

St. David CES School Council Meeting Minutes, November 14, 2017

Attended: Mrs. Parker, Mrs. Cronin, Mrs. Greco, Mrs. Vella, Mr. Agro, Mrs. Molinaro, Mrs. D'Intino, Mrs. Cali, Mrs. Piazza, Mrs. Withers, Ms. Valente, Ms. Marchetti, Ms. Hooper-Boyd, Ms. Gavran, Mr. D'Intino

Regrets: Mrs. Geromella, Mrs. Roos, Mrs. Pihack, Ms. Hermes, Ms. Beaudoin

Opening prayer:

Mrs. Vella

Review of Minutes from June and October

Motion to Pass Minutes: Mrs. Greco, 2nd to Motion: Mrs. Cronin

Introductions and positions by all in attendance to review and for Mr. D'Intino

Parent Conference was held on November 4, parents are encouraged to attend next year
Catholic School Commission meeting was held, candles were given to Co-Chairs of Parent Council

Mr. D'Intino

- If anyone has any questions or concerns he is happy to address them
 - Discussed lighting issues in parking areas for night events (Sporting, Parent Council etc)
 - Noted there were no garbage cans at the entrances
 - Usually unavailable for meetings on Tuesday and Thursday evenings (due to Board events)
 - Is a retired high school teacher (Bishop Ryan)
 - If issues cannot be resolved at school admin level or Superintendent call or email
 - In regard to construction of senior home, trustees did approve for throughway through school parking lot
- **Mrs. Parker updated that development on Senior Home seems to be stalled, no permit to build and phone number for developer has been disconnected

Advent Night

- Wednesday December 13 2017 (6:00 to 8:00)
- Will ask families to bring unwrapped toys (would love to help underprivileged families in our own school community)
- Milk (Mrs. Cronin / Fortinos), Cookies (Mrs. Vella / Mrs. Cavarello), coffee
- Discussed possibility of Breakfast with Santa next year (two groups for breakfast, again a lot of work, would need to be on a weekend)

Parking

- Still too many issues regarding illegal parking
- First priority is safety of students
- Kiss and drop – was assumed as it has been an understanding for years, not legally a kiss and drop and signage will be enforced as such
- If not in a marked parking space, considered illegal and will be ticketed if by-law is in attendance
- Will look into procedure and availability to have a kiss and drop
- By-law attendance has been noted in school and OEYC Newsletters
- Possible subcommittee for parking issue (will include Mr. D'Intino)

- By-law will be in attendance at some point during week of November 27, 2017

Proposed a bike rack, will contribute towards physical literacy

Fundraising

- Poinsettia/wreaths a possibility

- Mrs. Molinaro mentioned that teachers and parents have been inquiring about this fundraiser (last year everyone had a chance to see merchandise and peaked interest)

- Questions as to lower price point items like candles or ornaments (possible for next year)

- Question of Christmas Store for next year (Mr. Agro mentioned that it is a lot of work; will discuss in upcoming meeting)

- Will discuss major fundraiser at upcoming meeting– Chocolate and Almonds (concerns re: allergies)

Upcoming Dates

- Remembrance Day Mass – Celebrated on Friday November 10 with Father Charlie, beautiful mass, all did a wonderful job

- Wear blue for diabetes awareness was Tuesday November 14 (no synervice reminder, was brought up to Mr. Agro)

- Jersey Day – Thursday November 23 (donation of loonie or toonie) will support school hockey team tournament

- Sub day – Friday December 8

- Joy Day – Friday December 8

- Robotics Tournament – December 9

- Progress reports went out - Tuesday November 14

- Parent Teacher interviews - Thursday November 16

- PA Day - Friday December 1

- Family movie night – Thursday November 30, popcorn will be available for \$2 a bag, Cars 3 being shown

- No homework weekend - November 18/19 from HAT Team

- Anti-bullying Presentation – November 27

Parents are invited to masses, liturgies, virtue assemblies, events are listed on website

Trip forms etc... will now be available online

Cash online in effect for trips, sub days, etc...

If families register for cash online there is draw taking place on December 1 for all registered

Treasurer Report

Major Fundraiser Balance: \$10,900.00

Minor Fundraiser Balance: \$7,403.61

- Mr. Agro asked if funds could be used for iPads to continue with Technological Learning Framework Program

- iPad program has shown to provide more focus and better behavior

- Started with Grade 4 students last year

- To continue with Grade 4 students and would like to start with Grade 5 students

- 10 more iPads are needed this year to outfit all grade 4 and grade 5 students

- Phase 3 will be Grade 6 next year

- Cases also needed (50 Cases)

Motion brought to purchase iPads and cases: Mrs. Vella
Motion passed with unanimous vote
Principal Report

Health and Safety

- We completed our first Lockdown practice with Officer Masters. We will be completing our fire drills tomorrow.
- Parking lot: it has gotten better, but still some concerns are re-surfacing.
- Bylaw will be coming out to monitor again but this time may issue tickets
- Remembrance Day Mass celebrated by Fr. Charlie; Virtue assemblies once a month (all are welcome to attend).
- looking into fixing the sound system in the gym. Masses and liturgies are posted on the website. Please encourage families to register on our website for current events.
- First Confession rescheduled for March 3
- Synervoice: please provide up to date numbers and email
- December 1: Cash online raffle; families who have registered by Dec. 1 will be eligible for a draw.
- Nov. 4th – Parent Conference @ Bishop Ryan; encourage you to attend next year. Share “Screen Time”
- World Kindness Day was yesterday
- Nov.14th – Progress report go home; please remind parents to return page 3
- Nov,15th – Distinguished Service Awards Banquet 7pm at Christ The King Cathedral Basilica (honorees will be listed in newsletter)
- Nov.16th – Parent/teacher interviews
- December 9: Robotic Club will be competing in the Hamilton Qualifier. They are currently working on a Hydrodynamics project with a Rep from Hamilton Hydro, a CN Student and the Teacher coaches
- Coding Club – sponsored by Industry Education Council (IEC) – sending Mac students to assist club
- High School Parent Info nights are posted on the website
- SIP: We analyzed data from EQAO and our report cards; students are doing well in Literacy but some gaps in Mathematics. Mr. Agro will be working with the divisional teams (CPLC) on a book study: Accessible Mathematics to apply some strategies.
- CSSAV: a learning and reflective process on what we are already doing; Numeracy focus
- MDI: Middle Years Development Instrument; The Middle Years Development Instrument (MDI) is a self-report questionnaire completed by children in Grade 4 and Grade 7. It asks them how they think and feel about their experiences both inside and outside of school. Both the Grade 4 questionnaire and the Grade 7 questionnaire include questions related to the five areas of development that are strongly linked to well-being, health and academic achievement. Questions are based on Physical Health & Well-Being, Connectedness, Social and Emotional Development, School Experiences, Use of After-School Time
- Technology – the Grade 4 TLF Program has begun. First phase 2 (Grade 5), we are waiting to purchase the following:
 - 1) 10 more iPads
 - 2) 50 iPad covers
- We purchased 20 and the Board matched with an additional 20 iPads
- Success Maker / eMath+: please encourage your children to use these valuable

resources at home.

- HAT: No homework weekend this weekend / Cars Movie (November 29); popcorn will be sold

- Anti-bullying presentation: N (never give up), E (encourage others), D (Do your best).

- Nov.23rd – Jersey Day

- New carpets coming for FDK classes

Next parent council meeting Tuesday January 9 2018 @ 6:30pm

Motion to adjourn Mrs. Vella

2nd to motion Mrs. Greco