



St. Dominic CES Catholic School Council

Date | time Monday, October 4 at 6:30 p.m.

Meeting called by Vince Chininea & Tracey Babic

Meeting held Microsoft Teams Meeting

Council Members

Attendees: Kelly Sam, Laurie Mendoza, Michelle Fernando, Vicki Dempsey, Betsy Thomas, Shashi Fernando, Heather Albertson, Jeremy Wohleber, Andrea Ongaro (Non-Teaching Staff rep), Anthony Delle Monache (Teaching Staff Rep), Tracey Babic (Vice-Principal), Vince Chininea (Principal)

Regrets: None

Absent: None

Minutes

Agenda item: Welcome & Commissioning Ceremony

Presenter: Vince & All members

Discussion:

- Welcome and Introductions were made.
- Commissioning Ceremony was performed:
 - o Opening Prayer
 - o First Reading
 - o Pledge & Declaration
 - o Prayers of the faithful
 - o Prayers of the People
 - o Closing Prayer
- Honouring the Land and Territory

Conclusions:

N/A

Action items

Person responsible

Deadline

✓ None

Discussion:

Achieving:

- Students are settled and into routine – terrific start
- Continued focus on literacy and numeracy in all areas (continued PD in these areas throughout the year)
- Teacher professional development and learning has already started, unlike last year
- A focus on 21st Century teaching and learning and other STEAM initiatives (technology, collaboration, research skills, coding, alternative learning opportunities). Looking to partner with STA secondary school in this area
- Math (looking at continuous goals/next steps in our practice – Math Up (grades 1-8) & Mathology (grades 1-3) programs to review how our students are doing and to allow for teacher moderation/collaborative discussions about math instruction). Focus on spiraling (continued math concepts, not taught and learned in isolation) and engaging our students in a variety of math learning tasks.
- Interruption in Learning (due to pandemic and periods on virtual learning) – this will continue to be a focus for our staff and looking to address student needs in both literacy and numeracy. We will look to meet students where they are and implement intervention programs as necessary.

Believing:

- Daily Prayers/ New School Prayer – May We be One
- New board policies for opening exercises have mandated the Our Father (entire school to participate), in addition to the honouring of the land and territory
- Board's theological theme is continuing (Do You Love Me?)/ Each grade level will continue with their grade level Focus on Faith Theme and essential questions (Monthly liturgies over Teams)
- Religion/Family Life will continue to be part of the everyday program (in isolation and integrated across the curriculum). No change in the Fully Alive Program (different from the public board)
- Graduate Expectations also a focus in each classroom through the learning skills/instruction across all areas (Discerning believer/ Effective communicator/ Reflective, Creative & holistic thinker/ Self-directed, responsible, lifelong learner/Collaborative contributor/Caring family member/ Responsible citizen). Each month we will focus on one expectation.
- Focus on various saints – connection to that Graduate expectation (bulleting Board displaying this)
- Liturgical celebrations calendar has been released (Fr. Ranjan and Michael our youth minister have connected and will begin to make virtual and in person visits as

appropriate). Sacraments have been planned, pending Public Health & Ministry mandates

- Christian Meditation – Engage in school-wide prayer every Monday as part of our “Mindful Mondays.”

Belonging:

