

Georges Vanier Catholic School Council Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday June 2, 2021

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**Staff:** Cathy Pickering, Julie Esposito

**Present:** Sandra Salvino, Nicole Colp, Mara Schiavello, Michelle Frizza, Donna Sisneth, Andrea Payne, Pam Syriani

**Regrets:** Amanda Kelba

**Approval of Minutes:**

- Moved by Mara Schiavello and seconded by Michelle Frizza
- Minutes from April 7, 2021 approved.

**Treasurer's Report:**

- Balance as of June 2, 2021 is \$1938.91
- Domino's Pizza made \$440. Not showing sales for May and June.
- Journey into Kindergarten kits money has been taken out
- Graduation money still put aside pending on what they want to do.
- Plantables roughly \$100 profit
- Estimate of \$1500 left for September.

**Chairs Report:**

**Fundraiser: Domino's**

Thank you to all who have been participating in our Domino's Pizza Days. So far we have raised \$725 and we still have 1 more date. Our Pizza days have done amazingly well so far.

**Plantables**

Our plantables fundraiser is done for the season. We had 20 people place orders and we made \$116.80. Thank you again to all of you who participated. I hope you have a wonderful and bounty garden this year! In September, I would love to hear back from everyone who ordered and we can see if we want to run this again.

**X-Movement:**

X-Movement is up and running. I know Mrs. Manuel's class is using it and it seems pretty cool. The kids seem to like it. ?? Is there any way for parents to access it during the summer? – Mrs. Pickering will send out class access codes again.

**50th Anniversary-Time:**

Plaque: Final Mock up is ready. I emailed everyone a copy of it today I hope you had a chance to look at it. I think it looks great, it will be roughly \$85.00 and if we put in the order this week it will be ready before the end of the school year.

Portrait: As for the portrait, I am waiting to hear back from the Vanier Institute. They are all working remotely at the moment and they are trying to arrange for someone to go in and see what they have available. As soon as I know, you will know.

**Parent Engagement:**

We did receive a grant for parent engagement this year. Unfortunately, the board did not give us much time to plan anything. The money needed to be used by the end of the school year and a lot of the speakers were already booked up.

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Luckily Mrs. Pickering was able to secure Sarah Westbrook as our speaker. So make sure you have it on your calendars for next Wednesday June 9th! Thank you to Mrs. Pickering for getting that arranged within 24hours!

**CCCSC Survey:**

CCCSC Survey for this school year was completed and submitted. I've sent you all a copy for your records. Survey was pretty standard like we did last year.

**Council Email:**

Since the beginning of the year many chairs have been asking about getting council emails. It seemed to be a bit of a grey area. I was finally able to speak with Richard Smith (Chief Information Officer of DPCDSB) in regards to email protocol. He said that we cannot have a dpcdsb.org email address because we are not employees, which I totally understand. He did say though that we can have a third party account like gmail or hotmail. He recommended gmail because of security. He also stated that we cannot have the school name in the email address, it would have to be abbreviated, he suggested gvparentcouncil@gmail.com if it was available, but it wasn't so instead we now have gvcatholiccouncil@gmail.com. We also agreed that only executive members like Chair(Co-Chair), Treasurer and Secretary have access to the email password. This way we can register all fundraisers or information we gather for future fundraising in one place, also when we go back to having a snack centre all the orders can be centralized and we are not using our personal email addresses. Also, future councils will have access to all the information from past councils. He completely agreed with that, especially in the age we are living in now that everything is done through email. The email address is live, it won't be of any use this year but starting in September, I hope council can use it instead of personal emails.

**Journey to Learning:**

I was welcomed to speak at the Journey to Learning night for the new FDK kids. It was great, the kids are adorable and very excited to come to our school. Bags were made available to parents to pick up if they wanted too

**Parish Update:**

- Hoping to reopen in July.

**OAPCE:**

- Any emails Andrea sends them out.
- Priest promotes formed.org. It is like a Religious Netflix and is phenomenal website.

**Principal's Report:**

Thank you to our Catholic School Council for your ongoing contribution, time and talent to Georges Vanier. We look forward to working with you again next year!

**Faith:**

- Virtue of the Month: Fairness (June); Virtual Virtue Assembly-June 25
- Rosary Apostolates
- Sacred Heart of Jesus
- Indigenous Month
- Equity Awareness & Education

**Curriculum:**

- continue with remote learning due to school closure

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- Term 2 Report Cards emailed to student email accounts on June 22
- Journey Into Learning-thank you to council for the JIL bags
- Outdoor Education Funding—PE equipment
- Return of textbooks and technology-more information forthcoming-end of year

**Board:**

- Financial Responsibility
- Health and Safety Protocols—direction from Peel Public Health  
COVID Screening Tool: <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/school-screening/>
- Registration continues
- Return to School Parent Survey re: August (Hybrid in-person or Remote only)
- Parent Engagement: Math & Coding-June 8 & 10 & 7:00-8:00pm-Livestream
- last day of school June 29
- Vaccination-Community Bulletin-age 12+

**Other:**

- Graduation-preparation underway, Edge-professional photos, in-person celebration with protocols, grad video-June 28, 201@6:00pm
- ECO-Grant of \$250.00—shrubs at the front of the school
- Installation of a water filling station
- Hitachi interactive Board installed in room 210
- Technology Purchase-20 ipads, 44 chrome books
- Community Notice-Renovations with the BAS (Building Automation system)
- Air Scrubbers—units for each classroom
- Card Reader/Swipe Installation-Doors C (kinder) and G (junior)
- Security Camera and TV installed
- Installation of Broadband Modernization-internet
- Spirit Week-June 21-25
- Celebration of Learning
- Sara Westbrook-Parent Engagement Evening-June 9@5:00pm

**Rainbow Flag:**

Board has decided to fly the rainbow flag. If only one flagpole, the Canadian flag takes precedence. If you have a second flagpole it can be hung on that one. This was something that students wanted for inclusion and acceptance this is a big step today.

**Graduation:**

Need to have a banner, balloons, distribution of diplomas and awards at the end of the school year. Will probably try and do the same thing we did last year. There will be no gathering this year. There will be not athlete of the year (Direction from the board) because of the remote learning, it would be too difficult to choose someone.

**Teacher's Report:**

**Indigenous Month:**

Teachers are sharing resources about books that they have read, found or using. Board also provided a lot of videos and materials they can share with the classrooms. Teaching a lot about the culture. This really opens everyone's eye to see the struggles and challenges that the culture has had. There is always so much to learn and so much history that we do not know about.

Teachers are working hard doing report cards and Monday is a day off so teachers can prepare them.

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CCAT done online. Very interesting this year but it went very well, and students did a great job.

**Other Business**

Thank you to Pam Syriani for the many years and dedication to parent council and good luck. We will miss you.

**Adjournment:**

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