



## St. Dominic School Council Minutes – April 20, 2022 (Held Remotely)



<b>Voting Council Members (2021-2022)</b>					
<i>Name</i>	<i>Attend</i>	<i>Regrets</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Attend</i>	<i>Regrets</i>
Carla Molinaro-Kim, Chair	X		Tamara Parkes, Community & Parish Representative	X	
Jacqui Kuypers, Treasurer, OAPCE Rep	X		Stephanie Pinto, Parent Member		X
Lauren Muszynski, Secretary		X	Andrea Placentile, Parent Member	X	
Joanne Plut, Fundraising Chair	X		Vicki Lefkaditis-Said, Parent Member	X	
Natasha Kovar, Community & Parish Representative	X		Eileen Sheehan, Parent Member	X	
<b>Principal, Teacher Reps, Non-Teacher Reps and Trustee</b>					
<i>Name</i>	<i>Attend</i>	<i>Regrets</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Attend</i>	<i>Regrets</i>
J. Tollis, Principal	X		Kristen Sterling, Student Teacher	X	
R. Cosentino, Teacher Rep	X		Mario Pascucci, Trustee	X	
D. Frigo, Teacher Rep	X				
D. Paterson, Teacher	X				
<b>Non-Voting Members and Guests</b>					
<i>Name</i>	<i>Attend</i>	<i>Regrets</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Attend</i>	<i>Regrets</i>
Angie Caruso	X				
<b>Agenda Items</b>				<b>Action Item</b>	
<b>7:00 p.m. Land Acknowledgement Opening Prayer &amp; Welcome</b>					
<b>Acceptance of January Meeting Minutes</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Motion of approval of March minutes by Carla</li> <li>- Seconded by Vicki</li> <li>- Minutes approved</li> </ul>				<b>- Mrs. Tollis will post the PDF copy on the school website</b>	
<b>Trustee's Report - M. Pascucci</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- April 28 from 6:30-7:30pm there will be a presentation to School Councils about budget consultation. Mrs. Tollis circulated a note to all parents today. Please try to look at budget. Presenters will answer questions from participants in real time. Key items to consider include whether the budget has the appropriate ratios for schools, building funds for older school, funds to upgrade aging infrastructure, etc.</li> <li>- As a follow up, there will be a survey on the budget, which will remain open until mid-May.</li> <li>- Several schools have done things on their own to support Ukraine – some families from Ukraine have students joining schools.</li> <li>- Contacted local Councilors to accommodate the increase in student numbers at some schools – portables, etc. Trying to meet needs as quickly as possible.</li> <li>- Flag raising ceremony – will send copy of link</li> </ul>				<b>-Members should submit questions for Mario in advance so he can be better prepared, especially for significant questions.</b>	
<b>Principal's Report – Mrs. Tollis</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Catholic Education Week – May 1- 6 – theme is "Rebuild, restore and renew together"               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o May 3 – Mr. Williams – drums presentation for grades 3 to 8</li> <li>o May 4 – Crowning of Mary liturgy</li> <li>o May 5 – Mass at Church around 10:00</li> </ul> </li> </ul>					

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ May 6 – fun day for grades 6, 7 and 8 (replacing the former “boys and girls” day) – activities throughout the day – have a bit of fun, be more mindful of certain things – student teachers helping as their end of term projects</li> <li>- Journey into Learning for new JK/SK – June 1 – email went out today – parents and children</li> <li>- Grad hoodies – ordered for those who ordered them; grad photos tomorrow</li> <li>- Graduation – Tuesday, June 28 – organizing a lunch, followed by afternoon dance and award ceremony from 5 – 6. Looking at a location, but not yet confirmed. Grad mass – June 23, 10:00 am – all students will go.</li> <li>- EQAO – Grades 3 – week of June 7-10; Grades 6 – week of June 13-16; implemented after school tutoring for grades 3-8 – 3:00 – 4:30 twice a week; sent note home today; setting two groups aside for grades 3 and 6 to focus on numeracy and literacy re: EQAO exam; group for 4s and 5s and for 7s and 8s.</li> <li>- EQAO will be done online, with an option to write the written part – can print out the forms. Will work this out with staff. Math will most likely be online. Will have a trial test before EQAO to prepare them.</li> <li>- Author’s visit – Mrs. Somers organized – Nadia Hahn – two sessions 4-8 and JK-3 – April 29</li> <li>- School generated funds – March 1 – \$9,930.97; issued cheque 4834.73 Scholastic book fair (\$4,324.95) and \$576.30 (last year’s grade 8 composite); service charges \$9.78; deposited \$4,449.40 – book fair and spirit week; March 31 - \$9,545.64.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Treasurer’s Report - J. Kuypers</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- March numbers: at the end of March, our available funds were approximately \$4,000.</li> <li>- Will work with Mrs. Tollis to settle amounts the Council committed that the school paid for.</li> <li>- Wish list includes: iPads and computers that are coming to end of life; iPad charging cart</li> <li>- Previously committed funds for grad hoodies will be used instead for the graduation.</li> <li>- Approved cost to cover confirmation gifts - \$150.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Parish &amp; Community Update - N. Kovar &amp; T. Parkes</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- April 13 did beading workshop for First Communion students. Did 35 bracelets – parents/teachers did some for students who were absent. Fr. Terry attended and explained why and how to pray the rosary, then blessed the students. Brought bracelets to mass on Good Friday for blessing.</li> <li>- Confirmation – going to pick up confirmation gifts from St. Joseph’s bookstore. Budgeted \$5 each; should be able to get them for less. Will look for small gift for Mrs. O’Grady at same time.</li> <li>- Good Friday mass – 1:00 for kids – very full – lots of St. Dominic’s families</li> <li>- Food drive – collected close to 400 pounds of food and a number of gift cards. Thanks to Vanessa Kim who helped with a lot of announcements. Mrs. Frigo’s grade 6 class organized.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Fundraising Update (J. Plut)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Worked with Mrs. Parkes to connect with Hello Fresh. Sent out communication to parents – “Hello St. Dominic” – school gets \$10 donation for each use. We also got a code for existing users “Hello Bulldogs”.</li> <li>- Funds will be donated to Carla’s account, and she will write cheque to school once a month or end of year (whatever is deemed most appropriate and timely).</li> <li>- Sharelife – Bingo, cookies and other events.</li> </ul>	

<p><b>Other Business:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Grade 8 grad – any help needed from Council members? Mrs. Cosentino – closer to the day may need help at the venue with decorations. Will reach out to Council.</li> <li>- End of year BBQ – have done hot dog days for the kids; may be too much effort to extend to whole community – focus on kids; tentatively June 24; will discuss details at next Council meeting; can start asking around for possible donations</li> <li>- Teacher appreciation – date to be confirmed; Carla will send out a list before next meeting; could do same day with something other than hot dogs and salads, desserts, etc.</li> <li>- OAPCE – AGM May 28 – JK will send newsletter to Mrs. Tollis to circulate to school community</li> <li>-</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.</b>  Minutes taken by Jacqui Kuypers.  To be emailed to Council members and approved at the May meeting.</p>	
	<p><b>2021/2022 Upcoming Meeting Dates</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Wednesday May 25, 2022 @ 7:00 pm</li> <li>2. Wednesday June 15, 2022 @ 7:00 pm (tentative)</li> </ol>