St. Clare Catholic Elementary School Council: Meeting Minutes

Thursday October 6, 2022, 6:30pm. Meeting called to order at 6:36pm by Treena Boudreau-Gigante

Teaching Rep: C. Gillis

In Attendance:

Eva Chatfield

Lawrie Kulik-OliveiraNon-Teaching Rep: Elena lanniccaRobyn SorrellPrincipal: Treena Boudreau- GiganteMrs. EdwardPrincipal: Sharon Hobin

Sandra Coreschi Regrets:

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1. Welcome, Land Acknowledgement

T. Boudreau-Gigante

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2. Prayer T. Boudreau-Gigante

3. Approval of Agenda & Minutes - May 18, 2022

E. Chatfield

• Motion to approve the agenda put forth by T. Boudreau-Gigante, and approved by Mrs. Coreschi

September Reorganization

4. Principal's Report

• Enrollment is 280 students

• Mrs. Betty MacDonald will be retiring on October 31, 2022. She was a long-time teacher here at St. Clare School and we wish her well

Staffing

- Mr. Jack Szpakowski (Mr. J) New DECE
- Ms. Battiston Grade 2/3
- Ms. Cuff Grade 5/6
- Ms. Pedroso Planning Time Teacher
- Ms. Solomon Child Youth Worker
- Ms. McLean Social Worker

Open House

- Great Success thanks to our Catholic School Council who organized the food trucks and Ice Cream Truck
- It was wonderful to see so many families attending that evening.

Catholic Community, Culture and Caring

- Social Justice projects will be key again this year. We had the Terry Fox walk which raised close to \$1000.00
- Sewing Studio: Great two days of learning
- The Faith Youth Ambassadors have begun working on some social justice programs. We are collecting nonperishable and toiletries until October 21, 2022
- Thank you for your constant generosity

Spirit Week

- We will be having monthly spirit weeks led by our Youth Faith Ambassadors
- Families will be asked for a ShareLife donation of \$10.00 or whatever they can as part of giving back to the community and serving others which is our school goal. It was very successful in the past

Masses

• Today was our first Mass of the year, Grade 1 – 8 students will be walking to the Church for 10:15 start.

Sacraments

- Parent Information evenings for First Communion is Gr. 2 occurred on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week
- Confirmation registration for Gr. 7 students will be in December

Tutoring

- After school tutoring started this week on Tuesday and Thursday from 3:15-4:15 for Gr. 3-8 students
- In school tutoring will take place for designated students in K-2 where they will be pulled out to work in small groups with their classroom teacher on literacy skills

Clubs and Sports

- Choir Tuesday Lunch Ms.Pedroso
- Youth Faith Ambassadors Ms. Camilleri
- Cross Country has started for Gr. 4-8 students. Cross Country meet is October 18th
- Volleyball has started as well. Mini tournaments will be on Oct. 13 for girls at St. Mark School and Oct. 14 for the boys at Christ the King School

• New concussion attestation for all in-school and between school sports were sent home and only one form needs to be competed for any participation in a sport event outside of gym class

What's new? What's coming?

- Picture Day will be on October 12. Class photos and individual retake photos will be on Monday November 7th.
- New Chromebooks have arrived this year purchased by the board for the 6/7, 7/8 and Grade 8 students. The Edwin pilot program is no longer available so this to replace that.
- With the technology grant from last year, we purchased a class set of vex robots which will be unveiled to the staff shortly to use in the intermediate division
- Gr. 4 CCAT will start Oct 18-21
- PA Day October 24th no school for students

5. Trustee's Report S. Hobin

- 3 trustees not returning this year (Oct 24th election)
- Enrollment has gone down across GTA regions
- Moving to areas like London/Windsor
- Pair per pupil
- Sept/Oct newsletter with latest updates
- Every class has an air scrubber at St. Clare
- Continuing with the funding of PPE and hand sanitizer
- Sending students home with Covid symptoms
- Special Ed funding is low (students numbers requiring support are going up while shortage of educators)
- Mrs. Hobin is still here until Nov 20th

6. New Business E. Chatfield

- Mrs. Farris has ice cream truck contact (for fundraising 15% return)
- Big Box Cards (check into fees)

7. Fundraising/Treasurer's Report

E. Chatfield

- Outstanding invoices under operating costs (Mrs. lannicca to confirm)
- Mrs. Iannicca to confirm religious books
- CSC to approve a budget (funds can't spent without voting approval)
- Sewing Club Invoice was not voted on so will not come out of Catholic School Budget
- Mrs. lannicca will write a cheque back to CSC account
- Call for volunteers for fundraising

Closing Remarks E. Chatfield

- Next meeting Wednesday November 23, 2022 Virtual 6:30 pm
- Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm by Eva Chatfield Lawrie moves, Sandra seconds

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