

# St. Nicholas Catholic School Council Meeting

## Wednesday, November 15, 2023

Meeting Start: 6:38pm

Meeting Adjourn: 8:37pm

Co-Chairs: V. Bonofiglio & M. Grossi

Secretary: S. Turner

Members Present: Maria Castro (Principal)  
Nicolina Grisolia (teaching rep)  
Paula Dametto-Giovannozzi, Trustee Caledon/Dufferin  
Maria Romano (Co-Chair)  
Luana Onisto (Parish Rep)  
Mariangela Martino (Treasurer)  
Sabrina DiBiase (Community Rep)  
Amie Fernandez  
Lisa Castellucci (Community Rep)  
Nathalie Pavao (Parish Rep)  
Ramina Freitas (Secretary)  
Brid Marjadsingh (Volunteer Coordinator)  
Melissa Nicolosi  
Angela Safar-Massaroni  
Lisa Triassi  
Tania D'Andrea  
Tonia Diamantakos  
Stephanie Turner (Secretary)  
Marianna Ficco

**Absent:** Sam Giuliano (OAPCE Rep), Tanya Marra (teaching rep), Valerie Bonofiglio (co-chair), Daniela Plodinec

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**Opening Prayer:** led by Maria Castro

**Remarks:** Trustee Paula Dametto-Giovannozzi

### Approval of Agenda

**MOTION:** To approve the Agenda dated Wednesday, November 15 2023: M. Grossi

**Seconded:** S. DiBiase

**MOTION CARRIED**

### Approval of Minutes

**MOTION:** To approve the minutes dated Wednesday, October 18, 2003: S.Turner

**Seconded:** Lisa Castellucci

**MOTION CARRIED**

### Approval of Financials

**MOTION:** To approve October 2023 financial statement: Mariangela Martino

**Seconded:** Luana Onisto

**MOTION CARRIED**

## School Update

- Many school chrome books have reached the end of their use-cycle – currently checking inventory. Typically, the devices have a 5-year life span then taken out of circulation and decommissioned. Ideally want each student from grades 4-6 to have their own device. Maria Castro to provide CSC with estimated number of new devices required and budget for discussion during upcoming council meeting.

## Council Business

- Halloween Dance + Spooky Spirit Week
  - Activities all within budget
  - Letters to go home to parents of winning classes to notify them of upcoming pizza party and request approval – November 29
- Operation Christmas Child
  - Filled 260 boxes. Delivered November 15.
  - Feedback:
    - Not all families received the sheets with gift ideas so consider a better way to fasten to the box
    - Ask families to focus on the age group of their own children to ensure boxes are filled for a variety of ages and not just the youngest age groups.
    - Consider sponsoring or supporting local families instead; consider focusing more on Southern Ontario.
    - Marianna Ficco to connect with Daniela Plodinec on ideas for next year to support families in need in the local community. Maria Castro to speak with school social worker to determine if there are any families directly in the school that could use support during holidays.
    - Discussion around alternatives including Love Boxes distributed to children in hospital during the holidays.
- Milk and Cookies with Santa
  - Nearly 300 kids have registered; more families expected to attend than previous Christmas events
  - Date: November 23. Time to be extended: 6-9PM
  - Total budget allocated: \$1,500 but need additional \$600 for extra hour with Santa, additional supplies (crafts, milk, cookies, etc.)
  - Grade 8's to sell water and snacks
  - Décor, envelopes, candy canes, pencils have all been donated

**MOTION: To approve to allocate additional \$600 to budget for costs. Total budget: \$2,100 : M. Grossi**

**Seconded: Luana Onisto**

**MOTION CARRIED**

- Live Nativity: Dec 6<sup>th</sup>
  - Hot chocolate donated by Tim Horton's
  - Nathalie to explore cost to add one or two more cafes and if store will donate cups again this year
  - Four parent volunteers required to hand out hot chocolate
  - Cast currently being decided
  - Choir invited to come out to sing. Ms. Stapleton is still looking for children in grades 4-6 to participate
- Hot Lunch
  - A&W still TBD but start date would be January 2024
  - Swiss Chalet option to be investigated by Tonia D.

- New pizza rep is Lisa Triassi. Next block of dates to be sent to parents December 1
- Sub rep is still Maria; discussion around whether subs have been fresh, soggy, dry. Sandwiches to be monitored over coming weeks.

### **Community Update**

- Dec.1: Caledon Community Services hosting fundraiser to cover costs of their services. Theme is *Hope Under the Stars* and tickets are \$200/ea. Live and silent auction. Event to be held at Royal Ambassador
- Dec. 2: Bolton Santa Clause Parade. 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary year.
- Dec.8: Christmas in the Valley from 6-10PM. Free photos with Santa, Tree lighting at 7PM, will also include a food and toy drive to support those in need.
- Downey's Christmas on the Farm begins this month. Runs from November 25-December 17. Santa and his elves will be visiting. Tickets are available online. Your visit includes: wagon ride scavenger hunt, make your own reindeer food, visit with farm animals, mini putt with hockey sticks and much more.
- Kortright Centre in Vaughan, Black Creek Pioneer Village and Winterfest at Wonderland also kicking off Christmas/winter events this month.

### **Parish Update**

- Nov.26: 12PM mass with Bishop Ivan Camilleri to celebrate completion of 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary year and bless the new doors that have been installed.
- Dec.3: St Nicholas Feast Day Celebrations, free event with food, crafts, raffle and photos with St.Nick, 2-4PM at the parish.
- Saturday 5PM Mass Band still looking for volunteers to join

### **OAPCE Update**

- N/A

### **Other Discussions**

- General safety protocols
  - Incident occurred on one of the school buses where an unknown passenger was present from time of school pick up to final student was dropped off at their stop. Discussion around safety protocols, responsibility of school v. bus company, and potential solutions to avoid possible risk in the future.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 8:37pm