

Georges Vanier Catholic School Council Meeting Minutes
Monday October 4, 2021

Staff: Cathy Pickering, Julie Esposito

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

Regrets :

Approval of Minutes:

- Moved by Mara Schiavello and seconded by Sandra Salvino
- Minutes from June 2, 2021 approved.

Treasurer's Report:

- Balance as of October 4, 2021 is \$1798.64

Dissolution of 2020/2021 Council

1st-Sandra Salvino

2nd -Nicole Colp

2021/2022 Council Members

Teacher Rep: Julie Esposito

Chair: Sandra Salvino

Secretary: Nicole Colp

Treasurer: Mara Schiavello

Parish Rep:

OAPCE: Andrea Payne

Parent Rep: Sonia Mastrantoni

Parent Rep: Marcello Farrace

Non-Teaching Rep: Donna Sisneth

Chairs Report:

Welcome back to the new school year and welcome to the new parents on parent council. All parents are welcome to attend meetings even if they are not a part of parent council.

Council email is up and running. Will be the main source of parent council emails and the executive members of parent council will have access to the email account.

Christmas Candle Giveaway:

Unfortunately, the Christmas Candle Giveaway that we had planned for all the students with the little poem could not happen due to restrictions mandated by the school board. We will try again for Easter if the board allows it.

Fundraiser:

We are supposed to start our fundraising effort with Terra Cotta Cookies on Feb 8th. However, with the kids not going back until after Family Day. It is not likely that we will have a successful fundraising event. Also, at this time, volunteers are not allowed into the school there is no way we can sort and distribute the cookies. – Cancelled Terra Cotta Cookies

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I do have an alternative for strictly online sales fundraiser.

Plantables.ca – I've attached their brochure and website. Spoke with someone yesterday. We can do the fundraiser in March after March Break and plants will be delivered to people's homes in May. People choose delivery dates. School get a code to track sales. Unfortunately, it is really hard to track individual sales. Basically, it would work as a general fund raiser, there would be no prizes attached to this fundraiser. Just a way to give back to the school while you are buying your plants. We get 10% of all sales. – Will go ahead and get the process rolling for a school code.

Domino's Pizza, I'm waiting for the District Manager to get back to me. The store manager thinks it is possible to do a code for our individual school. As soon as I know I will pass along info.

50th Anniversary: I have potentially found an item that I think would be a nice idea to give away to all the students for the 50th anniversary. I found a company that sells tree seedlings.

<https://evergreenmemories.com/collections/tree-seedlings/products/promotional-giveaway-seedlings?variant=18349868613728>

Outdoor Classroom:

- Hoping that if we continue to do fundraising to purchase more items for the outdoor classroom

Graduation and Welcome to Kindergarten bags:

- Would like to approve that now so that we can put the money aside for it now?
- \$200 for kindergarten bags
- \$500 for Graduation

✓ **All Approved**

Stuff in Hub Room:

- Candles are no more. Donated to Value Village.
- Mara suggested making a list of what is in the hub room and Mrs. Pickering thought about doing something with the items at Christmas
- Mrs. Esposito offered to do a travelling market where she could take a trolley around to the classrooms to sell some of the items.

50th Anniversary-Time:

- The plaque made it to the school, and we are just waiting for it to be hung up. Trying to figure out where we would like to place it.
- Requested a portrait of Georges Vanier and they sent horrible pictures. Sandra found another picture and the most expensive part will be the frame. Mrs. Pickering does have a frame we can use.

Graduation:

- Sandra attended the graduation and she said it was beautiful and fantastic. Mrs. Renda did a fantastic job on the balloons.

X Movement:

- Some student's classes are still using it. Could it be please be put in the newsletter

Speed Cameras:

- Will be installed in front of the school and should make it a safer area for everyone

Fundraising:

Domino's

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- Spoke to Domino's and we can start anytime. We could do weekly monthly or biweekly. Mrs. Pickering thought if we do it too often, we won't get as many sales. Thought maybe if we do it once a month and on a Wednesday, we might be able to get more sales.

Plantables:

- Is it worth doing again? Some parents loved it, and some said they probably wouldn't purchase them again. We will revisit it again in the spring and see what everyone thinks.

Will discuss at next meeting what our options are with fundraising/rules etc.

Parish Update:

- Parish has reached out to the parents who had their first communion in 2019/2020 to schedule the first communion.

OAPCE:

- First meeting is at the end of October.
- Any emails Andrea sends them out.

Principal's Report:

Faith:

- Virtue of the Month: Empathy, Virtual Virtue Assemblies
- November-Conscience-All Saints/All Souls Liturgy, Remembrance Day Liturgy
- Rosary Apostolates-providing rosary for each students, virtual presentations
- Thanksgiving Food Drive-non-perishable food items, donated to Knight's Table (Oct 4-12)
- St John Fisher Parish-First Communion Info-information sent to parents
- New Land Acknowledgement

Curriculum:

- Math Curriculum
- Online Platforms: Google Classroom
- New 25 ipads and 44 chrome books
- Progress Reports going home-November 9th
- Outdoor Learning Kits
- EQAO-spring-more information forthcoming

Board:

- New Superintendent of BNE: Wayne Brunton
- Financial Responsibility—SGF/money counted by two people/Funds Received Envelope/Log/Save/Deposit slip/cash box when collecting money; original receipts when being reimbursed
- School Generate Funds-carry over
- School Council Funds-carry over
- Community Bulletins-ongoing
- Health and Safety Protocols—direction from Peel Public Health
- COVID Screening Tool: <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/school-screening/>
- no visitors, no volunteers, no sports (extracurricular), no field trips
- CSC Chairs Meeting: Wednesday, October 20/21@7:45pm

Other:

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- Terry Fox-a very special thank you to our Viking families for their generosity (\$1100.00
- World Teacher Day-October 5th
- A very special thank you to all our Viking educators!
- Enrollment: 11 in-person classes, 2 grade 8 remote classes, total student population 250 -next reorganization, if necessary-February (Term 2). New staff include: Ms. Harrison (Planning Time), Mrs. Da Costa (Grade 5/6), Mrs. Mariero (ERW), Mrs. Guerrero (DECE with Mrs. Vitale). Mrs. Baltazar and Mrs. Pizzani have returned from maternity leave
- Installation of a water filling station
- Hitachi interactive Board installed in room 210
- Air Scrubbers—units for each classroom
- C-Security Camera and TV installed-front entrance
- Nutrition Bins
- Fire Drills-completed 3 excellent drills
- Card Reader/Swipe Installation-Doors C (kinder) and G (junior)
- Equity

- When classes go online, if a device is needed, you can contact the school to get one.

Virtue Assembly:

Amanda wondering if there was a way to watch your own child during virtue assembly etc. Parents are missing the community engagement.

Teacher's Report:

Teachers are happy to be back, and students are also so happy to be at school learning. Teachers are getting to know new faces with masks, etc.

Equity Lead:

Mrs. Eposito will lead that group again and is ongoing.

If anyone has any resources or anything religious stuff that can hang on the wall that represents equity.

Other Business:

Bulletin Board

Sandra will post things on the bulletin board and Mrs. Pickering will post it on Twitter

Meetings:

November 8, 2021	6pm
December 6, 2021	6pm
February 7, 2022	6pm
April 4, 2022	6pm
May 9, 2022	6pm
June 13, 2022	6pm

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Adjournment:

- Moved by Sandra Salvino and seconded by Donna Sisneth to adjourn. Approved.