

Georges Vanier Catholic School Council Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday November 16, 2022

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*Staff:* Daniel Birkenbergs

*Present:* Sandra Salvino, Nicole Colp, Mara Schiavello, Donna Sisneth, Marcello Farrace, Sonia Mastrantoni, Andrea Payne, Ritch Brayall

*Regrets :*

**Approval of Minutes:**

- Moved by Andrea Payne and seconded by Nicole Colp
- Minutes from October 19th approved.

**Treasurer's Report:**

- Balance as of November 16th, 2022, is \$2765.20
- Money for Christmas Cookies has been taken out - \$225.10
- There is a dispute in bank charges from 2019 so hopefully we get it resolved and get our money back. Cheque was written and cashed but for some reason the bank allowed it to be cashed again.
- Question was asked, if we are a school, why are we paying bank fees? In the eyes of the bank, we are a business. We have been given the lowest teared service fee and it is pretty good compared to other schools. It is \$4.95/month.

**Chairs Report:**

**Christmas Cookie Giveaway**

-Terra Cotta Cookies Seasonal Wrap Cookies, cookies were ordered. The cookies will be distributed the last Thursday before the break

**Lunch Lady Program**

-Program is running. Thank you to all who are participating

**Milk Program**

-We don't have enough kids based on our past numbers to run the program. However, Milk is offered through Lunch Lady so please feel free to purchase through them.

**Donation Drive**

-Fundraiser is running. Thank you to all who are participating. You can also spread the word to family and friends if they would like to donate.

**Grad Funding**

-We normally donate \$500 to the grade 8 grads; can we approve the funds at this meeting?

✓ **ALL APPROVED**

**Bike Lanes**

-If anyone drops off or picks up their kids, you may have noticed the new bike lanes. I honestly think they created a bigger hazard in installing the bike lanes because you cannot get your child out of the car safely on the driver's side anymore. I'm sure winter with snowbanks will be even worse. I have a call into the new councillor Rod Power to see what can be done to improve the front of the school drop off and pick up. I will update you once I speak with him.

**Parish Update:**

- No Sacramental News
- Catholic Women's League Christmas Bazaar Sat. Nov 19 10-2
- Children's Liturgy available Sundays at 10:30am mass for kids age 4-7.
- St. John Fisher Christmas Party – Dec 9th

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**OAPCE:**

- All updates will be emailed out to council
- Some people had trouble voting for the separate schools. Let the school trustee know so they can make that correction

**Principal's Report:**

Learning Modalities Update

- Labour Disruption
- Inclement Weather

Liturgies/Virtues Assemblies

- Virtues Assemblies: Hope-November 24<sup>th</sup> @11:21am
- Advent Mass: December 2 @ 10:30 am, St. John Fisher Church

Progress Reports (REVISED DATES)

- Progress Reports distributed – November 15<sup>th</sup>
- Progress Reports Interviews (as requested) – November 17<sup>th</sup>

Events Update

- Halloween Spirit Week – October 25<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup>
- BRAVE Workshops – October 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>
- CCAT Testing (Gr. 4 students) – October 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>
- Halloween Dance – October 31<sup>st</sup>
- Remembrance Day Liturgy – November 11<sup>th</sup>
- Logo Contest Update

Upcoming School Events

- Bullying Prevention & Awareness Week – November 21<sup>st</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup>
- CCCCAT Meeting – November 22<sup>nd</sup> @ 3:45pm
- Picture Day – November 23<sup>rd</sup> (individual photos)
- Rosary Apostolate Visit – November 23<sup>rd</sup>
- Intermediate Volleyball Tournaments – November 23<sup>rd</sup>
- P.A. Day – November 25<sup>th</sup>
- BRAVE Workshops (Grade 4-8) – December 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>
- Picture Day – December 9<sup>th</sup> (class photos)
- Rosary Apostolate Visit – December 9<sup>th</sup>
- GVANI Hosts Peel Public Health Immunization Clinic – December 12<sup>th</sup>
- Christmas Open House – December 14<sup>th</sup>
- Christmas Spirit Week – December 19<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup>
- Last Day of Classes for 2022 – December 22<sup>nd</sup> (N.B.: Thursday)
- Classes Resume – January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023
- Picture Retake Day – January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023
- Rosary Apostolate Visit – January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023

**Other Business:**

**Labour Disruption:**

- Parents will find out at the same time as staff
- Grades 7 & 8 will be synchronised learning starting at 9am

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- If not enough learning devices for all students, a learning package will be given

**Bus Cancellations:**

- We are now Zone 2 for busses. If busses only are cancelled, schools will be open unless otherwise stated of a school closure

**Advent Mass:**

- All students will be bussed to St. John Fisher Church for the advent mass. This requires 5 busses at an approximate cost of \$1100.

**Christmas Open House:**

- The Christmas Open House will run from 6-7:30pm where parents are invited into the school to do a craft with their children, go to the school Book Fair, have a picture with Santa and refreshments.
- Mr. Birkenbergs will reach out to one the other schools for a contact for Santa
- Parent Council was asked to provide hot chocolate and cookies as refreshments

✓ **ALL APPROVED**

**Meetings:**

- February 15
- April 19
- May 17
- June 21

**Adjournment:**

- Moved by Sonia Mastrantoni and seconded by Donna Sisneth to adjourn. Approved.