

Georges Vanier Catholic School Council Meeting Minutes
Monday February 5, 2024

Staff: Daniel Birkenbergs, Julie Esposito

Present: Sandra Salvino, Michael Burns, Nicole Colp, Marcello Farrace, Andrea Payne, Sonia Mastrantoni, Rime Boulos, Alexis Commander, Gillian Fraites

Regrets : Donna Sisneth

Approval of Minutes:

- Moved by Michael Burns and seconded by Alexis Commander
- Minutes from November 20, 2023, approved.

Treasurer's Report:

- Balance as of February 5, 2024, is \$5458.76
- \$270 from Domino's Pizza fundraiser will be added to the report once the cheque clears.

Chairs Report:

Christmas Open House

I think our hot chocolate station was a success, thank you to Michael and his boys for getting their early to help set everything up. Also thank you to Gillian for donating the candy canes. Also, to Andrea, Marcello and Mara for volunteering their time to help hand out hot chocolate. Our total cost for the Tim Hortons hot chocolate was \$587.60.

Snowman Cookies

Always a hit! The snowman cookies were handed out just before Christmas break, a nice little treat for the kids before the holiday. Our total expense was \$254.48

Pancakes – Shrove Tuesday

Pancakes have been ordered through Lunch Lady. They acknowledged that last year they used whole wheat pancakes and had many complaints about them, so this year they are using a buttermilk batter. We ordered 2 pancakes for each child at the cost of \$2.85 per child, our total should be roughly \$700.00 as we have 245 kids.

Pancakes are packaged per classroom with plates, cutlery and syrup and will be delivered to the school at 10am. Teachers are asked to distribute them in their classes, same as last year.

Hot Chocolate Day

We were trying to coordinate a Hot Chocolate Day for the kids to coincide with Rocks and Rings, clearly that didn't pan out. Did we want to look at another date before the March break to do this? Or would we rather do a frozen yogurt/freezie day in the spring?

Sacramental Celebration

Once First Communion and Confirmation are completed, we will host our Sacramental Celebration for the students who celebrated their sacraments this year. This normally consists of 2 cakes, juice boxes and plates/forks and table clothes, should cost around \$80-\$100. Do we want to do provide this for the students again this year?

✓ **All approved**

Spring Fundraising

Did we want to run a donation drive in the spring? Will discuss at the next meeting

Outdoor Classroom

Do we know when the fence is going to be installed? We are currently waiting on the locates before it can be installed.

Play Day

Plans, can council contribute in any way?

Dominos

Michael has asked for the last Friday of the month. They will email him back with some answers.

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Parish

- 24th Annual Pasta Dinner – Feb 17th, contact the church for tickets
- Feb 14th – Ash Wednesday Masses 9:00 am and 7:00 pm

Fundraising:

OAPCE:

- A rep from OAPCE would like to attend one of our meetings to see how we run it
- Andrea would like to the OAPCE newsletter to be emailed out along with our school newsletter

Principal's Report:

- A. 2023-2024 School Year Calendar Revision
 - a. New Date for spring P. A. Day – April 8th, 2024
- B. DPSDSB Standardization of Catholic Schools
- C. Liturgies/Virtues Assemblies
 - a. Ash Wednesday Liturgy – February 14th @9:15am
 - b. Virtues Assembly: Kindness – February 29th @ 2:45pm
 - c. Lenten Mass – March 8th @ 10:30am
 - d. Stations of the Cross Liturgy – March 28th @ 1:15pm
- D. Spirit Wear – New Vendor
- E. Term 1 Reports
 - a. Reports Distributed – February 13th
 - b. Parent-Teacher-Student Conferences – February 15th (evening) & February 16th (daytime)
- F. Events Update
 - a. Christmas Events
 - i. Christmas Open House
 - ii. Angel Giving Tree
 - iii. Spirit Week
 - b. Mental Health & Well-being Spirit Week – January 23rd to 26th
 - c. MTC Life Workshop #2 – January 24th
 - d. Rosary Apostolate Visit – January 26th
 - e. Peel Public Health Nurse Visit – January 30th
 - f. Virtues Assembly – January 30th
- G. Upcoming School Events
 - a. Rings & Rocks Program – February 5th & 6th
 - b. Grade 8 Graduation Photos – February 8th
 - c. Hearing & Vision Screening Clinic – February 9th
 - d. P.A. Day: Assessment, Evaluation & Reporting – February 16th
 - e. Family Day – February 19th
 - f. Earth Ranger Presentations (Gr. 1-6) - February 22nd
 - g. Rosary Apostolate Visit – February 23rd
 - h. Black Culture Celebration – February 28th
 - i. MTC Life Workshop #3 – March 6th
 - j. Lenten Retreat – March 8th
 - k. March Break – March 11th-March 15th (inclusive)
 - l. Rosary Apostolate Visit – March 22nd

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- m. Good Friday – March 29th
- n. Easter Monday – April 1st

Other Business:

Kindergarten Enrollment

The number of students registered for Junior Kindergarten is 7.

Staff Report:

Next Meeting Dates:

- April 15th
- May 13th
- June 17th

Adjournment:

- Moved by Sonia Mastrantoni and seconded by Andrea Payne to adjourn. Approved.