- Classroom visits, morning announcements (divisional assemblies to review code of conduct, expectations and routines)
- Progressive discipline and code of conduct has been communicated to the community through our Weekly Update
- Code of conduct assemblies were held with all students to review expectations and consequences (focus on respect for each other, staff, ourselves, displaying our faith by showing kindness towards others)
- Liaison officer (Const. Carrie Foster) will come in eventually speak to the grade 4-8 students about appropriate use of technology/social media (implications on safety/consequences) in the near future.
- Paul Davis (expert on internet/tech safety) will be in on October 27th to present to our grade 4-6 and then 7 & 8 students virtually. Parent presentation will follow virtually at night (to confirm 6:00 pm or 8:00 pm)
- Daily announcements on appropriate play on the playground (Health & Safety reminders)
- Consistent message to treat each other with Dignity, Kindness and Respect (respecting each other for who we are, celebrating our differences).
- Maintain our vision to create a sense of belonging
- Extra-curricular activities will happen as appropriate (Student ambassadors, clubs). Still waiting on further direction for athletics.
- Ambassadors planning our Thanksgiving Food Drive, Pink Day for Breast Cancer Awareness, “We Scare Hunger” food drive event for Halloween Dance-a-thon.
- Fire Drills will start (3/term)/ Lockdown & Bomb threat for this term have all been completed. We will repeat next term.
- Communication: Weekly updates have started and will be sent out each Sunday. Website will be updated on a regular basis. Dedicated emails will be sent as necessary.
- Many Health and Safety protocols remain to be the same this year, with the exception of masks, which are no longer required to be worn outside. Students and staff have been doing a terrific job with this.
- Orange Shirt Day – September 30th in honour of our Indigenous community and all those affected by the Residential School tragedies (read aloud – Phyllis Webstad’s story and book, “The Orange Shirt Story.”)
- Floor crosswalk ordered from the board and placed in one of our hallways (7 feathers, symbolizing: Wisdom, Love, Respect, Bravery, Honesty, Humility and Truth)
- Wellness Wednesdays – J. Jankowiak (our CYC) – focus on providing quick activities every Wednesday for classroom teachers to engage students.

Conclusions:

N/A

Action items

Person responsible

Deadline

✓ None

Agenda item: Council Updates

Presenter: Vince & Tracey

Discussion:

- Role of Catholic School Council was discussed
- By-laws and Code of Ethics was sent out to all members, code of ethics reviewed
- Meeting Protocols were discussed
- Review of Roles – Selection of Council Chair/co-chairs
 - o Co-Chairs: All in support of Kelly Sam & Laurie Mendoza continuing as co-chairs
 - o Community Rep: Jeremy Wohleber volunteered
 - o OAPCE & Parish Rep: Vicky Dempsey volunteered
 - o Secretary/Marketing: Michelle Fernando volunteered
 - o Sub-committee Reps: Vince will send out a digital form for all members to complete based on their interest in different areas/committees of council: Finance, School Events, Social Justice & Outreach, Healthy Schools & Education.
- Topics for Consultation
- Uniform updates by Tracey. Question about full-zip sweater. Vince/Tracey will consult with McCarthy's, but may be absent because it didn't sell well.
- PRO (Parents Reaching Out) Grant of \$500 proposed to be spent on Paul Davis presentation for parents on Social Media & Web Safety. Timing of evening webinar to be discussed.
- Financial Report Update – School Generated Funds (School Council): Vince gave a breakdown of our current School Generated Funds report. Currently have approximately \$11,300 available for school council initiatives (from school fundraising last year and previous).
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Conclusions:

N/A

Action items

Person responsible

Deadline

✓ None

Agenda item: Parent Survey Review

Presenter: Kelly & Laurie

Discussion:

A Parent Survey was completed by Council in 2020. May results were presented. Kelly & Laurie to discuss with Admin whether to resend the survey this year to gain more feedback from parents.

Conclusions:

N/A

Action items

Person responsible

Deadline

✓ Resend survey to parents, if applicable

Kelly & Laurie

November

✓ Send Survey Summary to Council

Kelly

ASAP

Agenda item: Proposed Fundraisers / Events

Presenter: Kelly & Laurie

Discussion:

- A group of council members met last June to discuss planning for this school year. A document was created following that meeting for planning of potential events and fundraisers. This summary was presented and will be sent to all members for information.
- Fresh From the Farm Fundraiser has already begun. To decide whether we will ask for recipes from the community and share them in a recipe book this year.
- Halloween Dance-a-Thon is upcoming (major fundraiser). A call for volunteers was made. Betsy & Kelly will take the lead to organize.
- Further fundraisers were not discussed in detail, but will be discussed through email and/or at next meeting as appropriate.

Conclusions:

N/A

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
✓ Send Planning Document to Council	Kelly	ASAP
✓ Decide on & communicate recipe book	Michelle	ASAP
✓ Finalize Halloween fundraiser details, get communication including pledge sheet out to parents	Betsy & Kelly	Before Thanksgiving

Agenda item: Closing Prayer

Presenter: Tracey

Discussion:

Tracey led the closing prayer.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Conclusions:

N/A

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
✓ None		