

Georges Vanier Catholic School Council Meeting Minutes  
Monday June 3rd, 2024

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*Staff:* Daniel Birkenbergs, Julie Esposito

*Present:* Sandra Salvino, Nicole Colp, Alexis Commander, Donna Sisneth, Marcello Farrace, Sonia Mastrantoni, Gillian Fraites

*Regrets :* Michael Burns, Andrea Payne, Rime Boulos

**Approval of Agenda**

1st Alexis Commander

2nd Donna Sisneth

**Approval of May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024, Minutes**

1st Marcello Farrace

2nd Alexis Commander

**Treasurer's Report:**

- We raised \$465.50 with the Rose Fundraiser
- Balance as of June 3rd, 2024, is \$5380.45

**Chairs Report:**

**Ice Dogs**

-Ice Dogs have been ordered and received.

**Roses**

-Thank you to Sonia, her family and all the volunteers for putting together and donating all the supplies for the rose fundraiser

**Sacramental Celebrations**

-There will be 7 students receiving Confirmation and 15 students receiving First Communion

**Movie Night**

-Council will provide \$500 for snacks.

-If it rains, we will plan to cancel by Wednesday. Refunds will be issued to those who ordered pizza and other snacks.

**Celebration of Learning**

-Celebration of Learning will be held on June 20<sup>th</sup> at 1:30pm

-Council would like to provide cookies for the Celebration of Learning

✓ **All agreed**

**Thank you**

-Thank you to Mr. Birkenbergs for submitting some of our Council members names for their volunteer service within the school

-Thank you to Nicole for being a long member of Parent Council and we wish her well.

-Thank you to Sandra for being the Chair of Parent Council for many years and we wish her well

**Parish Report:**

- June 25<sup>th</sup> is the retirement for Father Imperial and there will be an online card for people to sign
- First Communion is this Saturday
- Father Imperial will be at Georges Vanier on June 14<sup>th</sup> for the last mass

**Principal's Report:**

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Presentation of 2022 Student Outcomes by Race. Student census outcomes Grade 4-12

- A. DPCDSCB Standardization of Catholic School Councils
- B. DPSDSB Elementary Census Data Presentation
- C. Liturgies/Virtues Assemblies
  - a. Sacrament of First Holy Communion- June 8<sup>th</sup> @ 5:30pm (St. John Fisher Parish)
  - b. Year-end Mass- June 14<sup>th</sup> @ 10:30am
- D. Grade 8 Graduation
  - a. Luncheon - June 25<sup>th</sup> (daytime; Mandarin Restaurant)
  - b. Ceremony - June 25<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30pm (St. Thomas Aquinas S.S.)
- E. Events Update
  - a. Track & Field Try Day (Gr. 4-8) May 15<sup>th</sup>
  - b. PPH Immunization Clinic (Gr. 7-8) May 22<sup>nd</sup>
  - c. Alectra Utilities Presentations – June 3<sup>rd</sup>
  - d.
- F. Upcoming School Events
  - a. Soccer (Junior & Intermediate) June 3<sup>rd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>
  - b. Family Movie Night – June 7<sup>th</sup> @ 8pm
  - c. P.A. Day: Assessment, Evaluation & Reporting – June 10<sup>th</sup>
  - d. Family Track and Field Meet – June 11<sup>th</sup>
  - e. Play Day for ShareLife – June 18<sup>th</sup>
  - f. Volunteer Social – June 19<sup>th</sup>
  - g. Kindergarten Celebration of Learning – June 20<sup>th</sup> @ 1:30pm
  - h. Last Day of Classes for 2023-2024 – June 28<sup>th</sup>

**Dress Code Expectations and Religious Education Curriculum**

- Reports will be attached to the minutes for both Dress Code and Religious Education Curriculum

**Action Items:**

**School Uniforms**

- To get school uniforms, Council must make a motion to approve them. From there the school would do an online vote on the policy.
- There must be 75% in agreement based on the old policy.
- Council would agree to fund the families that cannot afford uniforms.
- There are many pros and cons arguments and parents would be encouraged to attend a meeting to answer any questions they might have.
- There might be a new policy coming out in the fall that would only require 60% in agreement.
- Will table this discussion in September

**Maintenance/Repair of School Yard**

- There was a concern regarding the transition between the pavement, gravel, and grass. Mr. Birkenbergs put in a request to fix it. They need to level the gravel screen up to pavement edge and the pavement needs re done.
- There are also complaints regarding a lot of garbage throughout the yard. The custodian does do yard clean up but is tricky as there is also public traffic that are allowed to walk throughout the yard.

**Tuck Shop/Snack Shop**

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- Council would like to have a Tuck Shop/Snack Shop at the school to help raise funds. The idea was to sell stuff like popcorn, milk, and cookies at \$2 per item.
- Georges Vanier is currently in the Healthy Schools program which does not allow for snack sales.
- We also get funding for the YMCA and PC program. This year we spent \$29000 on healthy snacks through this program. If we do not get into the PC program, then YMCA does not have this restriction. We will find out in September

**Sacramental Celebration**

- The Sacramental Celebration will be on Monday June 17<sup>th</sup> at 2:45pm

**OAPCE:**

**Staff Report:**

**Next Meeting Dates:**

TBA – September 2024

**Adjournment:**

1st Donna Sisneth  
2nd Sonia Mastrantoni