

St. Elizabeth Seton Parent Council Meeting Minutes

Date: October 5, 2023

Location: Staff Room

Time: 6:00-7:20pm

PARENT COUNCIL MEETING

Meeting date: October 5, 2023

Attendance:

Maryann D'Souza - Principal
Amanda LeBlanc – Chair
Matthew Gray - Co-Chair
Ann Marie Sustar - Teacher Rep
Terri Jean-Marie - Teacher Rep
Brenda Morales - Secretary (2022-2023)
Tihera Archibald – Treasurer
Carnisa Vincent - Parish Rep
Julie Sheridan - Parent Rep (2023-2024)
Paul Wojnarowicz – Parent Rep
Kerri Marineau – Parent Rep
Iryna Cannataro – Parent Rep
Stephanie McQueen-Assefa - Parent Rep
Diana Virk – Parent Rep (2022-2023), Secretary (2023-2024)
Marisol Pasha - Parent Rep (2023-2024)
Twinkle Mathews - Parent Rep

Regrets: Astrid Juarez - OAPCE Rep, Jada Wojnarowicz - Parent Rep

Recorder: Diana Li

Welcome and Introductions

Review Agenda – Matthew Gray, Tihera Archibald 2nd

Review of Minutes – Matthew Gray, Tihera Archibald 2nd

2022-2023 Business

- School BBQ - \$1,500 allocated - raised \$1,332
- Bank balance was \$22,240 as of June 2023
 - \$7,000 technology
 - \$1,250 agendas

2023-2024 Nominations

- Amanda LeBlanc - Chair
 - Matthew Gray - Co-Chair
 - Tihera Archibald - Treasurer
 - Diana Virk - Secretary
 - Carnisa Vincent - Parish Rep
 - Astrid Juarez - OAPCE Rep
 - Kerri Marineau - Parent Rep
 - Iryna Cannataro - Parent Rep
 - Julie Sheridan - Parent Rep
 - Jada Wojnarowicz - Parent Rep
 - Paul Wojnarowicz - Parent Rep
 - Stephanie McQueen-Assefa - Parent Rep
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- Quorum is established at 6 members

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- Future parent council meeting dates: November 2, December 14, February 1, April 4, May 2, June 6

Principal's Report

- Catholic Education Week - May 1-5, 2024
- 322 students as of September 2023 - school budget decreases with reduction of students from last year
- School re-organization occurred - 57 students were moved; student profiles were reviewed extensively before changes were made
- All parents and students have settled well with changes
- LTO: Cassandra Ma, Jacob Jones, Lori SAlerno, Christine Agar-Smyth
- Board looks at the average of 20.3 class in primary grades; St. Elizabeth Seton primary classes at 19-20 students
- Chromebooks/iPads - at present, all students from grade 1 to grade 6 have access to a device provided by the school (many still bring their own home device); iPads are available for kindergarten students; Edwins used by grade 7 and grade 8
- School schedule: recess and lunch are all at the same time for everyone in the school
- Terry Fox Walk - \$940 raised
- Orange Shirt Day - new curriculum includes Indigenous studies
- School opening mass - Father Felix celebrated mass, it was nice to see families present; communion and confirmation dates have been identified
- Food Drive for Thanksgiving - the church had requested gift cards as they did not have space to store any food; all donated food will be going to Eden Food for Change on Friday
- Rosary Apostolate will resume October 16th, rosary will be provided for each student in FDK to grade 8
- Ballroom dancing - Mrs. D'Souza will be sending a letter home to promote entire student body involvement this Tuesday and to clarify who has paid for ballroom dancing
- School requests for this year:
 - Red brick wall - would like to paint the wall white - \$7,000
 - New PA system - \$20,000
 - FDK SmartBoard Mrs. D'Alanno's classroom - \$3,000
- Important Dates:
 - January 25, 2024 at 6pm Feast Day Mass at St. John of the Cross
 - February 13, 2024 - Pancake Tuesday

Student's Report

- Request from Grade 8 students to have hoodies order to be placed earlier so that they can wear them more during the winter time
- This year, there are 27 grade 8 students graduating - will need to review budget at November meeting regarding amount allocated for graduation items (\$15-20/student last year)

Teacher's Report

- Request for Velcro - \$150 - approved
- Students have indicated that they are missing the logs, these were removed due to decay/wear and tear - looking at buddy benches or boulders for outdoor classrooms (options that can be more weather resistant)
- Volleyball has started - new tournament is next Tuesday
- All clubs are up and running - overall, great start to school year

Parish Report

- No updates

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Treasurer's Report

- Next meeting on November 2, 2023 will be budget meeting
- No further updates as September reconciliation not yet completed

OAPCE Report

- No updates

Chair Report

- Pizza Orders have gone out for October, will be starting October 10
- For any field trips (e.g., October 13), pizza will be saved for students
- Parent council needs to identify the number of students that will be supported for Pizza Days
- Dance-a-then information is ready to be posted and will be done via SchoolCash Online
- Mabel's Labels fundraiser - ongoing; \$37.92 currently in account, they will send cheques every time the account reaches \$50

New Business

- Christmas family photos and student Christmas greeting cards as fundraiser on December 1, 2023
- Each student will decorate 3 Christmas greeting cards, these will be sold in bundles of 3 (approximately 1,000 Christmas cards)
- Inquiry into crossing guard at Glen Erin and Windwood Drive - Chair will request a site inspection to initiate this process and copy Brea Corbet, our school trustee

Meeting concluded at: 7:20pm

Next meeting: November 2, 2023 at 6:00pm in school library