

St. John Bosco Catholic School Council - Minutes

Meeting Date: March 20, 2024

In Attendance

Tony McLoughlin, Sandra Caputo, Michelle Joseph, Ida Bellizzi, Isabel Biasini, Tanya Francisco, Melissa Bates, Ashley Callaghan (online), Brittney Wilson(online), Tania Da Costa, Chuana Scarfoni, Nellie Pacheco(Non-Teaching Rep), Marisa D., Tobi Guyer, Sharmila Alwin, Paula Lima

Opening Prayer / Land of Acknowledgment

Opening and closing prayers – Sandra
Land Acknowledged- Mr. McLoughlin – Acting Principal

Minutes Approved

Minutes Approved by Isabel and Chuana

Meeting – Shawn Xaviour School Trustee and Brian Diodo Superintendent

- **Questions and responses directed to Shawn**
- Update from the board- Financial Report Deficit 36.5M
- 2024/2025 Student Needs coming out soon
- Live Action Webinar Wed. Apr. 24
- Enrollment issues, there are decreased numbers for next school year
- Community – Health and Safety – Air Quality issues with heating, talked to the super intendant. Someone is coming to check the HVAC system – Trying to get AC for the school, it has been an issue for years. schools have been retrofitted , and Bosco hasn't gotten it. Students have left to go to other schools with AC. Shawn is going to look into the schools that have been retrofitted for the AC and find out where on the list the school is standing. He will find out what we need to do to bring it forward.
- Front Stairs need to be done, and there has been a ticket given already in the board.
- Traffic Issues – Speeding during school hours. Sending someone from the committee to check the issue.

Questions and Responses directed to Brian

- Acting Principal and where our school stands with getting a new permanent principal.
- There were 15 vacancies to be filled and 10 principals went through
- There are no Vice Principals ready to take on the Principal role, they are looking for people with atleast 3-6 months of experience, and it's not fair to put all the responsibilities on a Principal that is not ready. There has been postings in other school boards for people that are interested that will take the placement. They were able to cover a few positions, but not all.
- We need someone here to fix the problems within the school.
- There should be someone appointed to the school from spring, but will not start until the new year. We need someone that is seasoned, strong, experienced, and willing to come here.
- To have someone start between now and June would be hard.
- Associate Director were talking about the issues

- For our June 1&12 events they are trying to be there and Brian will be here and help if we don't have an acting Principal and he will help to support the event
- (Parent)- Parents that aren't part of council are not aware of what is happening within the school, and asking the trustee to make a letter that goes out to the school.
- (Parent) Effective communication with the parents – minutes need to be out sooner because by the time they are it is outdated.
- (Parent) The kids need stability- the kids are running the school, and they need a principal to show this stability and being on the 4th principal doesn't show that. There has been a change in the school. The kids have already gone through enough with covid, and behaviour issues are off the hook. They don't respect the teachers, and principals. It is a changed community with not having the proper support.
- Trust that he will get a principal for the school and he will try his best.

Treasurers Update

- \$5286.96 in the account
- \$500 – Parent Engagement
- Outstanding- Sub Open until June
- Everything is cleared
- Necklaces have not been taken off for Communion
- Cards and Chains – Communion (April 6)
- Need to confirm on Confirmation (May17)- Given at the church

Teacher Update

- Nutritioners Visit – March 21
- Legoland for Primary Classes – March 22
- Art Club – Ms. Gorgatti
- Crochet Club – Ms. Dunn
- Chess Tournament on March 22

Spring Market

- Communicated with vendors on IG
- Waiting for application
- Need Insurance
- Need to extend the permit
- Kids Application
- Mr. McLoghlin (Principal) Will sit in on the meeting
- Who wants to help with the market – Tanya will lead the market, Sandra- Students, and Isabel treasurer (financials)
- Meeting will be on Friday March 22 at 1pm

Other Business

- End Of Year Bosco- Bosco Families, magicians, etc, Make it bigger for the school.
- Intermediate Trip- An Extended Day, planning in lue of the Muskoka Trip for Grades 7 and 8. This will take place the first week of June. Ms. Mudogno and Ms. Barbe are organizing/planning

NEXT MEETING

Next Meeting – April 24 at 6 – Decided by the Board