St. Clare Catholic Elementary School Council: Meeting Minutes

Monday September 23, 2024, 6:00pm. Meeting called to order by Rosalie Rodrigues-Coelho.

In Attendance:

Laura Mendonca Joanna Agueci Gerald Menezes Leonard Mendonca Lawrie Kulik-Oliviera Melisia Catling

Aksana Savitskaya Karolina Piasecka

Dayle Forgie
Marissa Forgie
Danielle Campion
Aksana Savitskaya
Anne Rebelo
Lisa Eugenio

Katherine Da silva Justin Da silva

Marko Furlani Karolina Piasecka Robynn Sorrell Bernadeta Surowiec Lisa Whitelaw Teaching Rep: Michelle Camilleri-Alonzi Principal: Rosalie Rodrigues-Coelho

Virtual: Anne Rebelo Andres Ortegon

Regrets: Elena Iannicca Non Teaching Rep

Herman Viloria Trustee

1. Prayer G. Menezes

2. Welcome, Land Acknowledgement

R. Rodrigues-Coelho

3. Approval of Agenda & Minutes

L. Mendonca

- Motion to approve the agenda put forth by Laura approved by Danielle second by Anne
- Motion to approve the minutes put forth by Laura approved by Danielle second by Dayle

5. Principal's Report R. Rodrigues-Coelho

Staffing Update

- Enrollment 290
- August pre-reorg, followed by another re-org in September. Importance for families to send in their requests by May 2025 to be considered
- Re Org: additional grade 6/7, combined was created and were appointed an additional ERW, Mme. Gallant is now travelling to deliver her program
- Staff Changed: Ms. Jajou Grade 6/7, new CWY Ms. Careleo, Mrs. Zingone ERW, Ms. Wilk SLP on leave replaced by Ms. O'Brien, Ms. Mclennen Grade 3 on leave replaced by LTO Ms. Carona. Ms. Avila replaced by Ms. Kennedy permanent DECE. Planning time increased therefore Mrs. Machado Tavares will be with us for 4 days/week. Mrs. Gillis now our teacher librarian also working as SERT and ELL support.

Safety

- Kinder parents to stay outside the kindergarten gated area
- Pets off school property
- With elimination of soft entry, parents reminded to stay around perimeter of school grounds avoiding the paved areas
- Please do not engage in conversation with staff on duty in the morning
- Parents unfortunately cannot walk their children to class

 In case of emergency evacuation our sites are St. Ignatius Loyola Church and/or St. Kateri Tekakwitha Catholic Learning Centre. Schools with emergency status live updates are always on a yellow banner on the DPCDSB Website.

School/Liturgical Events

- Open house book fair success
- Picture day tomorrow
- Catholic education week May 5-9 Theme Pilgrams of Hope Jubilee Year
- Year-end BBQ Tentative date June 5 rain date Jun 6
- Subcommittee? Main Event inflatables, other entertainment, board approved companies
- Graduation June 17 Luncheon and Celebration
- Thanksgiving Mass October 10 at 10:15
- Sacramental preparation and dates will be shares this week and are also available on our Courageous Cougar Newsletter
- Halloween Spook a thon
- Halloween scare and share for Dr. Simone FFC Charity
- Thanksgiving food drive
- Christmas Photo with Santa
- Masses: Principal met with Father Ed, Kinders are invited to school mass.
- Rosary Apostolate program will resume
- Terry Fox walk and roll Oct. 4

Workorders/building Maintenance

- Construction ahead. Peel Region Restoration Project starting this week until end of November
- The Board and school shared the expenses of painting the portapak, doors, frames, and stairs
- Next project will be the sensory pathway
- Workorder placed to repair wooden logs in peace gardens to keep gravel inside
- Workorder placed to paint and repair entrance door
- Workorder placed to make a graduation wooden case to store 10 years of grad composites at main entrance

Curriculum Updates

- Math priority school again
- Knowledge Hook school wide initiative
- School invested \$3000 in Empower Reading training for C Gillis to run our primary literacy intervention program
- Principal to share EQAO results at next meeting

Clubs/Sports

- Participation fees have increased which means we may need to charge a small fee via school cash online to offset increase.
- Usually, school pays \$2 per students. This year in addition to this, the athletic committee will also charge \$50 per team, CSC to consider subsidizing this

Technology

- 1 New smartboard ordered for room 102
- \$3000 still committed from last year CSC allowance that has not been spent and other funds that were not used
 yet from last year's allowance.

5. Trustee's Report H. Viloria

7. Parish Updates G. Menezes

- New Priest. Father Curtis Father Ed
- Kinders included at mass
- Childrens session at mass. Looking for volunteers to help
- Edge program for grade 6-8- looking for volunteers. Program runs Oct May
- Registration for communion
- New pastoral associate Melissa

7. OAPSE Leonard Mendonca

4. Fundraising/Treasurer's Report

L. Mendonca

- \$12,732
- \$3000 committed for tech
- \$500 for kinder
- \$500 lego club
- \$2000 equipment
- \$6000 to start the year
- Raised 9.5k last year
- -Mabel's labels, pretzels, freezie Fridays, jingle jam, patties, sub,, spring fling
- \$6000 in account
- Last year we raised 9.5k
- Strive to raise 10k this year
- Proposed fundraisers: Jingle Jam, Spring Fling Read a thon, Hot lunch
- Council to help school with spookathon
- Approach businesses for donations
- Set up Tile for payment
- Meeting Dates: Monday Oct 28, Jan 13, March 3, May 12
- Jingle Jam: first week of December
- End of year BBQ June 5, rain date: June 6
- Hot lunch: perogies, subs, pattys, hot dogs, Juice box, Snack

6. Teacher Requests/Updates

Mrs. Camilleri

• Petty cash allowance \$200 per class

7. Action Items L. Mendonca

- Marko & Laura Co Chair
- Katherine Treasurer
- Joanna Secretary
- Gerald Parish Rep
- Bernadeta OAPSE rep
- 8 for Quorum
- Voting Members: Anne, Melisia, Lisa, Danielle, Eva, Justin, Lisa, Karolina, Leonard

Closing Remarks L. Mendonca

Meeting Adjourned 8:43 pm