**St. Daniel Comboni Catholic Elementary School**

**Catholic School Council Minutes**

Meeting Date: October 12th, 2022 @ 6:30pm (Virtual and In-Person)

Attendees:

M. Thompson,

K. MacDonald,

A. Marchao,

M. Sousa,

R. Maamari,

L. Toste-Marchao,

M. DiMatteo,

V. Bachoo,

D. Boutilier,

S. Majek,

C. Forte,

D.Samaroo

1. Opening Prayer
2. Land Acknowledgement – We would like to acknowledge that our meeting is taking part on the Treaty Lands of the Mississaugas of the Credit and thank them for being the ongoing Stewarts of this traditional territory.
3. Agenda
4. Approval of Minutes – Screen Shared Approved By: A. Marchao
5. Treasurer’s Report
   * Bank Balance May 11, 2022, $10,640.70
6. Principal’s Report
   * X-Movement Rep Connor Bennett presentation re. upcoming school participation starting October 25th, in Social and Emotional/Mind and Body programs. Discussed their involvement in Parents and Kids engagement night during Catholic Education Week with the focus being on Respect and Conflict Resolution.
   * Current enrollment is approx. 700 Students.
   * Recesses have been split into Primary and Junior/Intermediates.
   * Open House Book Fair $6,700.00 collected of which approx. $2,000 is profit that will be put back into the school library. With a focus on Equality and Inclusion.
   * Terry Fox Donations collected were $1,200.00
   * Thanksgiving Food Drive – School collected 400ibs of Non-Perishable foods.
   * Masses – Will be hosted by Fr. Jan from Guardian Angels parish. Masses will be held in person. With bus shortages currently happening we are looking at have K-2 being bussed to the church and Grades 3-8 walking with supervision.
   * Sacraments – Registration for Grade 2 & 3 and 7 & 8 for First Communion and Confirmation respectively will accepted until October 31st, 2022.
   * Tutoring – Will commence after school for Grades 3-8 for 1 Hour. 3 Teachers have been allocated. Grades K-2 tutoring will be held during in school hours. Teachers have been given 40min blocks of extra support to accommodate this until Christmas break.
   * Christmas Break – End of class have been adjusted to Thursday December 22nd, vs the original date of Friday December 23rd.
   * Technology – Chromebooks and Edwins are completely school owned and 98% of them have been returned back from utilization during online learning.
   * Halloween Dance – Dance will be on Monday October 31st. Glowsticks will be sold by Parent Council. Cookies will also be sold online as school generated funds. Music will be compilated using Spotify by requests from students in various grades.
   * Overnight Trip – Grade 8’s are looking for ways to raise money to support their Grad trip to Brock University Leadership trip. Grade 8’s will sell chips and juice boxes at the dance to support this cause.
   * Cookie Days – Will begin shortly every Friday.
   * Pizza Day – Will be every Tuesday offering both Pepperoni and Cheese Options – With one class being completely Dairy Free.
7. Teachers Report
   * Clubs – Healthy Hearts – Learning ways to incorporate
     1. Mental Health
     2. Physical Health
     3. Healthy Eating
   * Wellness Wednesdays – Classes are invited to log into the google classroom and participate in calming strategies and breathing exercise along with various other activities.
   * Leadership – Thoughts on including tips and resources for families in our monthly newsletter.
8. New Council Appointments

* Teacher Rep – D. Boutilier and V. Bachoo
* Chairperson – A. Marchao
* Treasurer – M. Sousa and Sarah Benedict
* Secretary – L. Toste-Marchao and D. Samaroo
* OAPCE – R. Maamari, D. Samaroo and M, DiMatteo
* Parish Rep – C. Forte
* Community Rep - Vacant

1. Upcoming Virtual Council Meeting dates Thursdays:
   * November 24th
   * January 12th
   * March 9th
   * May 18th
2. New Business
   * Movie Nights
   * Spring Fundraiser – Brainstorm new Major fundraising ideas. Ex. Cards, Chocolates, Cookies etc.
3. Meeting Adjourned – 8 :02pm