



St. Dominic Catholic School Council Minutes October 11th, 2023



Voting Council Members (2023-2024)					
<i>Name</i>	<i>Attend</i>	<i>Regrets</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Attend</i>	<i>Regrets</i>
Natasha Kovar, Chair	X		Cam Hyginus, Community Representative	X	
Alicia Kowalczyk, Treasurer	X		Vicki Lefkaditis-Said, Parent Member	X	
Gia D'souza, Secretary	X		Lauren Muszynski, Parent Member	X	
Tamara Parkes, OAPCE Rep	X		Danielle Crnkovic, Parent Member	X	
Anastasia Lata, Parish Rep	X		Michelle Pellicori, Parent Member	X	
Principal, Teacher Reps, Non-Teacher Reps and Trustee					
<i>Name</i>	<i>Attend</i>	<i>Regrets</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Attend</i>	<i>Regrets</i>
L. Mundy, Principal	X		Mario Pascucci, Trustee	X (outside meeting time)	
D. Frigo, Teacher Rep	X		J. Kalynowsky, Non-teacher Rep		X
D. Paterson, Teacher Rep	X				
Non-Voting Members and Guests					
<i>Name</i>	<i>Attend</i>	<i>Regrets</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Attend</i>	<i>Regrets</i>
M. Dalisay	X		A. Caruso	X	
Agenda Items			Action Item		
6:30 p.m. Opening Prayer, Land Acknowledgement & Welcome					
LOCATION: St. Dominic Catholic Elementary School Library					
Approval of Last Meeting Minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motion of approval of the June minutes by Anastasia • Seconded by Alicia • Last meeting minutes approved 			Ms. Mundy will post minutes on school website.		
Approval of Agenda <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motion of approval of October 11th Agenda by Natasha • Seconded by Vicki • Agenda approved 					
Acclamation of the Catholic School Council for the 2023-2024 school year <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Natasha Kovar - Chair • Alicia Kowalczyk - Treasurer • Gia D'souza - Secretary • Tamara Parkes - OAPCE Rep • Anastasia Lata - Parish Rep • Cam Hyginus - Community Rep • Diana Frigo / Diane Paterson – Teacher Reps • Julia Kalynowsky – Non-Teacher Rep • Vickie Lefkaditis-Said – Parent Member • Lauren Muszynski – Parent Member • Danielle Crnkovic – Parent Member • Michelle Pellicori – Parent Member 					
Trustee's Report - M. Pascucci <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Did not attend during scheduled meeting time. • M. Pascucci arrived to say hello to our council members after adjournment. 					

Chair Report - N. Kovar

- First, I would like to welcome back many of our school councils' familiar faces; and especially welcome to those new faces who have come forward and joined this year. It was an honor to serve our school and parish community in the capacity of Chair last year and I very much look forward to working alongside and partnering with everyone this year.
- Without further a due, I will now move forward with the acclamation of 2023/2024 Council Roles (* Read from St. Dominic Election Format Document Provided by Ms. Mundy)
- Congratulations everyone and God bless.
- Does anyone have any questions at this time pertaining specifically to their role?
- I will be emailing out the official board description for each of the roles shortly. They can also be found on the board's website.
- Stay tuned, in the coming weeks further information will be communicated around online ZOOM training sessions made available for each of the specific role.

Meeting Dates:

- Taking into consideration monthly board meetings for principals, trustees, members of C.C.C.S.C (Central Committee for Catholic School Council) and in conjunction with dates meetings are held within our family of schools within our ward, along with the availability of the Ms. Mundy and the school, the proposed dates for upcoming meetings are as follows:
 - Wednesday November 15, 2023
 - Wednesday January 17, 2024
 - Wednesday April 17, 2024
 - Wednesday June 5, 2024
- This would make a total of 5 meetings for the year (including this evening's meeting). All meetings will be held both in person and also made available to join virtually online.
- Keeping in mind additional subcommittee meetings will take place during the year when needed and reported back during the 4 scheduled meetings open to all council members and families.
- School council meetings have traditionally taken place over the years on the 3rd Wednesday of the month with a start time of 6:30pm. Last year meetings started at 6:45pm so the official start time of either 6:30pm or 6:45pm needs to be decided upon by members this evening.

