

St. Dominic Catholic School Council Meeting Minutes

February 21, 2019
6:30 p.m.
St. Dominic School Library

Facilitators: Paul Deoni, Vice Principal **Note taker:** Kelly Sam

Attendees: Lidija Efremova, Lily Maxwell, Selena McLeod, Kelly Sam, Mary Gesuale, Adele Morson, Paul Deoni, Michelle Krug, Erin O'Grady, Betsy Thomas-Wohleber, Linda Marabeti-Romano

Regrets: Michele Wyss, Suzanne Krajnovic, Abel Asres, Michele Braida, Nick Pocrnic, Kellie Allington, Laurie Mendoza, Steve Kraijnovic, Marija MacKenzie

Minutes

Agenda item: Opening Prayer & Approval of Minutes **Presenter:** Paul Deoni

Discussion:

Minutes from December's Council meeting sent out by email earlier in January.

Motion to approve by: Michelle Krug

Second to approve by: Erin O'Grady

Conclusions:

Minutes approved

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

Agenda item: Administrator's Report **Presenter:** Paul

Discussion:

- The Krajnovic family have moved away from the school and Steve & Suzanne will no longer be part council.
- School generated funds update: SGF report was presented. Recently spent funds on Phys Ed equipment for recess (\$5K), literacy and numeracy purchases, Snoezelen Room, kindergarten area redevelopment (upcoming, \$15K). SGF report is posted on St. Dom's website.
- PRO-Grant: this grant has been reinstated this year. We have received \$1000, and it will help us pay for the X-Movement night held earlier this year.
- School Cash Online fees: purchase prices have slightly increased to cover these fees.
- Spirit-wear: difficult to implement when we have a uniform (as the students can't wear anything other than uniform at school). We will not proceed this year.
- Hot Topics: Governmental changes are expected to affect schools. Teacher contracts expire at end of August 2019
- Custodian: We do not have a permanent custodian yet.

Conclusions:

N/A

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

Agenda item: Council Update

Presenter: Multiple

Discussion:

- Outdoor Classroom Grants (Selena): is looking at 4 grant applications: Halton Learning Foundation, Canada Post, Tree Canada & Honda Foundation. Lily is looking at getting pieces donated from the Town and local businesses (logs, armour stones, etc). Kelly & Lidija have volunteered to help with design from engineering perspective (ie. any structures or foundation design).
- Kindergarten playground redevelopment (Paul): Estimated 3-week construction period in the spring. Play structure will be removed, small hills will be redeveloped. Shade structure built, outdoor classroom implemented, plantings added.
- ISW Uniforms (Selena): ISW has provided school board with new samples to approve for better quality uniforms. Their contract expires at the end of the year and the board is in the request for proposal (RFP) process. A committee is being formed to give input into the new supplier.
- Council of Chairs Meeting (Selena): Next meeting is Feb 27th. Anyone who would like to go to the meeting can email Selena & Lidija for more details.

Conclusions:

N/A

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
✓ Keep going with grant applications	Selena/Lidija/Lily	Ongoing
✓ Find out if parents can be part of uniform committee	Selena	Next Meeting

Agenda item: 2018-2019 Initiatives

Presenter: Multiple

Discussion:

- Active Chefs (Lidija): Active Chefs is a charitable organization promoting the importance of healthy eating, nutrition and making healthy choices. They work with students and have a variety of subsidized programs available for us to choose from. Several options were presented, among them:
 - an evening event to include parents, 65-135 participants (\$15/ea), making meals from healthy recipes. Active Chefs bring all food, recipes, equipment, etc.
 - an in-school program for 20 children at a time. Can come weekly for several weeks to capture more students.
 - Food allergies and sensitivities should be considered. Inclusion of all students should also be considered (cost, foods, etc).
- Movie Night (Kelly): A date has been set of April 11th. Movies have yet to be chosen. Kelly to work with Paul re: movies, popcorn, etc.
- Chapters Night (Kelly): A date has been set of Nov 27th. Will need to ensure this does not conflict with parent/teacher interviews. Will need to discuss if we need volunteers next school year, and what the night might look like.
- Dance-a-thon (Kelly): Betsy, Kellie, Kelly, Lily & Michelle K have volunteered to help with next year's event to be held on Halloween.
- PRO-Grant (Selena/Lidija): considering Active Chefs, reminded that the PRO (Parents Reaching Out) grant is meant to encourage parent involvement in the school community, and whatever event we choose should be when most parents have an opportunity to attend (ie. evening event).

Conclusions:

N/A

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
✓ Reach out to other schools who have hosted Active Chefs for more info.	Paul/Michele	Next Meeting
✓ Confirm how food allergies & sensitivities are handled during Active Chefs events	Lidija	Next Meeting

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
✓ Select Movies/ classroom surveys	Kelly/Paul	March 22
✓ Save the date for Movie Night	Paul	Apr Newsletter
✓ Movie Night coordination	Kelly/Paul	Apr 11
✓ Confirm no conflicts for Chapters Night	Paul/Michele	September
✓ Theme for next year's dance-a-thon & team coordination	DOT team	June
✓ PRO Grant application for 2019/20 school year	Selena/Lidija?	?

Agenda item: Year End **Presenter:** Selena

Discussion:

- Council year-end event to thank members for their contributions, historically a dinner event in June.

Conclusions:

June 13th worked best for most members. Selena & Lidija will coordinate and send more info by email.

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
✓ Coordination of dinner/email confirmation	Selena/Lidija	June

Upcoming Events

- Council of Chairs Meeting – Feb 27th
- Shrove Tuesday (pancake breakfast) – March 5th
- Ash Wednesday Mass – Mar 6th
- March Break – March 11th to 15th inclusive
- Council Dinner – June 13th

Future Meetings

Thursday April 4, 2018 Thursday May 2, 2018

Closing Prayer and Adjournment at 8:00pm