

## **Georges Vanier Catholic School Council Meeting Minutes**

**Monday, October 28, 2024**

Attendees: Daniel Birkenbergs, Michael Burns, Alexis Commander, Marcello Farrace, Christina Ferguson, Sonia Mastrantoni (virtual), Andrea Payne

### **● Opening Prayer/ Land Acknowledgement**

- ❖ Mr. Birkenbergs called the meeting to order at 6:15
- ❖ Meeting was run in a hybrid format with attendees in-person and virtual
- ❖ Mr. Burns opened the meeting with a prayer and a land acknowledgement.

### **Approval of Agenda and Catholic School Council Minutes**

1st Michael Burns

2nd Marcello Farrace

### **Principal Report**

#### **A. Uniform Process**

##### **1. Discussion of DPCDSB Elementary Uniform policy**

- GAP 504.02 (sections 2, 3 & 4)

##### **2. Open dialogue with stakeholders(pros/cons) 3. Creation of uniform oversight committee (students,parents/guardians,staff)**

- Uniform Action Plan
- Uniform selection process
- School policy creation
- Uniform assistance program

##### **4. Survey overview**

##### **5. Timeline/Next Steps**

### **Uniform Committee**

1. Marcello Farrace
2. Michael Burns
3. Daniel Birkenbergs
4. Shantel Farrar
5. Anna Simone
6. Shenara DeSilva

## **B. School Generated Funds Plan 2024-2025**

## **C. Ontario Volunteer Service Awards were given out to the attendee**

## **D. Progress Reports**

- ❖ Distributed home on November 12
- ❖ Parent-Teacher-Student Conference- November 14 (evening;as needed/requested)
- ❖ Online booking via School Interview app (new)
- ❖ Council also requested that a paper copy for interview be sent home to parents

## **E. Staffing/Programming Update**

- ❖ New French Teacher
- ❖ Possibly more support staff for busy Kindergarten class

## **F. Catholic Community Culture & Caring Action Team**

- ❖ Parent/Guardian Volunteer(s) needed → Alexis Commander Volunteered
- ❖ First Meeting → November 4th @ 3:45pm

## **G. Pastoral Plan/Liturgies/Virtues Assemblies**

- ❖ Virtue Assembly: Conscience- October 29th @ 2:45pm
- ❖ Remembrance Day Liturgy- November 11th @ 10:45am
- ❖ Virtues Assembly: Hope- November 28th @ 2:45pm
  - ★ Council was informed that Father Liborio will not be giving out any holy sacraments at the school and that the parents will have to attend mass on Sundays to receive the holy Eucharist.

## **H. Events Update**

- ❖ The Thanksgiving food drive was a success and the Knights picked up all donations
- ❖ Athletics
  - ★ Softball
  - ★ Junior Volleyball
  - ★ Cross Country
- ❖ Brave Workshops
- ❖ CCAT Testing

### **Upcoming School Events**

- ❖ Halloween Spirit Week- October 28th to November 1st
- ❖ Halloween Dance- October 31st
  - ★ Decorations were set up and donated by Michael Burns and Alexis Commander
- ❖ Rosary Apostolate Visit- November 6th
- ❖ Picture Retake Day- November 12th
  - ★ Parents were sent home a reminder and were told to indicate to their child's teacher if they would like one.
- ❖ Athletics
  - ★ Intermediate Volleyball- November 27th
  - ★ Bus Safety Presentation- November 29th

### **Treasurer's Report:**

- Balance from June 3rd, is \$5380.45

### **Parish Report:**

- No eucharist will be given in school.
- Boxes of child's envelopes were distributed to the families whose children are receiving The Sacrament of First Reconciliation and The Sacrament of First Communion. Parents are still encouraged to contact the parish immediately if they still want their child to participate.

*The Sacrament of First Reconciliation:* Tuesday May 6th and /or Wednesday May 7th and/or Thursday May 8th

*The Sacrament of First Communion:*

Sunday, May 25th and/or Sunday, June 1st.

- Father Liborio will be visiting the school on October 16 and will be visiting the school to make more connections with our students. He has already come and went out for a recess to speak with students.