

Meeting Minutes for October 28, 2021 – School Council Meeting St. Raphael

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OAPCE Position

This position has been filled – Reagan Baird is the OAPCE representative

Many of the of the schools in the DPCDSB and attend the OAPCE meetings to discuss issues in the region and offer parent guidance and workshop and webinars that parents can attend.

Principals Report

- Halloween Dance is Friday Oct 29th
- We are selling frozen Yogurt – company to supply the frozen yogurt Good Food advised they had the product and after we sent the communication to parents, they called us back to advise they did not have it. Our secretary spent over 2 hours to find another supplier with no luck. Good Food called us back to advise they have ice cream they can provide us. Communication was sent to parents to advise that no frozen yogurt was available, but we have ice cream instead and included the ingredients of the ice cream. Parents had the option to if they already purchased frozen yogurt to get a refund; only one parent called in.
- Ordered 3 boxes of Halloween cookies and it sold out on-line; thoughts are this might be a good fundraising event for Christmas, selling cookies.
- Students will get juice box drinks in the morning funds provided for this came from Knights of Columbus.
- Knights of Columbus may be able to donate another \$4,000 to St. Raphael this year
- The gym was decorated this afternoon. and the literacy pumpkins are set up and on display.
- Literacy Pumpkins: each class take a vote based on the books that are of interest to the students and they vote to determine which character from a book they will decorate a pumpkin as. The book is placed next to the pumpkin. This even encourages and raises children's interest in literacy. Pumpkins this year include Dragon, Rainbow Fish, Pete the Cat, Spider from Charlottes Web. The pumpkins are raffled off in each class by pulling a students name out of a hat who will take the pumpkin home.
- Ms. Carey is getting twitter back and will tweet pictures of the pumpkins.

- Progress reports going out Nov 16 – interviews if needed for first time will be on Nov 18 virtually. The date was changed from Nov 11 due to Remembrance Day.
- Teachers had curriculum nights available through google classrooms. Information should still be up; information was shared for 1 week.
- Ms. Carey to check with Ms. Shenyshevska's regarding her curriculum presentation, to send to the parents of her class as Ms. Pedro and Ms. Failla did not see anything from her.

Chess club 4-8 will start soon. Board given permission to go ahead. All distancing protocols will have to be followed. If they are from different cohorts they will need to stay 6 feet apart, masks, sanitize, attendance log taken etc.

Volleyball – go ahead came today for grades 7-8 need to see if we have enough students as there are only a small number of grade 7 & 8 this year.

All games need to be played afterschool and no spectators. We need to check with other schools, need to send information to coordinator of other schools if we have a team.

Equity

Each school must have an equity goal.

St. Raphael's is looking at updating school classrooms with a diverse book library.

During a recent tour of the school a board member mentioned that she had never seen so much diversity in a school library – thank you Ms. DiCristofaro. We want to encourage more use of library books in teaching and in class, the class library books are for students to use in class and not for sign out, for students to take home.

Propose:

One of main fundraisers would go to the above initiative of enhancing classroom book collections that are diverse. There are 8 classrooms estimating we could use \$200 per class, totalling \$1600. Books would have to be purchased through tendered vendors or scholastics.

Motion passed – Catherine Pedro and Ms. DiCristofaro

Can books be donated – preference is that a donation is made online with a note that this is for the diversity book collection for within the class – the school will need to purchase the book via preferred vendors and can control which books are purchased to create diversity and avoid duplicates.

Suggestion for book donations: Parents could donate funds to have the school purchase a book/s for the school classroom. The book that is purchased with the funds would include a label on the inside cover, that the book was donated by said family on behalf St. Raphael.

Book Cart- 2 carts; 1. Primary book cart 2. Junior and intermediate level Book cart. Fundraising funds could be used for the purchase of these carts and the books. (Books on wheels)

Christmas Bazaar – coming up – Suggesting – December 13 – 16th Bazar to be held and Dec 17th would be a last chance (if students had additional funds or wanted to shop again)

Need to think of ideas for remote on-line students in order to be inclusive.

Only 2 classes per day can attend because it has to be by cohort.

There is inventory of Anniversary T-shirts and want to make these available. Red and Black with gold St. Raphael crest for 50th anniversary is available. They were \$5. Can put them on-line and place a count down regarding what inventory is left, as they start to sell out.

Ms. Carey Motion to sell T-shirts before Christmas – passed by C. Pedro and Ms. DiCristofaro & Kavita

Spirit Wear Fundraiser – to start on January 5th, motioned passed by Ms. Failla and Ms. DiCristofaro
There are supply chain issues, we may have longer wait times to get products in that we order. Have done Grad sweatshirts in the past and they would have to be ordered really early. Need to determine what the ETA is to get products in.

Gift card boxes fundraising

Big Box Fundraising – the cards are beautiful.

There are 33 hand crafted cards in each box, \$1 per card which is cheaper than the dollar store as they charge tax on the cards. \$33 per box, for each box organization would earn \$11 profit. There is an assorted box of cards and Birthday box of cards.

There is a one-time delivery charge of \$150

Prize packages are available. If we are interested Ms. Jules will contact for additional information

We need to determine if the boxes are being delivered to the school or to the individual homes/buyers.

We have the go ahead.

There is another organization that does cards- Amazing Fundraising.

They have Birthday cards and Christmas cards. Can be delivered to individual homes. Ms. Pedro to look into the cost and delivery works and if they have Christmas stock available.

<https://www.amazingfundraising.ca/contact-us/>

Lunchtime supervisor still in need of one (1.2 hours per day) and this individual can also be an emergency supply teacher.

Supply teaching \$19 per hour and lunch time monitor \$14/hour

COVID Cases – currently no covid cases at the school

Email out yesterday from School Board, on behalf of Peel public health all parents, visitors on school property must wear masks. Children in elementary are not vaccinated and people are gathering without distancing we need to ensure that distance and mask protocols are followed.

Children must be constantly reminded on lunch and recess to keep 6 feet apart if no masks are worn or to have their masks on when near others when outdoors.

Eco Team – green light to go with Ms. Faria.

Motion for Virtual Book Fair – Kavita and Christine approved motion.

This will be done just before Christmas; the books will be in before school breaks before the Christmas holidays. There might be a minimum spend, for free shipping. Once it is on the website parents can go on the site at their leisure. Profits from this event go toward purchasing additional resources for the library.

Treasury report

- forms to go to Treasury
- Still \$1300 in school council budget
- Need to get some forms signed in person

Parish Report – Parish Representative still needed

- Father came into the school to determine # of students for community confirmation/communion.
- Asked him about youth groups that might come up, Church would send the info and the school would send to the kids, as he is new to the Parish/community they are still working things out.
- If someone would like to be the Parish representative that would be great

Community Report – Christine Failla

Looked around to see what is going on in Mississauga/Brampton – Downtown Brampton, 4 corners has Spooktacular Saturday. Flyer below.



Car wash on Derry Rd. across from the Go Station between Airport and Goreway has a drive through car wash spooky event from 5 p.m. – 9 p.m. from now till Halloween and get the car washed and inside they have some Halloween scares.

Next meeting Thursday November 25th @ 7:00 p.m.

Questions – None