

Georges Vanier Catholic School Council Meeting Minutes
Monday April 19, 2023

Staff: Daniel Birkenbergs
Present: Sandra Salvino, Nicole Colp, Mara Schiavello, Donna Sisneth,
Andrea Payne, Marcello Farrace
Regrets : Sonia Mastrantoni,

Approval of Minutes:

- Moved by Mara Schiavello and seconded by Marcello Farrace
- Minutes from February 13, 2023 approved.

Treasurer's Report:

- Balance as of April 19, 2023 is \$3268.14
- \$215 spent on prizes for the Fall Donation Drive
- Pancake revision is \$498.10 after hearing our complaints about the quality.

Chairs Report:

Shrove Tuesday

-A complaint was made to Pam from The Lunch Lady program because of the many complaints made by the kids. They gave us a discount so instead of paying \$732.50 we only had to pay \$498.10. The kids also missed eating altogether in the gym so next year maybe we can go with a different company and have the kids eat together.

Lunch Lady

-Our profit to date with Lunch Lady is \$93.00. We don't feel like it is worth running again next year. We will look into other places for next year. Ex. Subway

Fundraising:

Cookie Dough Fundraiser

-The fundraiser was a success. Our profit was \$1562.00. We sold 274 boxes of cookies and 19 tote bags. Thank you to everyone who participated. Delivery date is April 27, 2023.

-We agreed that the top seller would get a \$100 Happy Kids gift card, 2nd place seller would get a \$75 Happy Kids gift card and 3rd place seller would get a \$50 Happy Kids gift card. All other top sellers would get a \$10 Indigo gift card. All agreed to provide ice cream to all other participants as a thank you for participating in the fundraiser.

50th Anniversary

-Sandra will speak on behalf of the Parent Council.

-A flyer will go out today with the request that parents RSVP with attendance

-Parent Council can assist with the 50th Anniversary by using the Parent Involvement Grant to purchase refreshments for the event. Donna will pick up a cake from Costco and we will arrange pick up of cutlery, plates, etc.

-The event will start with a liturgy, then Mr. Birkenbergs will address everyone, followed by Sandra and then the art show. There will be an artifacts table set up with items from the time capsule. There will be a refreshment table set up in the library. Once the gym is empty, the Journey into Learning Kindergarten presentation will commence.

-We are hoping to have the superintendent, trustee and some former principals in attendance.

Outdoor classroom

-Most of the funding will come from the board

-Proposing to put the outdoor classroom at the front of the school with the shade from the tree and fenced in.

-Council will be able to assist with some of the other items or teaching supplies that might enhance the outdoor classroom.

-Will come back to council with cost and details. Once in place, it should be built within 18 months.

-Council can still earmark the money for next year.

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Parish

- This weekend the Catholic Women's League Books, Bags and Bake Sale will be from 10am-2pm in the parish hall.
- Catholic Women's League is having a walk-a-thon on May 6th at 8:30am at Chinguacousy Park
- Country Western Spring Dinner & Dance will be Saturday June 10th See bulletin for information.
- Sacramental News
 - First Reconciliation-Saturday May 6th at 10:30am (all candidates)
 - Georges Vanier Communion-Saturday May 27th at 5:30pm (no rehearsal date mentioned)
 - Confirmation dates are Tuesday May 30th at 7pm and Wednesday May 31st at 7pm
 - Confirmation rehearsals will be held the same day as the confirmation at 10:30am
 - Parents will be responsible for transportation to and from rehearsal.
 - Gowns will be provided with a small rental fee. More information to come.

OAPCE:

- The annual conference will be this weekend, unfortunately Andrea will not be able to attend but will forward all the information along to everyone. The next meeting will be in May.
- Concerns regarding the low number of enrollments in the Catholic schools and risk of school closures. Mr. Birkenbergs said the government is steadfast that there will be no school closures. There is growth in the west end and in the north end. There are about 7 sites projected for new builds of schools with only 1 new school opening in September 2024
- We have projected 267 students for next year with 258 actual enrollments.
- New build with over 1000 units going in at the No Frills as well as one on Avondale. These new may affect the increase or decrease of students attending the school.

Principal's Report:

- 1) June CSC Meeting-Date Change Needed
 - i) Options: Wednesday June 7th or Monday June 19th
- 2) School Initiatives & Celebrations
 - i) 50th Anniversary Celebration-May 3rd
 - ii) Parent Involvement Grant
- 3) Outdoor Classroom Update
- 4) Liturgies/Virtue Assemblies
 - Virtue Assembly: Acceptance-April 28th @11:21am
 - Crowning of Mary Liturgy-May 5th; times TBC
- 5) Events Update
 - i) Junior Basketball Tournaments
 - ii) Rosary Apostolate Visits
 - iii) Chess Tournaments
 - iv) Intermediate Basketball Tournaments
 - v) Stations of the Cross Liturgy
 - vi) Rings & Rocks Program
 - vii) Viking Pride Spirit Week-April 17th to 22nd
- 6) Upcoming School Events
 - i) Victoria Day-May 22nd
 - ii) EQAO-Grade 6-May 23rd to May 26th (inclusive)
 - iii) EQAO-Grade 3-May 29th to June 2nd (inclusive)

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Other Business:

Cash Online

Other schools are offering a snack centre at their school, how come we are not able to have it here?

-Mr. Birkenbergs has decided to do zero cash in our school

Placement of Teachers

-Teachers receive their classroom placement bevor ethe March Break. There will always be a few changes and communications are sent out once the school knows.

Kindergarten Celebration of Learning

-All agreed to purchase cookies for the Celebration of Learning. Approx 45 cookies

Grade 8 Graduation

-Graduation will be held at Professors Lake this year

-Mr. Birkenbergs will look into what decorations we have as last year we didn't have much.

Meetings:

- June 7

Adjournment:

- Moved by Andrea Payne and seconded by Donna Sisneth to adjourn. Approved.