St. John Bosco Catholic School Council - Minutes

Meeting Date: October, 9 2024

# In Attendance

Andrew D’Souza (Principal), Cathy Fay (Acting Secretary), Nellie Pacheco (Non-Teaching Rep) , Silvana Viola (Teacher Rep), Melissa D’Amico (Teacher Rep), Trinh Lu, Ida Bellizzi, Sandra Caputo, Isabel Biasini, Melissa Bates, Marisa, Ashley Callaghan, Brittney Wilson, Kerrie, Tanya, Sharmila, Chuana, Michelle Joseph, Cristina Spizzirri (Online)

# Opening Prayer / Land of Acknowledgment

Prayer and Acknowledgment – Mr. D’Souza

# Minutes Approved

Minutes for June will be approved at next meeting. – Brittney and Isabel

# Principal Update

* Student safety was first priority with the roof repair at the beginning of school.
* Kiss and Ride safety with the students
* Staffing issue, still short .2
* There are 12 classes, 2 gifted
* 258 Students
* Portapak still officially shuttered.
* Roof is complete, still some minor issues with asbestos in the piping in the portapak. This will be addressed and removed on the weekend
* FDK area- Looking into the removal of the sand box, request made to look at the whole area, and find a temporary solution to cover the sandbox.
* Air Condition- Ongoing concerns- Trying to stay with the plan from last year with cooling centres: Office, Library, Mr. Brewers Room. The principal is looking into new solutions and waiting for the concerns to be addressed with him. Looking into getting the gym air conditioned.
* There is a chart with schools that need AC, but there are schools that do not have any units. We are on the list but we are checked off as we do have it because of the few units that we have. We need to go higher for this to be addressed.

**Upcoming Activities**

* Cross Country – October 16
* Junior Volleyball is underway FOS tournament October 17, 18
* EQAO results are in, will be sent home soon
* Thanksgiving Mass – October 17 in the gym @ 9:30am- Parents are invited, Limited parking
* Vaccination Clinic for Grades 7&8 – October 21
* Picture Day – October 25
* PALS (Leadership group – social skills, playing) starting training on October 28th
* HEAL- mental health, leadership group planning has started
* Intermediate Volleyball starts soon
* December Advent Mass- Look into getting the families from the school more involved and attending. Speak to Father Roger
* First Holy Communion – May 3
* Confirmation – June 4th
* Dental Screening – June 4th
* Intermediate Trip is in the works, Staff invited to send proposals
* Graduation- June 23rd
* Some Challenges – Parking, Kiss and Ride, Bus Lanes Issues – Looking for solution to help with this.
* Phones with students is an issue- parents calling and texting the students during school hours. There needs to be a solution given to help with this – Possible shoe caddy to hold phones.

GSF - $8000 in the red – Pay back $6000- over spent – School Operating Budget

The Money was spent for things for the students

August 30- GSF $23,429 - $6000 = $17,429

# Teachers Update

* Teacher’s Wishlist = Headphones, electric sharpener, outdoor equipment, mural in library, board games (need to see if they can be donated), art supplies, calming sensory items

# Parish Update

* Father Gomie left St. Marguerite D’Youville Parish
* Reconciliation- February 25th
* First Holy Communion – May 3rd
* Confirmation – June 4th
* Knights of Columbus are looking for coat donations

# Treasurers Update

* $4400 – in the account as of August 30

# General Items – Sandra

* Supporting Graduation, Communion, Confirmation, Art Club
* Look into healthy eating programs
* Scientist in the School – Looking to do it in January, planning to book different days. $249 a session, some classes may combine to save on cost, and have the grades together.
* Orange Shirt Day- Needs to be more recognized by the older grades/school, not just primary
* Give Backs – Halloween Dance, Pumpkin decorating competition, get decorations for the gym from the teachers.
* Pizza Day and chips for the winner per division
* Halloween budget $400
* Chuana will pick up the pumpkins and deliver to the school
* Santa Night – November 28 – Approved

# Other Business

* Fundraiser for the school year
* Poinsettias – Starting in November - Approved
* Krispy Kreme – January 6 – Approved
* Domino’s Pizza – December 13, February 14, May 16 – Approved
* Hot Lunch Options, we need to discuss and choose – Subway, Harveys, Baker’s Jerk, Mackay Pizza- we can discuss other options and the day of the week for each

# NEXT MEETING

**November 7 -In the library @6pm**