

# St. Nicholas Catholic School Council Meeting

## Wednesday, September 27, 2023

Meeting Start: 6:45pm

Meeting Adjourn: 8:40pm

Co-Chairs: V. Bonofiglio & M. Grossi

Secretary: V. Bonofiglio

Members Present: Maria Castro (Principal)  
Tanya Marra (teaching rep)  
Nicolina Grisolia (teaching rep)  
Maria Grossi (Co-Chair)  
Valerie Bonofiglio (Co-Chair)  
Luana Onisto (Parish rep)  
Mariangela Martino (Treasurer)  
Annayancy Garza Garcia  
Sabrina DiBiase (Community rep)  
Tonia Diamantakos (Treasurer)  
Amie Fernandez  
Lisa Castellucci (Community rep)  
Daniela Plodinec (OPACE rep)  
Nathalie Pavao (Parish rep)  
Debora Lico  
Marlen Yok  
Ramina Freitas  
Cristina Alberto  
Brid Marjadsingh  
Melissa Nicolosi  
Rita Ciardullo  
Nadia Iacopini  
Angela Safar-Massaroni  
Sam giuliano  
Lisa Triassi  
Tania D'Andrea  
Rita Pagliaroli  
Emily Prete  
Stephanie Turner

Absent: Michelle Pacek (Secretary), Mia Villella (non-teaching rep)

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**Opening Prayer**

**Land Acknowledgement**

**Welcome & Introduction of parents present**

### **Approval of Agenda**

**MOTION:** To approve the Agenda dated Wednesday, September 27, 2023: V. Bonofiglio

**Seconded:** B.Marjadshingh

**MOTION CARRIED**

### **Approval of Minutes**

**MOTION:** To approve the minutes dated Tuesday, June 20, 2023: V. Bonofiglio

**Seconded:** M.Grossi

**MOTION CARRIED**

### **Approval of Financial Statement**

-Reviewed financial statement of June 2023

-Closed out 2022-2023 Financial year

-Reviewed allocation and starting point for the 2023-2024 financial year

-as per audit, will continue to have hard copy of financial report each meeting with signatures from Principal, Treasurer, & Chair(s)

### **Approval of Financials**

**MOTION:** To approve the financial statement dated Wednesday, June 14, 2023: V.Bonofiglio

**Seconded:** M.Martino

**MOTION CARRIED**

### **School Council Elections:**

**Co-Chairs:** Valerie Bonofiglio & Maria Grossi

**Treasurer:** Tonia Diamantakos, Mariangela Martino

**Secretary:** Stephanie Turner, Ramina Freitas

**Community Rep:** Sabrina DiBiase, Lisa Castellucci

**Parish Rep:** Luana Onisto, Nathalie Pavao

**OAPCE Rep:** Sam Giuliano

**Volunteer Coordinator:** Brid Marjadsingh, Cristina Alberto

**Voting Members:** Amie Fernandez, Debora Lico, Angela Safar-Massaroni,

Annayancy Garza Garcia, Daniela Plodinec, Melissa Nicolosi, Lisa Triassi

### **School Update**

- discussed a major reorg that occurred the week of Sept 18: kindergarten enrollment increased, and 1 class in primary that had 21 children which is over the cap, which caused a ripple effect of changes through to Grade 6. However, children have adjusted well
- Truth and reconciliation week will be discussed with the children for awareness and to show the impact of residential schools
- The Terry Fox run is scheduled for September 28, 2023. School has a fundraising goal of \$2000, and if the goal is met, the students will get an extra recess

## Council Business

The attached presentation was presented during the meeting:

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- Hot lunches
  - Thursday's pizza (Oct 12-Dec 21): removed milk; increased pizza slice cost to \$1.75; increase cookie cost to \$2; when ordering, select the entire block not week by week
  - Tuesday's subs (Oct 10-Dec 19): no issues; will increase cost of cookies to \$2 for next block
  - Monday's just catering for kids: parents will select their option and JCFK will deliver to each; this is school run, not run by council
  - other options to look into: pizza panini, bar burrito, harvey's, swiss chalet - for Wednesday's
  - The Valley - school is looking into this as another hot lunch option
- Halloween Dance
  - will be on Oct 31 in the school gym, and was voted on to not be a dance-a-thon, just a regular dance
  - council will purchase chips for each student; more decorations for the gym
  - need to secure a DJ: Cristina to ask contacts, Melissa to ask contacts, Maria G to ask contacts
  - Pumpkins will be donated by Garden foods - 1 per class to decorate and then bring to the gym for dance
    - need to send a letter to each teacher about this
  - 1 GC per class will be raffled and all students will be entered into the raffle
  - require additional funds to purchase GC and decoration
  - **MOTION: To approve to allocate additional \$500 for the Halloween school dance:**  
**V. Bonofiglio**  
**Seconded: M. Martino**  
**MOTION CARRIED**
- Operation Christmas Child
  - this is a charity give back for Samaritan's purse
  - National Drop off week is Nov 13-19 - will require volunteers to bring boxes from school to the drop off location
  - this will run from **Oct 23-Nov 3**
  - will give out 1 box per family - handed to the oldest child
    - families can contact council if they want additional boxes
    - required - letter to parents, box, box label, brochure on the initiative
- Proposed Plan for 2023-2024 - in addition to what has been discussed above
  - Holiday fundraiser: Poinsettia fundraiser - this was voted on and approved by all new council voting members
  - Christmas Craft/Cookies and Milk with Santa
  - Shrove Tuesday
  - Valentine's day candy gram
  - Krispy kreme: approved to have on April 2, 2024; booked
  - Bingo Night

- Spring Fair

### **Community Update**

- no update at this meeting

### **Parish Update**

- registration for communion and confirmation is open

### **OAPCE Update**

- no update at this meeting

### **Other Discussions**

- finalizing the dates for the *Grade 8 ceremony/mass and dance*
  - Maria Castro has confirmed that the allocation for the grade 8 dance is not allowed, as this is not a school run event
  - allocation for the school run events will remain
  - grade 8's can fundraise at council events by selling chips, water, other nut free snacks and proceeds will go towards their dance
- Is it possible to have other options in a snack shack?
- There is a company who offers grants for schools - application was given to Maria Castro for completion and submission.

\*\*\*This is the first meeting of the 2023-2024 school year.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 8:40pm