

**St. Daniel Comboni Catholic Elementary School**

**Catholic School Council Minutes**

Meeting Date: October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023 @ 6:30pm (In-Person)

Attendees:

M. Thompson,  
M. Rousseau,  
A. Marchao,  
R. Maamari,  
L. Toste-Marchao,  
V. Bachoo,  
M. Sousa,  
C. Forte,  
N. Hakimi  
J. Freitas  
R. Borel Jr,  
A. Zanier,  
C. Parani

1. Opening Prayer. – Thanksgiving Prayer – M. Rousseau
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 Stewards of this traditional territory.
3. Agenda – None provided as first meeting of the year.
4. Approval of May 2023 Minutes – Approved M. Sousa and V. Bachoo
5. Recap and Closing of the 2022/2023 Council Business.
  - Treasurer's Report
  - Estimated Bank Balance as of September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023, **\$10K**
  - Fund Ear marking:
    - \$3,000 School gym score board - Spent
    - \$7,500 Technology enhancement (Chromebooks, etc.) – Did not make the cut off for ordering new technology.
    - \$1,500 Graduation and Passing of the Faith Ceremonies - Spent

- Open House Hosted on September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2023.
  - Funnel Cake Truck and Ice Cream Truck provided school with \$232.00 kick back sales.
- Halloween Dance-A-Thon set for October 31<sup>st</sup>.
  - Presale of Food Snacks and Glowsticks
  - Music to be supplied by Grade 8 classes.
  - Council will investigate purchasing some long-term Halloween Décor.
- Gift Wrap Fundraiser set for October 20<sup>th</sup>.
  - Catalogs to be sent home.
  - All orders online
  - Profit margins to the school are approx. 40% to 47%
  - Fundraiser completion set for November 7<sup>th</sup>.
- 2022/2023 Council Business Completed.

#### 6. Nominations for 2023/2024 New Council – 15 Voting Spots available

- Chairperson – Anthony Marchao
- Treasurer – M. Sousa
- Secretary – V. Bachoo and L. Toste-Marchao
- Parish Rep – C. Forte
- OAPCE Rep – R. Borel Jr.
- Teacher Rep – K. Sandey and A. Zanier
- Community Rep – N, Hakimi
- Voting Members at large – M. DiMatteo and J. Freitas, C. Parani

#### 7. Principal's Report – Presented by M. Thompson

##### 1. September Reorganization

- We lost an FDK class which topped up our other classes.
- We did reorganize and we lost a teacher and a Dece.
- We collapsed a grade 6/7 and realigned the grade 7 classes.

##### 2. Staffing

- a. Welcome to new staff. Refer to newsletter.

##### 3. Open House

- Great success! Trucks were a hit! Thank you for organizing.
- It was wonderful to have so many families in to see the wonderful work that your child have been doing in September.

- Book Fair was very popular and successful. The money raised will help to continue purchase more books for our library that represent and engage. Over \$8000 of purchases.

#### **4. Catholic Community, Culture and Caring**

- We had the Terry Fox walk which raised \$1169.

#### **5. Masses**

- Will be in at each school. We can designate seats for families but if capacity is reached, we may have to turn away due to our size.
- Families are welcomed and encouraged to attend.
- Dates: October 11<sup>th</sup>, December 7<sup>th</sup>, April 11<sup>th</sup>, June 20<sup>th</sup> (at Guardian Angels)
- Rosary Apostolate is returning.
- Sacramental preparations – emailed to families.
- St. Daniel Comboni Feast Day – October 10<sup>th</sup> – will celebrate virtually.

#### **6. Presenters**

- X-Movement – WE – World – Diversity, Inclusion
- Brave – Anti Bullying November Grades 3-6
- Paul Davis Grades 7 and 8 – social media

#### **7. Clubs and Sports**

- Choir: junior
- Cross Country – grades 4-8
- Volleyball – Junior
- Flag Football
- Intramurals – Intermediates
- New concussion attestation for all in-school and between school sports so we sent home an attestation for all students so that only one attestation needs to be completed. They will be filed in the office. This attestation needs to be completed for any participation in a sport event outside of gym class.

#### **8. What's new? What's coming?**

- Picture Day October 12<sup>th</sup> – including group shots.
- Edwins redistributed for our grades 7 and 8's. They are now owned by the school and must be taken care of.
- Nutritious snacks are being offered. We had a bowl of apples in the office in case students needed a snack or just want one to cheer up. So many visits are happening as a result of the apples.
- CCAT for grades 4 happening 3<sup>rd</sup> week of October.
- PA Day October 5th – No school for students

- Newsletters will continue monthly along with any important messages will be emailed.

8. Teachers Report – N/A

9. Parish Report – N/A

10. OAPCE Report – N/A

11. Year Head Fundraising.

- Halloween Dance-a-thon – Donation Link
  - Presale of Pumpkin Cookies from Terra Cotta and Glowsticks Starting October 25<sup>th</sup>.
  - Music to be supplied by Grade 8 classes and DJ Toledo Inquiry
  - Council to look into purchasing some long-term Halloween Décor.
  - Class dance schedule and supervision volunteers required.
  - Gift cards TBA for prizes.
- Gift wrap paper/boxes etc.
- Mardi gras Dance-a-thon – As next year Valentine's Day falls on Ash Wednesday.
- Movie Nights

12. Upcoming Council Meeting Date in Person at 6:30pm:

- Wednesday November 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2023
- Wednesday January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024
- Wednesday March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024
- Wednesday May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024

13. New Business

- Request to put out a community/parent Quarterly Newsletter.
- Possibly setting up a Gmail account for parent inquiries.
- Setup of a WhatsApp account for general Council discussions for on going events and activities.

14. Closing Prayer – Hail Mary

15. Meeting Adjourned – 8 :11pm