



**Minutes of St. Vincent's Catholic School Council (SVCSC) Meeting
December 4 2017
School Library 7:00 p.m.**

In Attendance

Christine Daly (Principal), Heidi Blackburn, Tracey Martino, Wendy Glinski, Marilyn Barrett, Carolyn Holmes, Michelle Kent, Christiane Kyte, Tracy Sonnemann, Marise Pimenta, Diane Caldarelli, Melissa Grech

OPENING

Michelle Kent read the opening prayer.

Council minutes from November 2017 were approved by Melissa and seconded by Heidi.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

- Catholicity – The advent liturgies will occur each Monday during Advent. The school mass will be held on December 20th at the school. The remembrance day liturgy was on November 10th. The students are taking turns reading prayers on the announcements each morning. St Andrew's church hosted the grade 2 parent meeting regarding first communion and reconciliation, and the grade 7 parent meeting regarding confirmation. There were theological leadership opportunities for teachers and a theological retreat for administrators. Thank you to the Guglietti family for donating the beautiful Nativity scene and figures.
- Curriculum – There has been lots of activity this past month: board team meetings, cross panel meetings with St Thomas Aquinas, literacy and numeracy meetings, and divisional meetings, Administrator meetings. Progress reports and parent teacher meetings happened in November.
- Community – We are looking forward to the Christmas concert on December 14th and Joy Day and the Christmas shop on December 15th. Our first school community civvies day, "paint the town red", was very successful as a fundraiser for the United Way. Joy Day will also be a Civvies Day. **Action** – *in the future, monies collected from Civvies days will be donated to the Halton Catholic Student Guardian Program.* **Action** – *Council has asked to recognize Mrs. Fernandez for her hard work coordinating the Christmas concert.*

CHAIR'S REPORT

- Tracey thanked Mrs. Daly for her service to the St Vincent School community, and to parent council in particular.

COMMITTEE UPDATES

Staff Update (no report)

- Mrs. Glinski shared information about the Angel tree fundraiser. Donations are due for the 13th of December. The preference is for cash or cheques. The proceeds will be given to Kerr Street Ministries. This organization can buy gift cards at a discount.
- St Thomas Aquinas has invited Junior students to watch their Christmas play on December 13th.

Treasury Report

- The Halloween dance-a-thon has raised very little money compared to historical averages. The parent community was reminded to donate but there was no significant increase.
- The wreaths and poinsettias fundraiser (for Kerr Street Ministries) has had a slightly lower response. Wreaths had a profit of \$235 and poinsettias \$460.
- Regarding the carry-over of funds, some orders for technology have been placed with input from the staff and Mrs. Gurowka: 20 chromebooks, 10 iPads and 10 cases.

Parish Update

- Parish Christmas play is on December 17th.

Volunteer Coordinator Update

- The Christmas shop forms, for all students who are participating, are due on December 7th. Monies can be paid to schoolcashonline but the paper form is required for the students to shop. There is a principal's discretionary fund to help students participate when there are challenging financial circumstances. Carolyn has been reaching out to volunteers to support pricing items, set up, wrapping, the shopping itself, and disassembly. Kindergarten students have asked to go first because of their joy day activity. Reading buddies will help the youngest students to shop.

Communications (no report)

Business arising

Yearbook

- Tracey discussed the potential of making advertising space available to community business within the St Vincent yearbook. Donations would be accepted. Mrs. Daly will look into board policy. Council would also like to use space to thank sponsors like Cobbs Bread.

Lenten Initiative

- Council discussed possible charities for our community almsgiving during Lent. The student social justice club will be invited to present to council at the February meeting.

UPCOMING COUNCIL DATES – see dates

Date	Opening prayer	Closing prayer	Refreshments
Feb 5	Melissa	Regina	Angela Santos
March 5	Tracy S	Diane	Tracey M
May 7	Marilyn B	Barbara	Marilyn D
June 4			Carolyn

CLOSING

Closing prayer was read by Christiane Kyte.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Minutes Taken by Christiane Kyte Lanoue. Please report any discrepancies, deletions, additions or changes to same.