

St. Dominic Catholic School Council Meeting Minutes

October 4, 2018
6:30 p.m.
St. Dominic School Library

Facilitators: Paul Deoni, Vice Principal
Michele Braidà, Principal

Note taker: Erin O'Grady & Kelly Sam

Attendees: Lidija Efremova, Lily Maxwell, Linda Marabeti-Romano, Selena McLeod, Marija MacKenzie, Suzanne Krajinovic, Steve Krajinovic, Kellie Allington, Erin O'Grady, Michele Wyss, Kelly Sam, Betsy Thomas-Wohleber, Mary Gesuale, Laurie Mendoza, Adele Morson, Paul Deoni, Michele Braidà

Regrets: Nick Pocrnic, Michelle Krug, Abel Asres

Minutes

Agenda item: Opening Prayer & Commissioning Ceremony **Presenter:** Paul Deoni

Discussion:

Prayer and Commissioning Ceremony was led by Paul with review of Code of Ethics and Council Member documents on own. Council members introduced themselves. Council elected / nominated positions were introduced and volunteers nominated and selected. Council pledge & declaration sign-off was completed.

Conclusions:

Council Co-Chairs: Selena McLeod & Lidija Efremova
Secretary: Kelly Sam
Parish Rep: Mary Gesuale
Community Rep: Abel Asres
Staff Rep: Erin O'Grady

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
✓ None	N/A	N/A

Agenda item: Administrator's Report **Presenter:** Michele Braidà & Paul Deoni

Discussion:

Curriculum night: Very successful and great turn-out

Review of EQAO: Math scores were poor overall in the province, but St. Dominic scores were better than average in both Grade 3 (61% provincial vs. 77% St. Dom) and Grade 6 (49% provincial average vs. 56% St. Dom).

School Improvement Plan/ Initiatives: Improvement plan is viewed as a longer term goal and focuses on curriculum, social, emotional, mental health, etc. First initiative was number talks (books: Making Number Talks Matter, Number Talks, Mathematical Mindsets), and focuses on teaching students how to use mental math strategies to solve number problems. Second initiative is Collaborative Problem Solving (book: Lost at School, every teacher will be getting a copy) for grades 1-8. This encourages students and staff to use the same language to help resolve conflict and also encourages students to be independent thinkers. Kindergarten classes are working on "Zones of Regulation", which is a stepping stone to CPS.

X-Movement: Australian-based program (self-regulation activities have been chosen) that will be run in the school the week of October 15-19 with a parent session on Thu Oct 18 at 6:30. Each classroom will have two 40-minute sessions with follow-up activities for teachers.

Conclusions:

N/A

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
✓ None	N/A	N/A

Agenda item: Dance-a-thon **Presenter:** Kelly Sam

Discussion:

Event is being coordinated by Kellie, Betsy, Kelly & Carolyn Suter. The theme is Super Heroes. Cost-savings were discussed last year in council meetings and are being implemented this year including collecting donations for raffle baskets (vs. purchased prizes) & having a volunteer or student DJ (instead of professional). Parent volunteers are being recruited and costumes provided. The dance will run similarly to last year's and more information is coming home with students.

This is our major fundraiser of the year, spread the word to the community (Paul).

Promotional material cannot be accepted as prizes (Michele).

Halloween costume exchange is also being offered at the school (Selena).

Conclusions:

N/A

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
✓ Spread the word re: fundraising	All	Oct. 26
✓ Finalize dance details	Kellie, Betsy, Kelly (+ Carolyn Suter)	Oct. 31

Agenda item: PRO Grant **Presenter:** Selena McLeod

Discussion:

Currently waiting to hear how much money (if any) will be received for the "Parents Reaching Out"-Grant. The grant is used towards activities promoting parent involvement. This year's grant money will go towards the X-Movement parent night, which will be held at no charge to parents or students. Past initiatives were Chris Vollum's social media awareness talk, Active Chefs, and Drum Fit.

Conclusions:

N/A

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
✓ Think of ideas for next year's PRO-Grant	All	Winter

Agenda item: Uniforms **Presenter:** Selena McLeod

Discussion:

There were concerns last year about the quality of uniforms from our new supplier (InSchoolWear). A letter was written and meeting was held with ISW with positive feedback. Supposed to have new track pants and skort by September, however quality testing of the new manufacturer failed and ISW is waiting for approval of new manufacturer. Coupons will be given to parents once new product is available.

Reminder that school has a surplus of used uniforms available for free at the school (Michele)

Suggested that when new students apply to the school, that they be formally informed of this used

Conclusions:

N/A

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
✓ Notify new students of used uniforms as they enroll	Michele/Paul	On-going

Agenda item: Other **Presenter:** Michele Braidia

Discussion:

Mrs. Braidia’s “Manners Tour” to encourage manners and respect in and out of the school as a life skill. Eye contact, responding to greetings, using kind and respectful words are examples of what will be worked on in a polite and respectful manner.

Conclusions:

N/A

Upcoming Events

- Oct 31 – Halloween Dance-a-Thon
- Nov 10 – Remembrance Day celebration (Mr. McPhail)
- Nov 20 – Progress Reports go home
- Nov 22/23 – Parent Teacher Interviews

Future Meetings

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| Thursday November 8, 2018 | Thursday April 4, 2018 |
| Thursday December 6, 2018 | Thursday May 2, 2018 |
| Thursday February 7, 2018 | |

Closing Prayer and Adjournment before 8:00pm