

**St. Benedict Catholic School – School Advisory Council**  
**Minutes for November 22nd ,2023**

**Members Present:**

A. Wheatley	K. Wood
J. Mcfadden	F. Troiani
R. Marini	K. Walsh
M. Moncur	J. Macneil
L. Marsiglia	L. Saliani
C. Dzoutzidis	J. DeSanctis
D. Branco	

**Meeting Begins: 6:05pm**

**Welcome: Laura /Keri**

**Opening Prayer: Carmela**

**Chair's report:**

- Agenda approved by Jennifer
- Minutes approved by Lina
- Halloween dance was a success, students had a lot of fun
- Thank you everyone who help make it happen
- Training for Catholic School Council Executive members on Thursday November 30th from 7pm to 8:30pm via zoom
- links in email from Mr. Troiani

**Treasurer's Report:**

- October had no change
- Closing Nov. will look different with Pizza and terracotta.
- \$2774 pizza, about \$500 less than last year
- \$1682 Terracotta, about \$800 less than last year
- These changes are due to having less students in the school this year

**Parish Rep Report:** Carmela Dzoutzidis

- The Rite of Enrollment Masses for the **First Confession and First Holy Communion and Confirmation Programs** have taken place over the last couple of weekends and the students are getting underway with their preparation program. The next major events to take place before the celebration of the Masses in April and May will be the First Confessions on Saturday, March 2nd, 2024 from 10am to 11am at the parish, and the Confirmation Retreat on Saturday, March 23rd, 2024 from 9am-12pm or 1pm to 4pm.
- The **Book of Remembrance** to record the names of departed loved ones has been placed in the vestibule of St. Timothy's and will be there for the month of November. These souls will be prayed for in the Prayers of the Faithful.
- **All Souls Day envelopes** are also available at the parish entrance during the month of November for recording of names of departed loved ones and donations will be used to purchase Christmas flowers.
- The announcement for the **St. Timothy Parish Reconciliation Service** (Thursday, December 14th at 7pm) and the announcement of all the Mass times pertaining to **Christmas and the feast of Mary, Mother of God** is posted on the entrance to St. Timothy Parish and posted under the "Latest Updates" link within the St. Timothy website.
- Copies of the **New Sunday Missal** are available in the parish vestibule on the table by the offices. Copies are \$5.00.
- The **Catholic Women's League** is having their **Christmas Loaves and Fishes** sale (no fishes) following all Masses this weekend, with all proceeds going to the St. Vincent de Paul. If you would like to donate a favourite family loaf, donations will be gratefully accepted at the church hall this Saturday between 11am and 2pm.
- The **Knights of Columbus** is having a **Breakfast with Santa** on December 9th in the parish upper hall where breakfast will be served for children and parents, and there will be Christmas carols and entertainment. Doors open at 9:30am and Santa arrives at 10am. Further registration information is to be found in the parish bulletin and posted in the church vestibule. For more information or to make a donation, please call or text Eromosele at 226-916-1006.
- There is an announcement regarding a **Parish Christmas Pageant** to take place on December 17th.
- The **St. Vincent de Paul** wish to thank everyone who donated to the winter clothing drive. The clothing was distributed to the three Catholic Elementary Schools for the children and to Choices Youth Shelter and The Door.
- During the Christmas season while the Nativity is atop the table by the front door, the **St. Timothy parish bulletins** can be placed by the Bible located near the library or given to Mrs. Jones to have in the office for parents to review.
- A request was made to see if the parish might be able to assist the school with information regarding items that are needed for families in the community. The plan would be to have a separate anonymous **basket for each family** that would contain collected items from the school, then wrapped for delivery. Confirmation on the details to follow so this can be planned before Christmas.

### **OAPCE Report:**

- First meeting was on Oct. 30 at the DP board office
- If anyone would like want to take this on now that Frank left please let Keri or Laura know

- for now the chair will split the meeting days and report on them
- virtual meetings:
- Dec 11, 2023
- Jan 31, 2024
- Mar 28, 2024
- May 29, 2024
- Share and explore the new OAPCE Webpage: [oapce.org](http://oapce.org)
- Share the OAPCE parents 4 parents Newsletter: [oapce.org/parents-4-parents](http://oapce.org/parents-4-parents)
- Share the OAPCE Blog: [oapce.org/blog](http://oapce.org/blog)
- share the OAPCE 85th conference is April 12 and 13, 2024, more details to come

### **Teacher's Report:**

- Volleyball over now, great overall fun and learning.
- lego club started this week
- Mr. Messenger started Robotics last week
- Intermediate basketball starting- trying to find gym time to be able to start
- dance and harmony starting as well with Ms. Marshall- hard time with gym space with everything going on
- Ms. Crockett last year request for butterfly kit Mrs. Marini to get updated invoice with price for butterfly set for council vote. We have an outdated invoice from 2017. will advise once we receive
- Other teach requests for balls for the gym (softer dodge ball). There were other balls in the gym that perhaps the supply teacher could not see

### **Principal's Report:**

- This past monday's meeting was around EQAO testing
- data and results from last years tests were presented
- Youth Faith Ambassadors organized candy collections in support of Dr. Simone, Mrs. D'Onofrio will deliver the candy
- our adult staff faith ambassadors are beginning advent liturgies with all staff
- all three Orangeville schools meeting on PA day on friday and will start with a mass
- Spirit days this week and will follow with spirit week for Christmas
- Bullying awareness and prevention week coming up
- grad hoodies have been ordered and are expected to arrive before Christmas
- Christmas event to discuss on Friday to see what we can do. - result was Christmas night at the school with crafts and fun
- Grade 8 graduation, June 20 4:30-7:00 at parish
- Equity/Diversity staff training to be held during PA day

- Mrs. Moncur will be leaving us at the end of the month, expected to get a new VP in January

**New Business:**

- Vote for second fundraiser- Bulbs/ TerraCotta/ Big Box
- Big Box won vote
- this will happen in the spring, Angela to reach out for dates
- January 3rd lunch start
- Laura to contact Mr.Sub to get information
- Lina getting DejaVu dinner info for school
- next meeting Jan. 17th, 2024

**7:05 pm Meeting Adjourned**