

April 1st Council meeting. St Vincent Elementary Catholic School

In attendance: Mrs. Uniacke, Mrs. VanHooydonk, Mrs. Glinski, Michelle Kent, Tracey Martino, Regina Dykman, Dianne Caldarelli, Sonia Guglietti, Muriam DeAngelis, Siobhan Kukolic, Carolyn Holmes.

Regrets: Melissa Grech, Dianne Caldarelli, Marilyn Duarte, Jasmine VonHorsten, Tracy Sonnemann

Minutes recommended for approval by Muriam

Opening prayer – Tracey led the Our Father

Principal's report:

- Construction of the new Altar is complete – Fr Con celebrated Ash Wednesday Liturgy at the school using the altar for the first time.
- April 2 – Reconciliation for Grades 3-8 will be held in school
- Lots of fun and educational class field trips have been taken recently
- Gabby Ballantyne represented St Vincent at the speech finals
- Kayla Monardo will be recognized with the Award of Excellence.
- Holy Week – Stations of the Cross on Thursday
- Catholic Education week is May 6th. The theme this year is “Living as Joyful Disciples” An activity is planned for each day – culminating with a trip to St Andrews for school mass on May 10th at 1pm. Parents/family members are welcome to attend this mass.
- THANK YOU for the wonderful Staff Appreciation Day
- We will be having a shoe drive starting the week of April 8th. We are collecting gently used shoes for “Soles for Souls”
- Lenten Initiatives “We are Stewards of the Earth” continue with “Litter less Lunch Wednesdays” and “Walk to School Thursdays”

FINANCES:

- The Altar has been paid for – this will be used for all Liturgies held at the school.
- Buddy benches will be purchased and installed soon.
- We have also acquired some new math resources/programming.
- Funds have been set aside for bus transportation to St Andrews for Holy Week Mass.

Council Chair Report:

- Wacky Wednesdays were lots of fun, but not as widely participated in as hoped. The weather (snow days) likely played a role in this. We will continue this activity next year – possibly replacing “Backwards Day” with “Pajama Day”
- We have begun to play fun music in the mornings from the time the kids enter the school, until morning announcements. This has been very well received by both staff and students.

STAFF (Mrs. Glinski)

- The Dare Program is being revamped. No longer will it be a program specifically for Grade 6 students. Instead, the officers hope to become a part of the school community and participate in various activities at the school to build a relationship with students of all ages.
- Pancake Day was another great success. Enormous thanks to Sunset Grill who once again donated all pancake mix & syrup to this fundraiser.

PARISH – Sonia

- Unfortunately the Parish had to cancel upcoming retreats due to low participation rates.

VOLUNTEER COMMITTEE (Carolyn)

- Grade 8 Grad planning is well underway. We are in need of parent volunteers. Traditionally the grade 7 parents organize the event – Mrs. VanHooydonk will send a voicemail out to the grade 7 families to encourage participation.
- Spring bedding plant sale is coming up
- St Vincent Mom's night out fundraiser will be held in May. Funds to be donated to The Darling Home for Kids. More details to follow.

Closing Prayer – Regina.

Meeting adjourned at 6:55