Catholic School Council -St. Bernadette 2017-2018

Unapproved Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday November 15th 2017

Location  St. Bernadette School Library

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Agenda
1. Opening Prayer & Welcome
2. Review of minutes from previous meeting
3. Chair’s Report
4. Principal’s Report
5. Treasurer’s Report
6. Parish Updates
7. OPACE Updates
8. Committee Reports
9. Other Business
10. Adjournment

Minutes:
1. Opening Prayer & Welcome
   Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi
   Acting Principal Ms. Bonk introduced herself and special guests in attendance to meeting; Deborah Finegan-Downey, Superintendent and Luz del Rosario, Trustee. All council members and attendees did round table introductions.

2. Review of Minutes from Previous Meeting
   Correction to minutes made. Sonia Cicchetti revised from Parish Representative to Parents from the Community. Paola G. has taken on the role of Parish Representative. Spelling correction of “summited” made. Corrected to read “submitted” on agenda item 2) Approval of Minutes from Previous School Council Meeting.
3. **Chair’s Report** Caravaggio:
- Opportunities for open communication between school / teachers and parents. As a community and School Council members “it is our responsibility to do our best for the children/students of St. Bernadette”.

**GOALS:**
- Explore ways to Improving student’s overall wellbeing; indoor in classroom and outdoor during recess.
- Set up school Council by-laws for St. Bernadette and post on school website for transparency. Along with School Council members, information of upcoming meetings, Approved Minutes of School Council meetings and newsletters.
Note: I received a set of existing by-laws from Our Lady of Providence Catholic School as reference.
- Increase parental involvement with School Council. Potential tools to expedite; survey monkey, establish welcome day table to meet parents during orientation and/or back to school week, open house. Table to be manned by School Council members. Give more notice of School Council meetings to all parents. School Council Twitter / email / newsletter.
- Promote Cash on line at every opportunity
- Volunteer Opportunities within the School for parents
- Trustees are happy to come to School Council meetings.

Caravaggio reviewed her meeting at the DPCDSB Central Committee for Catholic School Council's 'Welcome to Chair's' meeting on November 4th whereby Acting Principal Bonk, co Chair Anderson, Superintendent Finegan-Downey and Trustee del Rosario were also in attendance. Also, the DPCDSB Central Committee for Catholic School Council's 'New to Role' meeting on November 6th where Gaspari, Superintendent Finegan-Downey and Trustee del Rosario were also in attendance.

**Issues raised by parents:**
- Busing - buses do multiple routes and if there is a delay at one school than it becomes a domino effect.
- Changes in re-organization, staffing impact on students
- Lack of outdoor toys for FDK students
- Supervision in FDK yard and large yard for Grade 1 - 8
- Communication between school and parent/guardian community
- Use of Agenda as Communication Tool

4. **Principals’ Report**
- Acting Principal Ms. Bonk spoke to her attendance to the DPCDSB Central Committee for Catholic School Council's 'Welcome to Chair's' meeting on November 4th at St. Francis Xavier High School
- Oct. 20, 2017 - Halloween Monster Mash Party was a great success. Pumpkin carving was all very well done by all classes Dance-a-thon
- Nov. 1, 2017 - Orientation Session held at St. Joseph's High School for grade 8s.
- Camp Muskoka information session was also made available for grade 8s.
- Nov. 8, 2017 –kick off meeting for QSP
- Mike K. led assembly for introductory meeting for school on qsp.ca
Nov. 9, 2017 – Bus evacuation plan; all students took part
- Nov. 10, 2017 - Remembrance Day assembly
- Nov. 13, 2017 – Immunization for grade 7s
- Nov. 14, 2017 – Progress reports made available
- Nov. 16, 2017 – Parent/Teacher interviews
- Nov. 17, 2017 – PA Day
- Nov. 20, 2017 – Bully Awareness Week
- Nov. 22, 2017 – Pink T-Shirt Day (in support of bullying awareness)
- Nov. 25, 2017 – Grade 2s receive their Sacrament of Reconciliation at St. Martin of Tours Church
- Dec. 5, 2017 – Advent Mass at St. Bernadette
- Dec. 14, 2017 – Christmas concert

5. Treasurer’s Report
   - N/A

6. Parish Representative’s Report
   - Gaspari addressed o shoe box fundraising idea $7-$10 o Last year our school donated the boxes we collected to the Dr. Simone foundation.
     - o Mom’s group to meet regularly to discuss the good, bad and ugly

7. OPACE Updates
   - Kostuch attended Oct 14 Conference
   - Mitzie Hunter, MPP Minister of Education spoke at the meeting

8. Committee Reports
   - Fundraising: QSP was running great, sales end on November 23rd

9. Other Business
   Question/ Discussion surrounding FDK raised:
   - “Open snack time” in FDK? Why not a ‘set’ snack time? Flexible schedule - Handwashing in FDK, when do they do it? How is it encouraged?
     Children are encouraged to wash their hands before lunch and after toileting, not after snack.
   - Some children not wanting to use the bathroom. Bathrooms are cleaned daily, inspected regularly and if there is an accident or problem, the custodian is called to clean. If a repair is required, students are redirected to bathrooms in other FDK classes or Rm 100. Students line up by the bathroom and wait their turn. If there is an emergency, DECE, Teacher, Lunch Room Monitor take the child to alternate bathroom.
   - Student sometime do volunteer to help out in the FDK classes but it is up to the teacher to request it.
   - A request was made for council to pay for a subscription for RAZ kids/Head sprout for 36 students. Approx. $299.00 US
     - Voted on and approved. Request granted
   - Breakfast program (Metro grant)
     Can we ask parents for donations for students that come to school without breakfast? - Mrs. Bonk will take this inquiry back to staff.

10. Adjournment
    - Trevor adjourned the meeting @ 8:20pm
    - Ewelina & Maria Louisa seconded the motion - Motion carried