**St. Daniel Comboni Catholic Elementary School**

**Catholic School Council Minutes**

Meeting Date: January 12th, 2023 @ 6:30pm (Virtual)

Attendees:

M. Thompson,

M. Rousseau,

A. Marchao,

M. Sousa,

R. Maamari,

L. Toste-Marchao,

V. Bachoo,

D. Boutilier,

C. Forte,

D.Samaroo,

S. Benedict,

A. Taveira

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 – Anthony Marchao presented.
4. Approval of Minutes – Approved By: M. Sousa and S. Benedict
5. Treasurer’s Report – Presented by M. Sousa
   * Bank Balance Dec 31st, 2023, $10,530.07
   * Bank Charges $0.00 and O/S Cheque $0.00.
   * Deposit made $410.00 Glow Bracelets from Halloween Dance.
6. Principal’s Report – Presented by M. Thompson

* Advent Community Night – Successful turn out. Thanks to all the Comboni staff for all there planning and efforts as well as to the families who participated. Donations received amounted to approximately $500. Of which $250 was given to Share life and the remaining given back to the students (Trips, activities, presenters, etc.)
* 2023 Advent Night planning is currently underway.
* New Staff – Ms. Rousseau has joined us as new VP and Ms. Salantino has taken over for Mrs. Skyvington has the new Gr. 3 teacher.
* Up Coming Events
  + - New Year Mass to be held in the school with Fr. Jan for students Gr.2 to 8. Gym capacity at 400 students + staff therefore no families will be in attendance.
    - January 23rd, PD DAY No school for students.
    - February – Black History Month – Focus on Equity, Diversity and Inclusion. Group discussions will be held in classrooms.
    - We will host Scientists in the School in Gr.4 Classrooms.
    - February 14th, Valentine’s Day Dance-A-Thon
    - Report Cards will be going out.
    - Interviews ill be held the evening of Feb 18th and during the day on Feb 17th.
    - February 17th PD DAY.
    - February 20th Family Day will be observed.
    - February 21st Shrove Tuesday – Pancakes will be served in the Gym by Parent Council.
    - February 22nd, Ash Wednesday – Assembly to arranged.
    - Day Tutoring – Will begin in January with a focus on Math. 3 teachers allotted for 3 days a week. This will allow teachers to focus on certain students in small groups to support the learning **Sacraments.**
* Classes for first communion Grade 2 and 3 will be mandatory - church has emailed families as such.
* Dates:
  + - 1st Communion Reconciliation – April 7th at 7pm
    - 1st Communion Sacrament – April 30th at 3pm
    - Confirmation Reconciliation – May 11th at 7pm
    - Confirmation Sacrament – May 23rd at 7pm

1. Teachers Report - D. Boutilier and V. Bachoo
   * Health Hearts club underway
   * Thrive Newsletter being shared to the community.
   * PALS (Playground Activity leaders) training has begun with Junior students in organizing games and outdoor recess activities.
   * Kindergarten – Request for funding to purchase outdoor play equipment – currently looking for winter accessories.
2. Parish Report – C. Forte

* Nothing to Report

1. OAPCE Report – R. Maamari, M. DiMatteo

* OAPCE hosting an online webinar on January 18th re: Co-op activities.

1. Fund Raising Ideas
   * Big Box – Contact rep regarding a spring campaign.
   * Movie Night – Set for March 3rd, 2023. With a possible postponement depending on time constraints. Capacity limits will need to be monitored.
   * Pancake Day – Feb 21st, 2023 – Donation of pancakes and Syrup from Mr. Hakimi at No Frills. Request of $1.00 donation for Guardian Angels Parish.
   * Valentine’s Dance-A-Thon details –
     1. Grade 8’s Mr.C’s Class decorations and Music MC’s
     2. Glow Stick Sales day off $1.00
     3. Pledge donation forms to go out.
     4. Donation link to be placed online – Donation receipt to be instantly provided for Tax purposes.
     5. Top Earner $50.00 Gift Card and 4 Random draws of $25.00 Gift Cards
     6. Fundraising initiative allocation – Coding Club purchases.
   * Movie Night Minor Fundraiser details – Minions the Rise of Gru.
     1. Max Capacity 520 to 600
     2. Start time Dinner at 5:30 Movie start at 6:30pm
     3. Pizza Pricing Cheese $16.00 Pepperoni/Veggie $18.00 10 Slices per pizza.
     4. Popcorn $2.50 Chips $2.00 Coffee/Tea/Water $1.00
     5. Reusable Comboni Water bottles - $2.50 Market – Families donate items that students can purchase for their families for a $1 or $2.
   * Other Fundraising Ideas
     1. 1 Major Fundraiser ????? and 2 Minor (Valentines Day Dance and Movie Night)
     2. Easter Bunny Pops or Pretzels
2. Upcoming Virtual Council Meeting dates Thursdays:
   * March 9th
   * May 18th
3. New Business
   * Movie Night in the Summer
   * Spring Fundraiser – Brainstorm new Major fundraising ideas. Ex. Cards, Chocolates, Cookies etc.
   * Culture Day
   * Spring Family Day.
4. Closing Prayer – Hail Mary
5. Meeting Adjourned – 7 :40pm