

St. Nicholas Catholic School Council Meeting Minutes

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Meeting Date	May 27, 2019 (6:30pm-8:00pm)
Regrets	Lindsay Batstone Nicky Mehrotra
Meeting Minutes	
<p>Welcome and opening prayer</p> <p>Principal's Report In the Area of Catholicity:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • St. Nicholas students continue to lead daily prayers during morning announcements • Grade Reconciliation April 7 • Stations of the Cross – April 18 • School Mass – May 9 • Community - School Walk with Jesus May 6 – Board event May 9th – Milton • Catholic Education Week May 6-10 - thank you to staff/students/parents 	

- New school Cross – Thank you BR
- Table Runners – ISW
- Confirmation April 25 at St. James May 25 at St. Dominic Parish
- Congratulations to our Grade 2 students- First Communion May 4 & May 5 @ St. Dominic /James Parish
- Fr. Louis and Fr. Ranjan continue to support St. Nicholas – classroom visits

In the Area of Curriculum:

- Staff – School Improvement Team – workshop and writing session – April 23/May 1
- Technology Purchase...5 Smartboards/Whiteboards
- Gr.2 Library Presentation – Woodside Public Library
- Kindergarten Presentation – May 15 – Learn not to Burn Program
- Gr. 5 Bronte Trail – May 16
- Administration – Math-Up – follow up May 24
- Homework club takes place every Wednesday in our library – May 24 last session
- Intermediate Math club every Tuesday afterschool – May 2 last session
- Gr. 7 Religion Assessment – May 28
- Gr. 8 Awards Presentation – May 17
- Ottawa Gr. 8 – June 3-5
- Camp 7 – June 11-14

In the Area of Home/School Communication:

- Community Update emails, monthly calendar, website updates and Twitter
- Teachers continue to keep parents informed via the agenda and phone calls
- New Kindergarten Orientation April 3
- Transition Meetings – Gr. 8/STA – May 16

In the Area of Community Building:

- Volunteer Tea – May 7
- Chris Vollum – Digital Intelligence Presentation – May 8
- Boys and Girls Soccer Teams – practicing
- St. Nicholas Track n Field Team – practicing
- Battle of the Books Junior/Intermediate April 9/10
- Boys/Girls Inc Club – YMCA
- Games club
- PALS program
- Dance Club – Fridays
- Chess/Checkers Club

- BRAVO Encore – Gr. 7/8 – April 25
- Student Award of Excellence – April 29 – Choir Singing at the event
- First Communion Luncheon – May 10
- Grade 7 STA Play Festival/My Blue Print Workshop
- Gr. 7 Wellness Day – May 24 -Thank you to our CYCs
- Fun Fair May 30
- Toronto Raptor School Spirit Raffle – Championship
- St. Nicholas Graduation Board – Installed
- Year Book Sales – 140 to date
- ABA – St. Nicholas – June 5

In the Area of Safety:

- Site inspections are conducted by our trained Health and Safety Representative
- Daily site inspections are conducted by our custodian and school administrator
- Spring Fire/Lockdown/Bomb drills taking place – April 2 am/pm – May 14 pm - Lockdown – May 27

St. Nicholas new school construction - update

- Have started construction of top level of school. Have made great progress and weather has been cooperating.
- Drone sends pictures daily to provide updates.

PRO Grant - Chris Vollum presentation & future application

- Not as many parents came out to evening presentation as anticipated
- BRAVO program was well received
- To consider whether grant funds should be used for another purpose in future

Fun Fair Update

- Baskets for raffles have been prepared earlier this week
- Raffle tickets are now available for purchase through cash online – tickets can also be purchased at the Fun Fair
- Ice cream truck, bubbles show, reptiles presentation, fire truck, police cruiser all scheduled to attend

- Troys catering will be set up with food items for sale in the parking lot and will accept debit/credit
- Additional stations will be set up with freezies for sale, henna, temporary tattoos, face painting, BINGO
- Fun fair is scheduled to begin at 4:30, volunteers to arrive by 4 pm to assist with setup
- Classes will start to preview the baskets for raffle prior to the fun fair

Play Day

- All day event scheduled for June 18th
- Students will receive a pizza slice, juice box, bag of chips, and a freezie – there will be an option to buy an additional slice of pizza for \$1

Hot Lunch Review

- Have had quality issues with pizza day lunches from Toppers pizza – will look into switching vendors for pizza days for the next school year.
- To consider using Gino's for Play Day
- Lunchbox hot lunches – Discussed that program will continue as it doesn't cost the school anything to run and approximately \$1,000 has been earned. Lunch Lady has been most popular. To consider adding in Swiss Chalet.

Halton Food for Thought

- A presentation was provided to council by a parent volunteer with regards to running a salad bar cart.
- A grant can be applied for through Halton Food for thought to purchase a salad bar cart, along with the materials required to get started.
- It would be prepaid program, similar to pizza day and would cost families approx. \$3-\$5 depending on the cost of food for the cart.
- Students would also purchase a reusable container to use
- Program would be offered 1 day/week
- Other schools in the area such as St. Domenic have received the grant and implemented the program and feedback has been positive.
- To run program, volunteers are required to coordinate, purchase, and prepare the salad bar weekly.
- Council likes the idea but will revisit next year once we have moved into the new school

location as there will be more space to facilitate this type of program, and at that time they can determine whether there are volunteers available to run this program.

Halloween Fundraiser

- Will commit to running Halloween dance-a-thon fundraiser for next year
- Ms. Nadeau and Ms. Fung will lead this event

Future Council events

- Teacher appreciation breakfast to be held on the PA day – June 7, 2019
- Tentative dates for next year's events:
 - 1st week back to school – welcome bbq – Sept. 5, 2019
 - Curriculum night – Sept. 18, 2019
 - Christmas shop – December 2, 3, 4, 5
 - Oct. 30 – set up for Halloween Dance-a-thon (night before Halloween)