

Georges Vanier Catholic School Council Meeting Minutes
Monday September 26, 2022

Staff: Daniel Birkenbergs

Present: Sandra Salvino, Nicole Colp, Mara Schiavello, Donna Sisneth, Marcello Farrace, Sonja Mastrantoni, Andrea Payne

Regrets :

Approval of Minutes:

- Moved by Mara Schiavello and seconded by Sandra Salvino
- Minutes from May 9th, 2022 approved.

Council from 2021/2022 Dissolved

New Council for 2022/2023

Chair: Sandra Salvino

Treasurer: Mara Schiavello

Secretary: Nicole Colp

Parish Rep: Sandra Salvino

OAPCE: Andrea Payne

Non-Teaching Rep: Donna Sisneth

Parent Rep: Sonja Cogliani

Marcello Farrace

Treasurer's Report:

- ✓ Balance as of September 26th 2022 is \$3020.19

Chairs Report:

Fundraising:

Big box of Cards

-Our profit from Big Box of Cards was \$1582. There was also \$570 in donations. Our profit was \$2152 but we spent approximately \$225 on the prizes and pizza party.

Domino's

-Sandra will contact them to get pizza dates

Flip Give

-Flip Give is still active.

Other Fundraisers

-Will discuss at next meeting possible fundraisers for the upcoming year.

Graduation:

-Council donates \$500 every year to graduation. Council would like to know what that money goes towards. In the past, the money has been used to purchase a class composite for each graduating student.

-We will discuss at the next meeting about donating the money this year.

Outdoor Classroom:

-We have been earmarking our fundraising money to purchase an outdoor classroom for the students.

-Mara got a quote from a tendered company for 3 metal benches, without a back so students could sit on either side of the bench. Each bench would cost \$400.00 uninstalled. We would need to contact another tendered company to have all the prep work done.

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-Mr. Birkenbergs stated that we will not be able to pour a concrete slab in the field as it is a safety hazard and that it is up to the board to decide how it gets installed.

Christmas Cookie Giveaway

-We need to decide by next meeting if we will be giving out Christmas cookies to the students, so it gives us enough time to order them.

Pancake Day:

-There are no restrictions anymore regarding doing events at the school however, there are restrictions on food handling. If food is to be prepared at the school, it would require an inspection. There is not any food preparation allowed at the school and that is why the school catered the BBQ.

Pizza Days:

-Pizza day will be held on Wednesdays. The pizza will be ordered from Gino's.

Lunch Lady:

-Lunch lady is a program that provides a prepackaged lunch to students who order it. This would give students other options of ordering food other than pizza. A rep would come and call the kids down who have ordered lunch.

-Sandra will look further into this.

Milk Program:

-The milk program is supposed to run daily. Mr. Birkenbergs will speak to some teachers and look into the program to get it set up.

Chips and Popcorn:

-We will not longer be able to sell anything from the Snack Centre like chips and popcorn as everything should be cash online.

50th Anniversary:

-Due to covid, we were unable to have any celebration for the 50th Anniversary of Georges Vanier School. Mr. Birkenbergs is thinking of doing something during advent time with Father Imperial. We could have a mass at the church and an event at the hall. We will know more after the board says what is going on.

Christmas Event:

-Mr. Birkenbergs thought of doing a drop in Christmas event at the school. The idea would be students can get individual craft kits and they can go to their classrooms with their parents to do them.

-We also thought that during the event, we could set up to have the Santa pictures with the children at the hall. Lifetouch no longer offers it, but we will see what we can do.

Parish Update:

-Second collection will be this weekend

-Volunteers needed

-Sacrament dates will be announced later. The church currently does not have a secretary and are relying on volunteers so it will take a bit to get the dates out and organized.

-Mass will be September 27th at 10:30am

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- Father Imperial will be taking a pilgrimage for 6 weeks.
- All masses with the school have been booked with him.
- For the Advent mass, all students will be bused to the church to participate in mass.

OAPCE:

- All updates will be emailed out to council

Principal's Report:**Other Business:****Agendas:**

- JK and SK students will receive an agenda next year.
- All students will receive the same agenda cover from now on.

Computer in Office:

- Mr. Birkenbergs is looking to set up a computer in the office for families that might not have a computer, internet or access to them. This will give families the privacy they need as well as access to school cash online. They don't need a any credit card if they don't have one, they can use their bank account.

By Laws:

- The board recommends increasing the number of parents for Parent Council up to 15 people. This would be amended from 7-15 people.

✓ **ALL APPROVED**

Virtue Assembly:

- All virtue assemblies will be the end of every month. Will be posted in the biweekly updates.

Twitter:

- We have a new twitter account. It is @GVanierDPCDSB
- This twitter account will be used quite often to notify parents of what is going on at the school. Mr. Birkenbergs will also be sending out numerous emails to keep parents in the loop.

BBQ:

- We had over 300 orders for the upcoming BBQ at the school.
- 5:30-Food
6:30-Welcome announcement and go to classrooms
7:30-Done

Enrollment:

- We currently have 267 students at our school.
- Questions were raised at whether our school would be at risk of closure but with a Ministry of Education directive that was passed, they don't have the ability to close schools like before.
- Normally there is no need for concern unless we were under 200 students but there is a school within the board that is currently operating with 115 students.

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Halloween for Dance:

-Mr. Birkenbergs is looking into hiring a DJ for a Halloween dance.

The quote for that was \$775. Instead of doing a fundraiser, his idea was to consider doing a donation drive where parents would donate for example \$20 per family. If we do that twice a year, times 175 families we would make approx. the same as our fundraisers but without the work of the school, council and families selling stuff.

-The Halloween dance would be an example of what we can offer the kids to do the donation drive.

Sports:

-All sports are back on for Junior and Intermediate students

-Softball started but has been postponed until spring

-Other clubs will start soon as well.

Meetings:

- October 19
- November 16
- January 18
- February 15
- April 19
- May 17
- June 21

Adjournment:

- Moved by Marcello Farrace and seconded by Donna Sisneth to adjourn. Approved.