



## St. Dominic School Council Minutes – February 1, 2023



<b>Voting Council Members (2022-2023)</b>					
Name	Attend	Regrets	Name	Attend	Regrets
Natasha Kovar, Chair	X		Vicki Lefkadtis-Said, Parent Member	X	
Jacqui Kuypers, Treasurer	X		Alicia Kowalczyk, Parish Rep	X	
Lauren Muszynski, Secretary	X		Anastasia Lata, Parish Rep	X	
Tamara Parkes, OAPCE Rep	X		Danielle Crnkovic, Parent Member	X	
Joanne Plut, Parent Member	X				
<b>Principal, Teacher Reps, Non-Teacher Reps and Trustee</b>					
Name	Attend	Regrets	Name	Attend	Regrets
L. Mundy, Principal	X		Mario Pascucci, Trustee	X	
D. Frigo, Teacher Rep	X				
D. Paterson, Teacher Rep	X				
J. Kalynowsky, Non-teacher Rep	X				
<b>Non-Voting Members and Guests</b>					
Name	Attend	Regrets	Name	Attend	Regrets
Lec Ndoj	X				
Eileen Sheehan	X				
<b>Agenda Items</b>				<b>Action Item</b>	
<b>6:45 p.m. Land Acknowledgement Opening Prayer &amp; Welcome</b>					
<b>Approval of Agenda</b>					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Motion of approval of the agenda by Natasha</li> <li>- Seconded by Joanne</li> <li>- Agenda approved</li> </ul>					
<b>Acceptance of January Meeting Minutes</b>				<b>-Mrs. Mundy will post the PDF version on the website</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Motion of approval of January meeting minutes by Natasha (after a few minor edits are made)</li> <li>- Seconded by Anastasia</li> <li>- Minutes approved</li> </ul>					
<b>Trustee's Report - M. Pascucci</b>					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- concerns brought forward at the Board meeting about secondary students and anxiety around exams</li> <li>- tutoring funding (see Mrs. Mundy's email regarding tutoring)</li> <li>- if anyone requires sign-off for volunteer hours for secondary students, please contact Mario as soon as possible</li> </ul>					
<b>Chair Report - N. Kovar</b>					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Roller Skating event: after consultation with the Board, we will not be continuing on with the event. The potential risk was too high</li> <li>- Mrs. Mundy came up with the idea of a family movie night in the gym, where we can sell refreshments and possibly pizza. Date TBD, but likely March</li> <li>- If anyone has a suggestion for a movie, let Natasha know and she will create a list to send to Mrs. Mundy to see if they are on the approved list</li> <li>- Pancake Tuesday: event funded by council; Thank you to the sub-committee who helped with the preparations; Father Terry has been invited to join as well</li> </ul>					

