

St. Elizabeth Seton Parent Council Meeting Minutes

Date: May 4th, 2023

Location: Staff Room

Time: 6:00-7:10 pm

PARENT COUNCIL MEETING

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Attendance:

Maryann D'Souza - Principal
Amanda LeBlanc – Chair
Matthew Gray - Co-Chair
Ann Marie Sustar - Teacher Rep
Brenda Morales – Secretary
Tihera Archibald – Treasurer
Astrid Juarez - OAPCE Rep
Paul Wojnarowicz – Parent Rep
Kerri Marineau – Parent Rep
Iryna Cannataro – Parent Rep
Diana Virk – Parent Rep
Twinkle Mathews – Parent Rep
Stephanie McQueen-Assefa - Parent Rep
Lort Raheem Alafaa – Grade 8 student
Lily Bennett Lenduay – Grade 8 student
Sujini Timleck – Grade 8 student

Regrets:

Carnisa Vincent - Parish Rep

Recorder: Brenda Morales

Welcome and Introductions

Review Agenda – Tihera Archibald, Matthew Gray 2nd

Review of Minutes – Amanda LeBlanc, Tihera Archibald 2nd

Principal's Report

- **Provided by students**
- Students have thanked the Council for the help throughout the year, special thank you for the help to the Grade 8's
- Diversity talent show – great turnout together with the child and youth worker
- Soccer tournament will be on the last day as the Grade 8 trip (the last day)
- Items are similar to previous meeting
 - Thanking everyone once again for being present during Pancake Tuesday
 - Crowning of Mary on May 19th – Mlle Scornaienchi and Mme Scolic
 - Virtue assemblies continue
 - First Communion and Confirmation Sacraments are now completed - 5th of June will be school celebration
 - Rosary bracelets are being done by Grade 2's - \$11/student (school funding this event)
 - Student/Staff volleyball game being carried out
 - Scientist in school, FDK have completed
 - Staff is to provide all receipts to Principal in time to provide to Council for budget □ in by the 16th of June
 - Book Fair continues during school hours – unfortunately an evening time slot was not provided to parents

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- o Swim to Survive for Grade 3's – free event in June
- o Diversity and Equity – mandated by the Board and Ministry to have a session at every staff meeting – most recent was discussing appropriate language to use
- o Grade 8's transition to Grade 9 – students had a chance to go to Gonzaga (High School) □ ***Cosmetology tour and introduction to different Trades, Greenhouse***
- o Summer Programs are being offered by the High Schools this year after the pandemic – end of August – be a 'shadow'
- o Thanking the Council once again for the Technology funded for the school
- o Grade 4 FI's who are leaving the school – gift to give them as well – suggestions welcome (key rings still available) □ Mrs. D'Souza is providing tote bags with logo to those children
- o Projections for Teacher placements have been provided to Principal
- o Grade 8 students are going to Dave and Busters for the day on June 19th
- o Grade 8 Graduation is June 26 at St. John of the Cross 6pm
- o Student Choir had an event at the Board building and was very successful – they are to sing at the Grade 8 Graduation Mass
- o Ballroom dancing for all students 2023-2024 academic year – 8 classes is \$20/student – requesting support from Council of \$10/student □ projected to start in October
- o Thank you for all Parent Council – June 23rd, 1pm □ volunteer appreciation, along with the Virtue Assembly
- o Play Day, June 22nd – logistics of how to cook the hot dogs being discussed – lunch is at 11:45am □ ice cream truck arrives at 1pm
- o Community Engagement is June 8th
- o Xmovement is June 8th
- o Outdoor movie night no longer happening – fun idea for next year

Teacher's Report

- Provided together with the Principal's Report
- In our FDK we don't have a lot of diverse choices (ex. Dolls, books) – requesting from Council to budget for money allotment □ as there is very limited resources at the moment, requesting as much as you can give
- Requesting full supply for the 3rd FDK class – the third class for the following Academic Year has not been confirmed
- Parent Rep has volunteered to donate diversity books – list to be provided to Principal for approval

Parish Report

- Schools providing updates on Holy Week at their schools and also what has been done for Easter and the Sacrament celebrations
- Youth Group do Stations of the Cross – 2023 theme/inspiration from Mary and her point of view
- Youth Day fundraising will continue so keep an eye out for that in the Bulletin
- Summer Camp is being run for 2 weeks, different themes \$150/week € 9 to 3:30 + extended care for additional fee
- Next meeting will be in October 11th, 2023 for new academic year

Treasurer's Report

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- \$23,000 balance as of March 31st – most items are outstanding (remaining budget items)

OAPCE Report

- Trying to get 'Speaker' to come to school – Internet safety presentation for this academic year or next Miguel Martinez is a coach and is great with kids and teaches children on how to navigate through internet and social media

Chair Report

- Form for hot dogs to be sent out to families ensuring they specify dietary restrictions

Meeting concluded at 7:10pm

Next meeting: June 1st, 6pm