

St. Dominic Catholic School Council

Meeting Minutes - November 2nd, 2020 6:30 p.m.

Virtual Microsoft Teams Meeting

Attendees: Vince Chininea - Principal, Paula Durand - Vice Principal, Laurie Mendoza - Co-Chair, Kelly Sam - Co-Chair, Heather Albertson, Vicki Dempsey, Shashi Fernando | Christine Morgan, Betsy Thomas Wohleber, Chris Gojmerac, Richard Hui, Kellie Allington, Linda Romano, Michelle Fernando, Nicole Houghton, Katie Hulsman, Andrea Ongaro - Non-Teaching Staff Rep, Jackie Hart - Teaching Staff Rep

Regrets: Julia Fesenko, Ashley Pollotta, Nancy Tran Lostritto, Linda Wheeler,

Agenda Topics

<p>Introductions and approval of previous meeting minutes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approval of previous meeting minutes (powerpoint presented by Vince) - motioned by Shashi and seconded by Chris, approved. • Mrs. Ongaro was introduced as the council's non-teaching staff representative and Mrs. Hart as the teaching staff rep 	<p>Kelly Sam</p>
<p>Administrator's Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Progress reports to be distributed Nov 24th , with virtual teacher conferences being held Nov 26th and 27th (information to be communicated shortly) • Believing Pillar <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Focus on Faith – Grade 7 students responsible for the morning prayer (September), in October the Grade 8's will lead a liturgy. Each grade will have an opportunity throughout the year. Christian meditation in prayer will also be introduced. ○ Grade 8 Confirmation info night meeting was held last Thursday, Nov 9th with confirmation taking place XX. ○ Grade two's meeting (or was this the previous classes communion?) will be held on Nov 19th, with the next class' reconciliation sacrament being held Friday March 5th, and first communions in April. ○ The Thanksgiving Food drive was a success through student ambassadors ○ Advent begins Nov 29th. Social justice council committee to align initiatives to advent. • Belonging activities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Remembrance day virtual celebration in school ○ Veteran's week – classroom teachers to select age appropriate activities ○ Bully prevention and awareness – topic is celebrating unique backgrounds with focus on equity and inclusion in the school including diversity day to celebrate each others differences – wear something representing their families, ongoing activity to be incorporated into classroom prayer centres, pink shirt day, 	<p>Vince Chininea / Paula Durand</p>

<p>indigenous awareness (classroom teachers to select age appropriate activities)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Safe schools – fire drills have been completed, lock down drills to occur in social distanced way, bomb threat drills to be practiced age appropriately <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● COVID case update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ When a covid case is identified, public health notifies the school and performs investigation, they also determine the communication and response plan for the school and community ○ Reflection following school cases is to revisit and tighten protocols in place, including to stress staff and students are to stay home if not feeling well, continue consistent PPE use. ○ Current case has been identified as acquired outside of school community. <p>Responses to questions from council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Math Up program – teacher licenses have been purchased and are being used in classrooms, teacher training completed. ● EQAO – confirmation that it is not running this year 	
<p>Sub-Committees Confirmation of Members</p> <p>Committees were determined and working groups are to meet outside of council meeting and regroup with chairs to present at council meeting.</p> <p>ACTION: Those that haven't signed up for at least one committee, please contact committee chairs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Social Justice and Outreach (Linda Wheeler - Chair and Richard Hui): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ uniform inventory and distribution ○ advent activities: angel tree (gift cards), mitten tree, shoe box eg Halton Women's place ● Secretary/Marketing (Heather Albertson - Secretary) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ no marketing volunteers at this time ● Finance (Shashi Fernando – co-chair, Christine Morgan - co-chair, Chris Gojmerac, Richard Hui) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Committee to meet with Paula and Vince to get up to date and bring financial summary to next meeting. ● School events (Nancy Tran Lostritto – co-chair, Kellie Allington - co-chair, Linda Romano, Michelle Fernado, Betsy Thomas Wohleber) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ social distancing events and bbqs in future next year ● Healthy school (Betsy – chair, Ashley Pollotta, Nicole Haughton) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mental health included in mandate ○ Salad bar organizers no longer at St Dom. – suggested to connect with previous organizers to gain knowledge to continue program. ○ Recess activities (non-covid period and covid) requested to be addressed. ● Education, Equity and Safe schools committee (Laurie Mendoza – chair) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Various initiatives to be investigated including arts, stem, diversity, equity and inclusion including racial, abilities ○ Please contact Laurie if interested in joining committee 	<p>Kelly Sam / Laurie Mendoza</p>

<p>Responses to questions from council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can recess class zones rotate to allow students to use other equipment such as basketball nets? Response: They are rotating field use however within pavement zones maintaining consistency. 	
<p>Council by-laws introduction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council By-laws draft distributed and reviewed for discussion • Developed using examples from St Matthews and St Nicholas, and rooted in School board policy and procedures. • Council members to review and vote next meeting including feedback for mission development. <p>ACTION: send by-law feedback by next Monday, November 9th to Kelly and Laurie who will redistribute for approval next meeting.</p>	<p>Kelly Sam / Laurie Mendoza</p>
<p>Uniforms – new item introduction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non-uniform hoodies are not permitted. Students enjoy wear hoodies and uniform hoodies can be sourced for student uniforms. • Parents expressed favour for introducing hoodies as a uniform item with upcoming vendor renewal and policy update. • Track pant bottoms were also suggested as a uniform option however policy change effective January 2021 will permit any navy blue pant ie non-vendor purchased. • Vince reiterated that uniform vendors equip families with discreet financial support where needed coordinated through the school. <p>Responses to questions from council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can sun hats for UV protection be encourage/mandated? Encouraged to reach out to teachers if child needs reminder to wear. • Sun sense certification through Canadian Cancer Society suggested as education by Christine. Suggestion for Healthy Schools committee and weekly school communication – see link below: <p>https://www.cancer.ca/en/prevention-and-screening/reduce-cancer-risk/get-involved-on/sunsense/?region=on#:~:text=The%20SunSense%20Certification%20acknowledges%20and%20celebrates%20schools%20that,protect%20students%20and%20staff%20from%20harmful%20ultraviolet%20radiation</p>	<p>Kelly Sam / Laurie Mendoza</p>
<p>Next Meeting: January 11th 2021 TBC Closing Prayer and Adjournment</p>	<p>Kelly Sam / Laurie Mendoza</p>