



ST. VINCENT SCHOOL COUNCIL Meeting Minutes

October 15th 2019

In attendance: Mrs. Uniacke, Mrs. VanHooydonk, Mrs. Glinski, Michelle Kent, Regina Dykman, Tracy Sonnemann, Siobhan Kukolic, Carolyn Holmes, Susan Millington, Gina Millington, Sharon Moore

Regrets: Barb McCarter

Opening prayer – led by Mrs Uniacke.

Pledge, Declarations, Code of Ethics & Bylaws reviewed with the group by Mrs Uniacke

Appointment of Council Roles:

Chair – Regina Dykman

OAPC Rep – Regina Dykman

Secretary – Michelle Kent

Community Rep – Gina Millington

Parish Rep - Sharon Moore

Prayer and Commissioning Ceremony – Mrs Uniacke

Minutes recommended for approval by Carolyn 2nd by Regina.

Principal's report:

Catholicity

We have dates set for all school masses & sacraments. Refer to the school website/calendar for more information. Each grade has written a class prayer which will again be compiled into a booklet and distributed to the students to take home. Prayers are also used each morning after the announcements.

Curriculum

Sept 18th Curriculum night was again a success – we enjoyed welcoming new families at the BBQ.

Teacher's diagnostic assessments are almost complete. We will offer Raz Kids reading program before and after school to kids who may benefit from this resource.

EQAO results are out and available on the school website. We are proud of our results – having outperformed the board and province in virtually every measure. An enormous thank you goes to our teachers and administrators for their hard work and effort in helping our kids achieve these strong results.

Home & School Communication

Friday email updates will continue.

The School's Twitter account is updated regularly

Our Child & Youth counsellor is introducing/continuing various social programs with some of our grades.

Grade 7 trip to Tanamakoon was once again thoroughly enjoyed by all

Various school teams & clubs have begun.

Safety

Walk to school Wednesdays are underway

ECO teams / recycling is a very popular activity at the school

Fire drill, lockdown drill has been completed for the fall.

Discussion was held on the "Park & Ride" area – concerns around parents parking in this lane which causes a dangerous situation when other cars need to squeeze by / students need to walk between parked cars while other vehicles are pulling out etc. Suggestion was made to paint "NO STOPPING" or something similar in the Kiss & Ride lane. A second suggestion was to remove the 2 parking spots at the very end of the Kiss & Ride so that it is clear that stopping anywhere along that lane is not permitted. Mrs Uniacke will discuss with the board to see if either of these options can be done.

Financial

Buddy Benches were sold out – will be purchased soon.

Wish list has been shared with all parents via the Dance-a-thon pledge sheet.

Michelle Kent volunteered to sit on the Financial Committee

Committee Reports

Fundraising

Dance-a-thon will be held on Oct 31st – set up on the 30th. Carolyn has a list of volunteers and will reach out for more as needed. We are looking for donations of Halloween decorations to help set the mood for a great dance! This year we will ask each student to bring a nonperishable food donation to the dance, to be donated to a local charity.

Oct 23 will see our first New Family Coffee morning – hosted by Carolyn.

Christmas wreath & poinsettia fundraiser information will go out at the end of this month, with delivery scheduled for November 28th.

The ever popular Christmas Shop will be held on December 13th. Again we are looking for donations of gift bags in all sizes, ribbon, tape, wrapping paper, tissue etc.

School Council Meeting Schedule:

November 18th, January 6th, February 3rd, April 6th, May 4th, June 8th.

New Business – Mrs Uniacke

Council voted and agreed to support the Halton Catholic Children's Education Fund by purchasing a table (10 seats) at the upcoming Bishop's Dinner at a cost of \$750

School Nurse will be asked to present a session on Vaping to council, so that parents can better understand the dangers, risks, what to look for etc.

Closing Prayer – Mrs Uniacke

Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:30pm