

St. Nicholas Catholic School Council Meeting

Wednesday, October 18, 2023

Meeting Start: 6:35pm

Meeting Adjourn: 7:50pm

Co-Chairs: V. Bonofiglio & M. Grossi

Secretary: S. Turner

Members Present: Maria Castro (Principal)
Tanya Marra (teaching rep)
Nicolina Grisolia (teaching rep)
Maria Grossi (Co-Chair)
Luana Onisto (Parish Rep)
Mariangela Martino (Treasurer)
Annayancy Garza Garcia
Sabrina DiBiase (Community Rep)
Amie Fernandez
Lisa Castellucci (Community Rep)
Daniela Plodinec (OPACE rep)
Nathalie Pavao (Parish Rep)
Lisa Morrone
Sylvia Stapleton
Debora Lico
Ramina Freitas (Secretary)
Brid Marjadsingh (Volunteer Coordinator)
Melissa Nicolosi
Angela Safar-Massaroni
Sam Giuliano (OAPCE Rep)
Lisa Triassi
Tania D'Andrea
Stephanie Turner (Secretary)
Marianna Ficco

Absent: Tonia Diamantakos, Cristina Alberto, Valerie Bonofiglio

Opening Prayer

Approval of Agenda

MOTION: To approve the Agenda dated Wednesday, October 18, 2023: M. Grossi

Seconded: S. DiBiase

MOTION CARRIED

Approval of Minutes

MOTION: To approve the minutes dated Wednesday, September 27, 2003: M. Grossi

Seconded: M. Martino

MOTION CARRIED

Financial Update

- Update on revenue from pizza lunch provided
- Halloween dance budget increased to \$1,500

Approval of Financials

MOTION: To approve the financial statement dated Wednesday, October 18: M. Grossi

Seconded: D. Plodinec
MOTION CARRIED

School Update

- Basketball intramurals have begun; significant interest from Juniors; Intermediate sign up to follow. Grade 8 student initiated the program and found a teacher to supervise. Held during lunch hour.
- Cross country meet on October 19
- EQAO Update: Last year's results have been released. Individual reports were issued and sent home
- Revisions have been made to the literacy curriculum; there is a need for specific, targeted instruction in phonemic awareness, cursive writing has also been added back into curriculum.
- Catering 4 Kids lunches have now begun; every Monday
- Grade 8 Graduation: School grad on June 19th, Celebration on June 20th
- Living Nativity, December 6:
 - Intended to highlight the true meaning behind Christmas; very successful event last year
 - L. Marrone/ S.Stapleton leading planning for living nativity this year. Requesting \$2,000 budget from Council to cover costs of execution.
 - Took feedback from Council last year; recommendation provided to consider creating seating space for children to watch their peers perform. Last year it was very difficult for the children to see. There might be an opportunity to set up a screen and live stream/project the performance – school has the technology required to do this.
 - Hot chocolate was donated by Tim Hortons last year, arrange by Council.
 - Have costumes from last year that will use again this year
 - Budget required for animals, sound system, hay, additional lighting
 - Ms. Rizzari will be leading the Choir who will perform

MOTION: To approve to allocate \$2,000 for Living Nativity: M. Grossi

Seconded: M. Martino

MOTION CARRIED

Council Business

- Halloween Dance + Spooky Spirit Week
 - Oct 31 dance still needs DJ (\$500 budget)
 - N. Grisolia arranging Spooky Spirit Week – Mighty Math Hair Day, Math Bingo, Decorate a Pumpkin, Costumes for dance – each activity provides an opportunity for students to win prizes
 - Requesting 12 gift cards x \$25 each – awarded to one student in each division (K,1-3, 4-6, 7-8)
 - Pizza parties will be awarded to one class in each division for pumpkin decorating and bingo
 - M. Nicolosi to purchase gift cards
 - L. Castelucci to purchase chips for dance
- Operation Christmas Child
 - Distribute one box per family; optional as this is for donation
 - Due back to school by November 6
 - Drop off to facility is Nov 17-18 - will require volunteers to bring boxes from school to the drop off location. Council members have confirmed whether they are available to support with drop off.
- Poinsettia Fundraiser
 - Fundraiser to run from November 6-17
 - Orders must be placed by November 24 by Maria Grossi
 - Pick up date will be December 8 between 3-6PM

- Christmas Craft Night/ Cookies and Milk with Santa
 - Date: November 23. Time: 6-8:30PM
 - Decision to proceed with Cookies and Milk with Santa
 - Santa booked for 2 hours
 - Total budget for event: \$1,500
 - Sub-committee set up to determine logistics and details

MOTION: To approve to allocate additional \$500 to budget for costs: M. Grossi

Seconded: Ramina Freitas

MOTION CARRIED

- Hot Lunch
 - Discussed option of A&W to be offered on Wednesdays if available
 - Start date: January 2024
 - M.Grossi to investigate availability and next steps

Community Update

- Bolton Trick or Treating: Saturday October 28, 11AM-2PM. Hosted by Bolton Community Crew. Participating businesses will have orange sign in their window.
- Bolton Rotary Haunted Hill Kids Run, 1KM: October 29 beginning at 9AM. Event begins at Caledon Centre for Recreation and wellness. Event is free with snacks and medals. Prizes for best costume. Hosted by The Rotary Club of Bolton
- Webinars:
 - Parenting in the Digital Age: Caregiver Workshop
 - When: November 8, 2023, 6:00-8:30PM online via Zoom
 - Parent/Caregiver workshop focuses on social media, screen time and cyberbullying
 - Must register via Eventbrite
 - Managing Stress in Teens: Workshop for Caregivers
 - When: November 9, 6:00- 8:00PM online via Zoom
 - Parent/caregiver workshop to provide those with teens with an understanding of stress and stress-reducing strategies
 - Must register via Eventbrite

Parish Update

- Youth programs have begun
 - Edge for Grades 6-8, Mondays from 7:00-9:00PM
 - Rooted for Grades 3-5, Every other Wednesday from 4:30-6:00PM
 - Life Teen meets on Saturdays
- Alter servers needed; must be in Grade 3 or over. If interested, must speak to Deacon Chris after mass.
- 45th Anniversary Celebration year for the parish
 - Bishop Ivan Camilleri celebrated at mass and blessed the new doors of the church
- Mass Band is looking for youth and young adults to join band for Saturday 5PM mass.
- Sacrament preparation is currently in progress

OAPCE Update

- No update at this meeting. Training for new members to take place November 30.

Other Discussions

- Christmas mass to be held at St Nicholas on December 13. Families welcome. Details will be communicated in November newsletter.
- School mass held at the church will take place in May. Council to provide buses?

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