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Spirit Wear: samples from the vendor have been ordered so that we have them on time for February 16, interview night. There are 3 choices: hoodies, long sleeved shirt, and t-shirt. Sizes range from youth to adult. A flyer will be created and emailed to families. Mannequins will be set up and on display. Grad hoodies will be navy and the vendor will do a personalized signature section in the numbers 2023 on the back of the hoodies.</li> <li>- Parent Engagement &amp; Fund-raising Allocation of Funds: As discussed and requested in our January 11, 2023 along with a follow up email from myself on January 27, 2023 to all council members, a list from council members and school with suggestions on how the funds for both the: 1) \$500 parent engagement grant &amp; 2) Funds from previous fundraising efforts currently in council account and also where funds from our upcoming major chocolate fundraiser would be allocated. (<i>See below for details on this discussion</i>)</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Principal's Report – Mrs. Mundy</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- St. Paul school team came in on January 12th to work with our Grade 8 students on course selection.</li> <li>- Junior Boys and Girls Basketball is starting up. Tryouts are beginning and thank you to our teachers helping Mr. G., Mr. Berce, Ms. Muglia, Ms. Roach.</li> <li>- Monday January 23rd was a PA Day. Teachers were busy working on report cards.</li> <li>- January 25th, Bell Let's Talk Day – Mr. Yukowski our Child and Youth Worker did some class presentations to our older students about mental health and well being.</li> <li>- We said good bye to Ms. Formica and wish her well and she begins her maternity leave. Welcome to Ms. DiBenedetto who will be in our grade 4/5 class for the rest of the school year.</li> <li>- February brings on our new virtue of the month – respect. Also we begin Black History Month. Our equity team (Ms. Frigo, Ms. Muglia, Ms. Estacian) has prepared an interactive activity for our school highlighting the lives of black Canadians. Every week, through announcements, there will be 2 people that we highlight their tremendous contributions. The children will be given clues to begin and research and as we identify these individuals- pictures and profiles will be posted in our hallway to celebrate their lives. The equity department has also provided all schools with an abundance of culturally affirming resources that we have catalogued in our library and have made classroom kits. These kits will be circulating around the school – linked to activities that the students can engage in. The resources also align with our equity goals both at the board and school level.</li> <li>- We have 2 presentations coming up.... On Monday February 6th – Earth Rangers are coming in to showcase a variety of animals and present to our students about environmental issues and our own impacts on the environment. Thank you to Ms. Paterson for organizing this. Our second upcoming presentation is on Thursday March 30th - Drums et al. (K-3: Developmental Drumming, 4-8: I am "YOU" (The African philosophy of "Ubuntu")</li> <li>- Information has been sent out about Extended French. (Grade 4 students) St. Thomas More Applications are due online by Wednesday March 1st .</li> <li>- Upcoming Dates: • National Sweater Day is tomorrow – Ms. Paterson – announcements • Class photos Tuesday February 7th • Book Fair – week of Monday February 13th - Thank you Ms. Somers • Report Cards go home Tues. Feb. 14th - interviews 16th and 17th • Dental screening Feb. 15, 16 • Family Day – Feb. 20th • Shrove Tuesday Feb. 21st • Pink Shirt Day / Ash Wednesday Feb. 22 • Chocolates going home Feb. 24th</li> </ul>	

<p><b>Fundraising Report – J. Plut</b></p> <p>Flipgive Update:          -we have raised \$144.08          -it takes 20-25 business days for the cheque to arrive          -once here, it will be deposited to council funds</p> <p>Chocolate Fundraiser Update:          -this will be our major initiative this year          -on February 17th, an email will go out to school community          -a flyer has also been prepared          -on February 24th, chocolates will be distributed; to oldest or only in the family (approximately 180 boxes)          -March 21st is the tentative end date          -Prizes - gift card packs, pizza prizes, other various prizes          -we are hoping to generate \$6000 in funds</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Question regarding movie options - could we see the list first before we make suggestions? Response: there are many movies available on this list, so it's easier to come up with our list and then choose from there</li> </ul>	<p><b>Send requests for movie choices to Natasha by Feb 14th so that she can compile a list to send to Mrs. Mundy</b></p>
<p><b>Parish Update - A. Lata &amp; A. Kowalczyk</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- First Communion will take place on April 30th, preparation classes have begun</li> <li>- Budding beads is booked for April 17th; rosaries for communion candidates</li> <li>- Confirmation registration is open online, closes March 30th; first meeting March 8th; sessions Wednesday evenings. Program offered on Zoom, both parents and candidates are expected to attend</li> <li>- Question about why confirmation is offered online and in person and not only in person. Response: we are not sure why this is available at this time</li> <li>- Volunteer screening is now being implemented for anyone who would like to volunteer, regardless of age</li> <li>- Church finances: the church has been in arrears for many years now; they are looking for ways to fundraise</li> <li>- Hoping to raise \$200,000. The diocese will match the amount fundraised and donate it back to the church</li> </ul>	<p>-Alicia will organize a flyer targeting Grade 7 and 8 students about Confirmation; will send to Mrs. Mundy</p> <p>-Anastasia will inquire about why confirmation courses are offered online this year</p>
<p><b>OAPCE Update - T. Parkes</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The last OAPCE meeting was January 18th. Tamara could not attend the event</li> <li>- Tamara has sent the slide deck of the presentation</li> <li>- March 29th is the next virtual OAPCE meeting</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Treasurer Report - J. Kuypers</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Parent engagement grant was deposited in December. Disbursements (ie. griddles) have been reimbursed,</li> <li>- As of the end of January, we have \$5911.85 in our account</li> <li>- We will have cost incurred for tablecloths, spatulas, etc \$114 (has been purchased) and the estimate for Costco is about \$350</li> <li>- There is an estimate of \$5450 as funds available</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Council Allocation of Funds</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Below are options for allocations of Council funds for the remainder of the school year:</li> </ul> <p>Parish Donation:          -donation needs to be made within this calendar year          -proposed at least \$250, and \$500 if we meet our goal of \$6100 profit from the chocolate fundraiser          -motion to approve: seconded by Joanne  <b>-approved</b></p>	

