

St. John Bosco Catholic School Council - Minutes

Meeting Date: October 5, 2022

In Attendance

Emile Ferlisi, Devon Straw, Paula Lima, Allyson Darmanin, Sandra Caputo, Ida Bellizzi, Lana Crozier, Isabel Biasini, Kerri-Ann Gunn, Tobi Guyer, and Melissa

Parent Council Elections

- See below the Elected School Council, and welcome to all new members.
- Please check if you have a copy of the St. John Bosco - School Council By-laws and please forward to Emile.

	Name	Title	Email Address
1	Emile Ferlisi	Acting Principal	emile.ferlisi@dpcdsb.org
2	Paula Lima	Chair	paulamc.lima@gmail.com
3	Allyson Darmanin	Secretary	darmaninhouse@icloud.com
4	Sandra Caputo	Treasurer	scaputo@rogers.com
5	Ida Bellizzi	Parish Representative	bellizziida4@gmail.com
6	Julio Vilela	Teacher Representative	Julio.vilela@dpcdsb.org
7	Devon Straw	Teacher Representative	devon.straw@dpcdsb.org
8	Lana Crozier	Parent Representative	lanacrozier@yahoo.ca
9	Isabel Biasini	Parent Representative	l.biasine@gmail.com
10	Kerri-Ann Gunn	Parent Representative	kerrieagunn@gmail.com
11	Tobi Guyer	Parent Representative	tobiguyer@hotmail.com
12	Melissa	Parent Representative	Melisb81@yahoo.ca

Principal Updates

- Staff, students and community moral is great, as we begin the school year with less Covid Restrictions, protocols, and emails.
- There was a minor reorganization. We have approximately 265 Students enrolled, 12 classrooms.
- We have begun a Maintenance Program for the School Property. The removal of the trees was required due to lack of grooming, damaged and overgrown, which caused a safety issue to the lights. There will be a plan in place to improve the school entrance.
- Classes/Students have been assigned their Chrome books or Edwin's.

- Open House was a success. It was so great to have the Staff, Students and Families together again.
- October 6th will be our first mass with Father Roger.
- Emile, will continue with his Weekly Friday Updates.

Teacher Update

- Teachers are organizing clubs. So far we have started Cross Country, Volleyball, Chess, and Eco. We suggested if any students would like to create a Student Council, Year Book and Art Club, or any other clubs that the students are interested in that can be supported by the school.
ACTION: Devon and Emile will check if Students are interested in more clubs. Emile will look into an Art Club, with Paula as she has volunteered to assist in the club.
- Eco Students are working on a plan for School Property to enhance it's beauty. Opportunity for funds raised by Parent Council fundraisers to support.
- Staff is communicating with each other on which School Speakers should be booked (Motivation, Bullying, Trafficking).
- Students, who were referred for Tutoring has begun, held twice a week.
- Quebec Trip information was sent home for Grade 7/8. More details will be communicated to parents.

Treasure Report

- We currently have \$1635.59

Fundraising

- Fundraising ideas:
Small Fundraising Suggestions:
 1. Kernels Popcorn- we have a \$4000.00 credit. We hope to raise \$1500 profit. It will not be the same way did it a few years ago, as price is higher, manufacturing the bags is different. Allyson will send information/draft plan how we can roll out the Kernels Fundraiser on a separate email.
ACTION: Allyson create plan and email to School Council
 2. Cookie Days – great suggestion to have Cookie Days. We purchase Terra Cottta Cookies, Orders will be online, and we distribute at afternoon recess. Plan for 3x a year. Council all agreed this is fantastic idea and to move forward with it.
ACTION: Allyson will create a plan /cost and provide at next meeting.
 3. Freeze Days- we purchase Freezes, Orders will be on online, and we distribute at afternoon recess. Plan for we can plan for 2x in the Spring 2023.
 4. Dominos Pizza- specific nights a family orders pizza, then our School will gain money.
ACTION: Melissa will look into the details and provide at next meeting.
- **Large Fundraising Suggestions:** We want to try to kick off our large Fundraiser as soon as possible.
- 5. Laura Secord and Purdy's Chocolates:- Laura Secord is the most popular, as Purdys chocolates are more money. Laura Secord we no not need any money up front.

ACTION: Allyson will create a plan and email to School Council

6. Big Box Cards- This is a greeting card set in a box.

ACTION: Sandra will look into the details and provide at the next meeting.

- School Council needs to Staff requests for any funding they may require.

ACTION: Emile and Devon will discuss requests from teachers

Other Business

- Halloween Dance will be held Monday October 31. Sandra and Allyson will help assist decorate the gym in the morning. Danny and Paula will DJ and set up Projectors. If any School Council members have any Halloween items they can donate it would be appreciated. You can drop it off at the office. Allyson will pick a few pieces from Dollar stores, and keep it under \$50.00. We would like students/class to be involved. Suggesting Decorate a Pumpkin (no knives will be used) Need to see if we can get a deal on pumpkins, as we need 12.
ACTION: All, if you see a deal on pumpkins please share with us.
Danny and Paula to organize music play list (need to send requests lists to classes)
Allyson and Sandra will touch base regarding set up, with Danny and Paula.
- Christmas Celebration, Date to be confirmed based on gym and Santa availability.
From past years, we need to extend the event, as we need more time for picture with Santa. We agreed the event can start be from 5:00 or 5:30 up to 8:30, clean up is 8:30-9:00
Need new ideas for the event, Santa Mailbox, Elves, Face Painting, Balloon Maker etc. Cookie decorating table.
ACTION: Emile and Paula will advise on the date. Everyone to brainstorm on ideas, and prices needed, need for next meeting, or please send via email, as timeline is tight. If anyone has a budget friendly balloonist etc please reach out.
- Music Program/instruments for students. Emile will look into the cost of small musical equipment, maintenance, staffing/teaching etc. Suggestion on Media Library Resources may be an option.
ACTION: Emile look into if we are able to purchase and maintain music program
- Does the school have Hokkie Stools for students who require them, or a need for any students.
ACTION: Emile will speak with the Staff and School Specialist if there is a need for any students
- Year Books – We would like to see a creative yearbook, with all events, and what can we do to assist. Emile will look into what is needed for the yearbook and send out permission forms for students to be in the Yearbook, so that we can start gathering memories.
ACTION: Emile and Devon will look into what is required.
- Need to improve our Social Media (Twitter/School Website), and communication to parents on events. All events should be shared so that parents may have the option to attend (example: Cross Country, Mass etc). The community has already had great feed back on Emilie's Friday's updates.
ACTION: Emile will look into how the School can improve on communication all events etc.

NEXT MEETING

APPROVED