

St. John the Baptist
Catholic School Council Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, September 29th at 6:30 p.m.

Recording Secretary: C. Dixon

Attendees: Pino Sestito, Nancy Caruso, Marilena Cecco, Anita Contatto, Lisa Crisanti Kabay, Tania Cugliari, Francisco DeVacas, Candice Dixon, Emilia Cordi, Andree Gates, Nella, Lisa Pasqualino, Candy Ross, Connie Sanfilippo, Lisa Taylor

Absent: Marsha Chiarotto

1.0 Welcome and Opening Prayer

- Pino Sestito read the opening prayer.
- There are 13 voting members on this year's committee and two non-voting members.
- **Voting Members:** Nancy Caruso, Marilena Cecco, Marsha Chiarotto, Anita Contatto, Lisa Crisanti Kabay, Francisco DeVacas, Candice Dixon, Emilia Cordi, Andree Gates, Lisa Pasqualino, Candy Ross, Connie Sanfilippo, Lisa Taylor
- **Non-Voting Members:** Tania Cugliari, Nella
- Quorum is set at seven voting members present in order to conduct business.

1.1 Approval of Previous Minutes

- Motion put forward by Lisa Taylor to approve the previous minutes, seconded by Andree Gates. The minutes from the previous meeting were approved.

2.0 Elections: Positions

- A. Chair - Lisa Taylor. There will be no Co-Chair this year
- B. Treasurer - Candy Ross
- C. Parish Rep – Francisco DeVacas
- D. Secretary – Candice Dixon
- E. OAPCE - Emilia Cordi

3.0 Treasurer's Report

- The outstanding commitment of \$466.69 for the Eco Boxes requested by Madam DeGroot at the end of 2020 has been removed from the budget. The purchase was not made and is no longer necessary.
- The previously approved gifts for the 2021 Grade 8 grads was withdrawn in the amount of \$734.50
- The previously budgeted amount of \$3000 to have new plaques made for the front hall and the purchase of trophies was withdrawn as an actual of \$2516.15.
- Candy Ross informed the council that as of September 29, 2021 there is \$6908.96 currently in the account.

4.0 Principal's Report

- Pino Sestito noted that enrollment is dipping from 500 students in 2017 to 309 in the fall of 2021.
- He estimated that 20-25 students are equal to 1 staff member, resulting in 13 classes presently in the school after the recent reorganization in September.
- Pino informed council that there may be another reorganization within the school in February 2022. This is due to the opportunity that will be given to remote learners to return to in-person and in-person learners to move to remote learning.
- The Covid-19 protocols remain similar to last year. If there is a case of Covid identified in a classroom that class will be dismissed. However, there have been two changes to note: 1) There is now an at home Covid-19 screening process that all children/parents must complete before attending school each day. Once at school, children are required to show their green PASS card when requested. 2) The number of different symptoms that a child exhibits requiring them to be sent home has decreased significantly. The symptoms identified on the back of the green PASS card are now the only symptoms of concern.
- Pino would like to hold off on discussing fund raising until the next meeting.
- Pino thanked Marsha's and Andree's for families helping to take care of the school gardens and for cleaning up the yard over the summer months. Also, he thanked them for their contributions to the new rock garden that is to be created in the south flower bed.

5.0 **Date and Time of Next Meetings**

- Wednesday, November 24, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, January 5, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, March 2, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, April 27, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, June 1, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

6.0 **Questions and Other Business**

- There were no questions at this time.

7.0 **Adjournment**

- There being no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned.