St. John Bosco Catholic School Council - Minutes

Meeting Date: November 7, 2024

# In Attendance

Andrew D’Souza, Cathy Fay, Silvana Viola, Melissa D’Amico, Sandra Caputo, Michelle Joseph, Ida Bellizzi, Isabel Biasini, Ashley Callaghan (Online), Brittney Wilson, Tobi Guyer (Online), Marisa D., Cristina Spizzirri, Justine Resendes

# Opening Prayer / Land of Acknowledgment

Opening and Closing Prayer – Brittney

Land Acknowledgement – Mr. D’Souza

# Minutes Approved

Minutes Approved For October 9 – Isabel, Brittney

# Principal Update

* New staff member – Laura Serpe, she comes in on Wednesdays for planning time
* Budget- Around $10,000 – Coming from pizza throughout the year, allocating money to language arts supplies, trips, graduation
* Acadiance Reading -Screening for primary students
* Math- trying to make it more engaging and fun for students. Looking to purchase games, cards, math manipulatives
* Shortages with emergency supply instructors – Looking to hire two more emergency supplies
* ERW Shortage – Throughout the board
* Board Wide Problem- Cellphones – Trouble with students using their phones and being taken away, parents need reminders not to text or call. Still trying to find a better solution for classrooms
* Parking Kiss and Ride- Brampton Safety Assessment – Delay with Strike with City of Brampton
* Proposal put in for the Bus Area and Kiss and Ride Area to be switched
* Parking control is aware of the situation at the school
* Looking for parent volunteers to help with the Kiss and Ride and Bus area
* FDK yard- Got rid of the sand box, and turf was laid
* Working on getting an electronic signage board with the school name for outside of the school – So the school can be seen from the road
* Working on Spirit Wear for the school – shirts and sweaters
* Progress Reports – Next TuesdayNovember 12
* Interviews November 14 (evening) – online booking tools for interviews , school interviews.ca
* Primary classes booking interviews on paper
* Book Fair – December 2-6, Looking to go cashless, using the app Mydoh
* Cross Country went well
* Intermediate Volleyball on the go
* Art Club is starting
* Chess Club is starting
* Continuing to advocate for AC in the school
* Next Tuesday Board meeting – topic on AC will be on it, listen to the meeting to hear what the plan will be.

# Teachers Update

* X (Twitter Account)- Taken care of by Mr. Brewer
* Art Club- Primary and Juniors – Intermediates are helping with it. Teachers leading Art club – Ms. Miller, Ms. Chippetta, and Ms. Patel
* Rememberance Day celebration in the gym on Monday November 11
* December 11- Primary Concert
* Spirit Week – December 16-20
* Pizza Winners from Halloween Pumpkin Competition – All receiving it on December 20

# Chair Update

* Halloween – Wonderful event, pumpkins were amazing and they all looked great! Was very hard for the judges to choose.
* Police Checks need to be updated for the school and for volunteering
* Forms for the chips need to be revised and stated clearly to make sure that they understand that they don’t want the chips
* Fundraiser Update – Poinsettias are live, Mr. Brewer posted information for it on X (Twitter), closes Novemebr 22, and they will be delivered on December 6.
* Upcoming Event- Santa Night
* Dates for next meetings – Looking to have monthly meetings – Online and in person options- January 14 or 15, February 19

# Treasurer Report

* $500 added to parent engagement funding to $1500- nothing was allocated to this funding from last year. This fund is used for an engagement night, we can use it for the year end event.
* $35 Dough Raiser from June Dominoes
* $4890.72 in the account
* Halloween – outstanding receipt from Pumpkins (Chuana)
* $350 Halloween Budget - $200 Halloween, $150 Pizza Party
* Subway Orders are going well, no glitches- going into our 4th week
* Averaging about 50 subs a week

# Parish Report

* Bulletin online
* Advent Mass- Parent teacher mass – tentative date December 10, need to confirm with Father Roger
* Confirmation Classes started – Wednesdays and Saturdays
* Note from Father Roger – Rite of Enrollment Weekend – November 16/17 – Confirmation candidates will be presenting their letters of interest to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation

# Parent and School Action Items

* First Giveback – Halloween Dance, and Pumpkins
* Second Giveback – SANTA NIGHT – Isabel is running it, and Ashley is back up. Working together with council, Lead for Santa – Ashley.
* Event will be November 28 from 5pm-8pm
* Budget - $1060 – Approved
* Pizza will be available prepurchased – Cash Online
* Fundraisers – Poinsettias
* Krispy Kreme – Starting January 6
* **Hot Lunches –** Monday – Subway, Tuesday – Pizza, Thursday – Harveys (Approved)
* Scientist in the School - $1600 Council, $900 School Budget

# NEXT MEETING

* Meeting in the New year- Communion, Graduation support – Council supports $1000, school budget to help with Grad

**Tentative Date January 14 or 15**