

St. Nicholas Catholic School Council Meeting

Wednesday November 27, 2024

Meeting Start: 6:33 p.m.

Meeting Adjourn: 8:26 p.m.

Co-Chairs: V. Bonofiglio & M. Grossi

Secretary: M. Nicolosi

Attendees: Valerie Bonofiglio (Co-Chair)
Maria Grossi (Co-Chair)
Maria Castro (Principal)
Marie Steward (Vice Principal)
Nathalie Pavao (Treasure)
Melissa Nicolosi (Secretary Backup)
Luana Onisto (Parish Rep)
Lisa Castellucci (Community Rep)
Tanya Marra (Teaching Rep)
Tania Diamantakos (OAPCE Rep)
Paola Dametto-Giovannozzi (Trustee)
Angela Massaroni
Amie Fernandez
Andrea Aveiro
Sabrina DeBiase
Daniela Plodinec
Tania Lortez
Jessica Freites

Absent Members: Stephanie Turner (Secretary), Annayancy Garza, Lisa Morrone, Lisa Triassi, Lisa Tavares

Opening Prayer: Led by V. Bonofiglio

Approval of Agenda

MOTION: To approve agenda dated November 27, 2024: V. Bonofiglio

Seconded: S. DeBiase

MOTION CARRIED

Approval of Minutes

MOTION: To approve the minutes dated October 23, 2024: V. Bonofiglio

Seconded: M. Grossi

MOTION CARRIED

Approval of September Financial Statement

MOTION: To approve the October finance statement: V. Bonofiglio

Seconded: M. Nicolosi

MOTION CARRIED

School Update

- (Paola) Peel Region Bike Rack program – Schools located in Peel Region can apply for a maximum of four bike racks, each with a capacity for securing eight bicycles. Peel Region will cover the costs of the racks only.

- (Paola) Asking council to fund gowns for grad students. To be discussed at next meeting.
- Looking for volunteers to help lead the Rosary with students once per month from October – May. Starting in January at Holy Family, and goal is to service all Bolton schools.
- Living Nativity invitation coming soon. Looking to get Tims to donate hot chocolate, and Starbucks to donate coffee (Community Outreach program)
- A big thank you to all who helped organize the Christmas Craft Night. It was a wonderful evening with excited families. Looking to rebook same Santa for next year.
- As a result of an audit a few years back, all schools in DPCDSB will be switching financial institutions to CIBC. This is mainly due to high fees. This will change our account layout, with Parent council and School Generated accounts being amalgamated to 1. There will be sub categories for the respective fundraising accounts to show where money is allocated.
- Gr. 8's attended the Level Up! Skilled Trade Fair Nov 28th
- Gr. 7 & 8's had a Pathway to Success teacher come in Nov 25th to help each student be more prepared to make a well researched, informed and personalized choice regarding their post secondary education
- Bullying Awareness week Nov 18th – 22nd. Students participated in various "spirit week" events, one being the colour challenge. Juniors won as the most wearing blue, and were rewarded with the entire field for one lunch

Council Business

- Hot Lunches
 - Harvey's was successful and received 190 orders
 - Parent feedback regarding lunches: Too many hot lunch days/options citing financial struggles, want more healthy options and variety. Send out survey to school community after Dec 13th trial, to obtain feedback on all hot lunches
 - Will be trying out Soup Du Jour to gauge community's interest on Dec 13th (Chilli, Grilled chicken wrap or Salad)
 - If we move ahead with Harvey's, considering removing chips and drink to lower cost
 - Sampled Ginos Pizza at meeting, more expensive than Pizza Pizza
 - Decide next meeting if we stick with Mr. Sub or replace with another option (Soup Du Jour?)
 - Next round of hot lunch orders (Bar Burrito & Pizza) will take place from Dec 2nd – 15th
- Christmas Event
 - Santa emailed M. Castro and provided all digital images. M. Castro and M. Steward to send images to each family.
 - Note for next year: start Santa pictures 15 minutes after registration to avoid long line up
 - A. Massaroni not providing decorations for next year, should start buying decoration for school to use at event.

MOTION: To approve \$500 to the Christmas event to purchase new decorations: N. Pavao

Seconded: M. Grossi

MOTION CARRIED

- Operation Christmas Child: received less boxes than last year
- Spring Fair
 - Start asking businesses now for donations. Letter to be revised to be more generalized so we can ask businesses outside of Bolton/Caledon
- Sport Tickets
 - Raptors 905 farm team available – highest ticket price is \$45

- M. Nicolosi/V. Bonofiglio to obtain updated pricing for TFC, looking at a summer game to sell tickets. Require a block to be purchased. Decide on game next meeting

Community Update

- November 29th Blue Smoke Bolton
 - Hot Country Dance Party
 - Free line dancing
- November 30th from 10am – 2pm
 - Welcoming Winter community event day @ Albion Hills
 - Outdoor activities and crafts
- December 6th from 6pm – 10pm
 - Annual Christmas in the Valley
 - Christmas event featuring a vendor/artisan market, free photos with Santa, tree lighting, food trucks and more!
- December 7th @ 11:00am
 - Bolton Kin Santa Claus Parade 2024
- Mars Canada Doubles Donations
 - Every dollar donated to Caledon Community Services between now and December 31, 2024, will be matched dollar-for-dollar by Mars Canada, up to \$25,000

Parish Update

- Advent Bible study starting Wednesday November 27th from 4-5pm. 4 week read through of the Nativity Stories.
- December 3rd – Light up for Christ at 7:30pm
- “The Giving Tree” mounted on November 20th, engraved with the names of parishioners who donated
- Will have a box for donations to the church’s heater fund at the live nativity on December 17th.
- Confirmation/Communion registration closed. Dates to follow

OAPCE Update

- New Instagram account now live @OAPCE85
- X account @OAPCEONTARIO
- Facebook account OAPCE85!

Meeting Adjourned: 8:26 p.m.