

St. Dominic Catholic School Council Meeting Minutes

April 4, 2019
6:30 p.m.
St. Dominic School Library

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

Attendees: Paul Deoni, Erin O'Grady, Marija MacKenzie, Mary Gesuale, Selena McLeod, Adele Morson, Michelle Krug, Linda Marabeti-Romano, Kellie Allington, Laurie Mendoza, Nick Pocrnic, Kelly Sam

Regrets: Abel Asres, Michele Braida, Lidija Efremova, Lily Maxwell, Betsy Thomas-Wohleber

Minutes

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

Discussion:

Minutes from February's Council meeting sent out by email earlier this week.

Motion to approve by: Adele Morson

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 Deoni

Discussion:

- Kindergarten playground construction in mid-May. Changes to school-day routine as well as drop-off and pick-up is being discussed by administration & teachers, safety of the kids is most important and will be communicated to parents. A preview of the playground plans were shared with council.
- Catholic Education Week (May 5 – 10) is in preparation. The Open House/French Café will take place on the Wednesday of CEW. A pamphlet of class / grade and school activities will be sent out as soon as it is finalized. A council table will be set up during French café (May 8th).
- Staff appreciation day is Friday of CEW (May 10) and will be combined with volunteer appreciation luncheon.
- Hot topics:
 - Students around the province walked out in protest to government changes to education – mostly secondary students. Some intermediate students raised concerns and discussions took place concerning productive and proactive ways that we can help and make our voices heard to provide possible solutions. A few decided to protest by walking out (without permission and without being able to explain what they were protesting). Affected parents were called and students accounted for.

Conclusions:

N/A

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

Agenda item: Council Update

Presenter: Multiple

Discussion:

- Outdoor Classroom Grants (Paul): Lily has been talking to Oakville Parks & Rec and discussing getting logs for seating. Two seating areas will be focused on to start: 1) expanding the existing armour stone circle in the grassy area across from of the main doors with more armour stone and log seating as well as more trees added for shade, 2) constructing a second seating area in the back (north-west) corner, using the existing perimeter trees for shade, and possibly adding more as needed. As there is no structure proposed at this time, a grant is not necessary at this time. The plan will be reviewed and reassessed next year to determine whether a structure is needed.
- Active Chefs (Selena): an update from Lidija will come next meeting, but any ingredients used in the event will be allergy-friendly, and an ingredient list will be shared prior to the event.
- Movie Night (Kelly): Possible movies were chosen based on parent-friendly reviews using www.commonensemedia.com, then the students voted from the list and decided on Inside Out and Alexander and the Horrible Terrible No Good Very Bad Day. Movie Night is April 11th, and the forms were sent home via email. Popcorn and water will be sold the night of the event.
- Pretzels (Paul): forms were sent home, payment via cash only as cash online for this small amount would be counterproductive when considering fees.
- Questions about online forms being emailed:
 - Is there a better format for multiple attachments (in the emails, there is only a small space between hyperlinks which can prevent some parents from noticing that there are multiple links)
 - If we are going towards a more environmentally friendly method of communicating with forms being sent via email, can parents also have the option to reply digitally, for example, to sign up for Movie Night. It was discussed that there are privacy/security issues with this. It was also suggested that we could look into solutions again.

Conclusions:

N/A

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
✓ Chat with Stacey re: emails to see if there is a better format or a way to send links so that parents can view them easier.	Paul	Next Meeting
✓ Look into a method of digital reply ex. for Movie Night, that Paul/Kelly? is secure		Next Meeting

Upcoming Events

Movie Night – April 11th
PA Day – April 12th
Good Friday – April 19th
Easter Monday – April 22nd
Catholic Education Week – May 6 – 10th
Open House and French Café – May 8th
Council Dinner – June 13th

Future Meetings

Thursday May 2, 2018

Closing Prayer and Adjournment at 7:30pm