New Business:*Halloween Dance*

- Hallowe'en Dance is fast approaching Tuesday October 31! The total cost of the DJ was \$635.63. The \$200 deposit has already been paid and the remaining balance to be paid on day of. Alicia our Treasurer will prepare a cheque request for the remaining balance owing (\$435.63). Note the funds for this dance were already raised last school year and set aside.
- Volunteers for a sub-committee to help both for set up and during the dance are needed. Please let me know if you would like to help.
- Subcommittee to determine if this dance can be used as one of the school's minor fundraisers.
- For those new to council and parents joining this evening, our school is allowed to host TWO major fundraisers a year (such as the Chocolate Fundraiser we did last year) and several small fundraisers (such as the sale last year of glow kits at the Halloween Dance to help cover the cost of the DJ).

Fall Movie Night

- As discussed last year, council wished to host a movie night.
- Possible dates that work with Ms. Mundy and the schools schedule would be Monday or Tuesday the week of November 27 OR Monday or Tuesday night the

Natasha will send an email to work with all who volunteered for the Halloween Sub-committee (Danielle, Natasha, Vickie, Tamara, Lauren, Anastasia, Michelle and Alicia)

<p>week of December 4th. The idea being another opportunity to bring families into our school for spirit and community and also an opportunity for a small fundraiser.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Given the time of year, perhaps a board approved Christmas movie to kick off the holiday season! Council approved a Fall Movie Night – date to be determined. Will use a board approved movie. Sub Committee formed to help the event – Natasha, Lauren, Danielle, Vickie, Michelle, Cam <p><i>Major Fundraiser:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Would Council like to move forward this year again with the sale of Chocolates? Last year selling chocolates raised almost \$7,000 for the school! If council agrees to move forward with chocolates this year, more information will be provided to council during the November 15th meeting at which point a fundraising subcommittee can be formed and planning started. There was a concern presented about possible price increase from the vendor. Natasha will provide an update at our next council meeting. <p>OTHER BUSINESS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> When is Pizza Day Starting? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Mundy confirmed a communication will be sent to all families tomorrow advising that Pizza Day is starting once again with PIZZA NOVA on Tuesday October 24, 2023, every week on Tuesday's Saturday October 21st is Oktoberfest at our school parish St. Dominic's 9:00am to 3:00pm. Admission is FREE! Food, Beer, Wine for sale, Craft table for children along with several vendor tables to checkout. 	<p>Natasha will send an email to work with all who volunteered for the Christmas Movie Night Sub-committee</p> <p>If anyone has any idea for an additional Major Fundraiser for next year, please forward to Ms. Kovar and Ms. Mundy along with all necessary information for it by Friday Nov 10</p> <p>Natasha provided Ms. Frigo the St. Dominic's parish official Poster/Flyer for the Oktoberfest event to post at the school's main front doors.</p>
<p>Principal's Report – L. Mundy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> It's wonderful to be back again at St. Dominic this school year. Staff were so excited to welcome students back to school. We have welcomed back many staff from previous years and have some new staff that have joined us. Two classroom teachers are on an LTO assignment for Ms. Marasco and Ms. Formica. We also have 3 student monitors that have joined us again from last year. We have 12 classrooms (including two FDK classes). FDK/FDK/ Gr 1, 1/2, 1/2, 2/3, 3/4, 4/5, 5/6, 5/6, 6/7, 7/8. We currently have enrolled 286 students. Two of our portables are in use. One is used for French, and one is used for planning time classes. We had an Earth Rangers presentation on September 21st, where the students got to see some beautiful animals, learn about their habits, and play some fun games. Thank you to Ms. Paterson for organizing this event. Ms. Frigo led a group of our intermediate students to a leadership conference to promote student well-being in the school. We have completed our Fire Drill requirement for the fall. Our Terry Fox Run was a huge success. Thank you to Ms. Rogowski, Ms. Seseri and Ms. Crevier for organizing. We raised a total of \$1559.00. Open house was a success. It was a great opportunity for families to come and meet their classroom teachers, visit classrooms, mingle with other families, and visit our donation book swap. Thank you to all the families supporting our food drive for Compass Food Bank. We will be collecting until this Friday. --Thank you to Ms. Muglia, Ms. Seseri and Ms. Frigo for organizing our Orange Shirt Day liturgy. 	