

Georges Vanier Catholic School Council Meeting Minutes

Monday, November 25, 2024

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

Opening Prayer/ Land Acknowledgement

- ❖ Mr. Birkenbergs called the meeting to order 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. Buses Cancellations & School Closure Information
 - Weather updates and zones can be accessed on DPCDSB and by radio stations report
- B. Uniform Survey Update
 - As of November 22nd, 59 families had responded to the survey
- C. Chocolate Fundraiser Updates
 - 148 cases ordered (+6free); 154 cases total; 132 sold; 19 returned; 1 open (staff); outstanding 1; unaccounted 1
 - Invoiced: 129 cases @44.25/case=\$5708.25 + taxes/shipping= \$6563.32
 - Sales: 132 cases @ \$100/case= \$13,200.00
 - Funds raised: \$6636.68 - Cheque was issued and funds will clear in January
- D. Liturgies/Virtues Assemblies/Social Justice Initiatives
 - 1. Angel Giving Tree- Hats, Mitts, scarves, and gift cards will be given out to the families at our school first.
 - 2. Virtue Assembly: Hope-November 28, 2024, at 2:45pm
 - 3. Advent Mass-December 3rd at 10:30am, St. John Fisher Parish Church
- E. Events Update
 - Halloween Events & Spirit Week- Thank you for all the donated decorations
 - CCCCAT Meeting-Houses Viking Villages (Three to Four times will meet to discuss)

- Rosary Apostolate Visit- December 4, 2024
- Remembrance Day Liturgy- Very well done
- Picture Retake Day will be sent home
- PPH Immunization Clinic-Grade 7 and 8
- Bullying Prevention & Awareness Week- November 18 to 22

F. Upcoming School Events

- Intermediate Volleyball Tourney- November 27th
- Bus Safety Presentation- November 29th
- Rosary Apostolate Visit-December 4th
- Christmas Open House- December 4th 6-8pm
- PPH Dental Screening- December 6th, 9th and 10th
- Christmas Spirit Week- December 16-20th
- Ballroom Dance Performance- December 17, 2024, grades 6,7 and 8.
- Last Day of Classes for 2024- December 20,2024
- Classes Resume-January 6, 2025

Treasurer's Report:

- Balance as of November 25, 2024 is \$8,500 with all deductions taken out from chocolates
- Deposited from chocolate fundraiser

Budget Allocations for 2025

- Teacher supervision for athletics events outside of school - \$1,500
- In-class programs, science in the school, film in a box, in class programs expenses \$2,000
- Library Mural- \$3,000
- grade graduation \$500
- celebration of learning SK/JK \$200

Fundraising Ideas

- Big Box of Card - Mr. Birkenbergs will research big box of cards for fundraising information.
- Domino's Pizza- Michael Burn will connect - receive flyers and arrange a date.
- Movie Night - School will have a movie and pizza. The parent council will connect with the community and have tables set out in the back, where the community can purchase tables and sell products. Each table will be sold at a cost of \$25. We also discussed reaching out to local businesses to donate items to raffle off (a permit will need to be obtained from the city, someone will have to go and purchase this permit) 50/50 draw was also discussed - each table could donate an amount to a 50/50 draw.

CSC Member Training-Flyer was sent by email today. Thursday Nov 28, 2024 from 6:30-8 virtually, please see the flyer for your zoom meeting links.

Parish

- First Communion and Confirmation meeting → First Communion will be May 25, 2025, at 2pm with St. John Fisher Catholic Elementary School and Georges Vanier.
- Breakfast with Santa on Saturday December 7th 9:30am - 12:00pm is sold out.
- Parish volunteers needed - Lectors, ushers & Sacristans.

Future Meeting

- Monday, January 27, 2025

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- All updates will be emailed out to council

Adjournment