 x Pizza parties to 1 class per division (\$120) awarded to the class with the highest sales.

Each fully sold box receives 1 raffle ticket which will be handed out 2 weekly during the campaign

- Thanked parents who have already reached out to Natasha and volunteered to help out with the fundraiser as its going to require a lot of administrative work. A separate sub-committee email will be sent out to all volunteers with further details.

-A draft list from all council members and school (educators & Ms. Mundy) outlining proposals for where fundraising monies is being allocated towards need to be shared at our February meeting for voting.

- Ms. Mundy has completed request forms from educators (Pink Forms) and will share a consolidated list at our next meeting. Mentioned Some educators asked for higher priced ticket items, some asked for items that would benefit the entire school and not just their own class, some asked for items covered by the school board and some did not submit at all. Ms. Mundy mentioned it might be best to allocate an equal dollar amount to each classroom and library.

- Parent question (Tamara) if a decision on how the school \$500 grant for parent engagement will be spent. Natasha confirmed has not been discussed among council yet, but if all suggestions can be brought forward in our February meeting for voting.

- Natasha confirmed no decisions being made either way until the February 1<sup>st</sup> meeting takes place.

#### **OAPCE Update – T. Parks**

-OAPCE will be hosting a Parent Engagement Event on Wednesday January 18, 2023.

- Registration closes on January 18, 2023.

- Flyer with link to register was emailed to council members on January 11<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Treasure's Report – J. Kuypers**

- The only activity in the account for the month were the bank fees of \$6.50.

- At December 31, the funds available were \$5,979.42.

- At the request of Ms. Mundy and Natasha, I have created a monthly and annual summary report in excel that shows a summary of the in and out transaction for councils account.

- Parent question (Natasha) which financial institution does the school and school council bank with? Confirmed its Bank of Montreal (BMO).

#### **Other Notes from Meeting**

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Meeting adjourned at 8:07pm