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We celebrated and promoted bike & roll week Oct 2-5th. Thank you to Ms. Paterson, the students and teacher volunteers. • World Teacher’s Day was on October 5th. Thank you to all of our teachers for your commitment to our students and for being faithful leaders to our school community. • Thank you to Ms. Somers who has organized two fire truck visits to our school. Students got to learn all about fire trucks and how our fire fighters prepare for their jobs and learn all about fire safety. • Fr. Terry and Bishop Ivan Camilleri visited our school on Friday September 15th. Our YFA were able to create posters of our virtues and pledge our commitment to our faith and actions this year. Thank you to Ms. Frigo and Ms. White for the warm welcome. • Sacramental Preparations are underway. • Communion Information Session October 4th • Opening Mass October 11th • Advent Mass for students December 6th 9:15 am • Ash Wednesday Liturgy – at the school February 14 • Easter Mass – April 10 at 9:15 • Communion Date – 2:00 April 21 • Confirmation Dates – 7 pm May 14 and 16 • End of Year Mass – June 12th 9:15am • Graduation Mass – June 19th 9:15 am • Today we celebrated our opening mass/thanksgiving mass at St. Dominic’s parish. Beginning next week, classes will rotate attending weekly mass every Wednesday. Parents will receive an email at the beginning of the week for the classes that will be attending. <p>What’s upcoming...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This Friday is our Family Cross-Country Meet. Thank you to Ms. Somers, Ms. Frigo, Ms. Melaragno, Ms. Seseri for helping. • On Monday our Jr Boys/Girls Volleyball tournament at St. James – Pod Play. • Immunizations for our grade 7/8s on Monday October 16th. • Dental Screening for grades Jk/Sk/2/4/6/8 on Tuesday and Wednesday October 17th and 18th. • Board Cross Country Meet will be held on Tuesday October 24th. • Picture Day is fast approaching on Wednesday October 25th. 	
<p>Treasurer Report – A. Kowalczyk</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not an agenda item due to acclamation of the new school council for 2023-2024. 	
<p>Parish Update - A. Lata</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not an agenda item due to acclamation of the new school council for 2023-2024. 	<p>Anastasia will work with Gia to ensure the School Masses are covered by Alter Servers from our school, especially when they are attending mass for their own class.</p>

<p>OPACE Update - T. Parkes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not an agenda item due to acclamation of the new school council for 2023-2024. 	
<p>Other Business:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any new issues that you would like on the agenda, please contact Ms. Kovar/Ms. Mundy by email. • Council will always welcome new suggestions, concerns at any meeting, however larger items should be presented to chair/principal ahead of council meeting to ensure appropriate time is given. • Some parents were inquiring about the start of pizza day and asking if the school would consider a second pizza day each week. • Parent Engagement Money \$500 – to be used this school year. We still have our \$500 from last year. Natasha will provide at next meeting, the details of how that money can be used. • No other items brought forward. • Introductions of attendees. 	<p>Ms. Mundy mentioned that pizza information will be sent our very soon. Will consider a second day option. Right now, we are confirmed with one day.</p>
<p>Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m. Minutes taken by L. Mundy / N. Kovar.</p>	
<p>2023/2024 Upcoming Meeting Dates at 6:30 pm</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wednesday November 15, 2023 • Wednesday January 17, 2024 • Wednesday April 17, 2024 • Wednesday June 5, 2024 	