Year-End Barbeque

-cost adjustment needs to be made to allocated funds because there are more students than were accounted for originally; June can now be the date because of the minimum spend of \$2400 would be met (for the food provider)

-motion to approve barbeque by Natasha

-seconded by Lauren

-Year-End Barbeque **approved**

STEM Program

-tabled until next meeting

Sacrament Gifts

**-already approved**

Halloween Dance (2023)

-we would need to pay for the dance this school year in order to use funds approved

-motion made by Natasha

-seconded by Lauren

**-approved**

-we will table this until the next meeting

Cambridge Butterfly Program

-tabled until next meeting

Indigenous Education & Cultural Inclusive Learning

-this type of initiative is already being covered by the school, so this initiative will be removed from the options

Movie Night

-seating with no chairs in the gym capacity is 555

-we will run this as a break even event, and will also ask parents to bring a non-perishable food item

**-already approved**

Pancake Tuesday

-Jacqui made an adjustment to cost for this year to \$1000 from \$800

**-already approved**

School Blue Jays Field Trip

-tabled until next meeting

Grade 8 Graduation Hoodies

**-already approved**

-if we reach our goal for the chocolate fundraiser, we could afford everything on the list

Summary:

Council voted and approved the following so far to be used from funds currently available in council account:

1. 2022/2023 School Year End BarBQ = approx \$2500
2. Grade 8 Hoodies = \$1,400
3. Sacrament Gifts = \$450
4. Parish Donation = \$500 (\* If school goal of 180 cases sold not meet, donation will be reduced to \$250)
5. 2023 Pancake Tuesday = \$1,000

TOTAL = \$5,500

<p>Council voted and approved that if goal of 180 cases sold:</p> <p>1. DJ Halloween Dance = \$500</p> <p>-IXL brought up by Mrs. Mundy as a possibility for council funds - will address this at next meeting</p> <p>-we can consider options for parent engagement ideas at the next meeting</p> <p>-Tamara brought up the idea of celebrating various cultures on one day, at the end of the school year (ie. bringing in Ukrainian club, Carassauga-type festival, etc). Council discussed that running an activity like this would be very ambitious and is probably not likely for this year due to the fact that there would not be enough time to properly plan</p> <p>-Jacqui proposed Indigenous presenter from a parent perspective for the parent engagement funds</p>	<p>-Tamara will gather information (cost, presenter options) for presenters from a variety of cultures and will run them by Mrs. Mundy</p>
<p><b>School Wish Lists</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Council was presented with some of the teachers' wish list items. We will revisit these items after the chocolate fundraiser has been completed and we know how much money we have raised</li> <li>- Lists included class specific items, as well as school wide items</li> <li>- Jacqui made a request to focus on the teacher wish lists at the next meeting before considering other options</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Meeting adjourned at 8:21 p.m.</b>  Minutes taken by Lauren Muszynski.  To be emailed to council members and approved at the March meeting.</p>	
	<p><b>2022/2023 Upcoming Meeting Dates</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><del>Wed. November 2, 2022</del></li> <li><del>Wed. December 7, 2022</del></li> <li><del>Wed. January 11, 2023</del></li> <li><del>Wed. February 1</del></li> <li>- Wed. March 1, 2023</li> <li>- Wed. April 12, 2023</li> <li>- Wed. May 3, 2023</li> <li>- Wed. June 7, 2023</li> </ul>