St. John Bosco Catholic School Council - Minutes

Meeting Date: January 14, 2025

# In Attendance

Andrew D’Souza, Cathy Fay, Melissa D’Amico(Online), Sandra Caputo, Michelle Joseph, Isabel Biasini, Ashley Callaghan, Brittney Wilson, Tobi Guyer, Cristina Spizzirri(Online), Justine Resendes, Tanya Francisco, Melissa Bates, Trinh Lu, Kerrie-Ann Gunn(Online)

# Opening Prayer / Land of Acknowledgment

Opening and Closing Prayer – Ashley and Brittney

Land Acknowledgment- Mr. D’Souza

# Minutes Approved

Minutes Approved- Isabel, Sandra, Cathy

# Principal Update

* Two new students started- New total 261 students
* Remembrance Day Liturgy went very well
* Volleyball went well
* Art Club is weekly, and going very well
* Christmas Santa Night was a hit, everything came together beautifully- the superintendent came to check out the event and was very impressed
* Training sessions online was missed as it was the same evening as Christmas night- Going to send the sessions out via email to the council members once received
* Advent Mass went well and was well attended
* Lunchbox- Reached out to another principal to inquire about this program and learn more about it to see if it something that we could use at our school. It is up on School Cash Online as a trial and we can cancel at anytime. There are more questions that we are waiting to be answered before we agree to keep it or not. As of right now we have Monday- Subway (Council), Tuesday- Pizza (School), Thursday- Harvey’s (Council)- With having Lunch we may be able to add in more days for other hot lunch options.
* Indoor soccer has started- Ms. Mudugno, and Ms. DeBueno
* Junior Basketball- Mr. Brewer, and Mr. Scorcia
* Chess Club- Mr. Vilela, and Mr. Quirk – There will be a club for fun, and competitive
* School Generated funds- $15,000 – outstanding bills- Christmas arts and crafts, valentine’s art supplies, athletics need to be replenished, basketballs need to be purchased by size for intermediate and junior, cab fare expenses to be covered for games and tournaments
* Subsidize – Scientist in the school – This program has already started, and it will be covered by council and school funds
* Mme. Daniel – Carnaval (Week of February 10-13) Carnaval events for the students and families. The school will help cover this week’s activities
* Trip subsidy- will help to cover some of the costs
* Graduation- falls under funding from the school
* Report Cards go home on February 12 – Interviews on February 13 evening, and during the day on February 14
* Rosary Apostolates – continuing to go strong
* Graduation Photos – January 30
* January 31- Feast Day @ 9:30 in the gym with Father Roger- Father will be going to see Grade 2 and 7 classes

# Teachers Update

* Pancake Tuesday on March 4 – School covers this. Teachers and students will help with this, and it will be in the library- Teachers will ask students to bring an extra drink for that day
* Art Club Started- Ms. Miller, Ms. Chippetta, and Ms. Patel all help with this club- Some supplies from the council stock are being used. Juniors and intermediates alternate weeks, and the intermediates help with the junior classes when needed.
* Teacher’s Wishlist – Back Packs with Bosco Logo for students – Voted – 7 yes, 4 no – approved by council – Questions to be asked before purchased

# Parish Update

* Bulletin is online
* Mass with families- Thursday Night during lent – Date to follow with Father Roger
* Reconciliation – February 12
* Holy First Communion – May 3
* Confirmation – June 4
* There are calendars available at the church

# Treasurers Update

* $5456.16 in our account – scientist in the school not deducted from this total
* Halloween – Pizza parties happened on Dec.20, Chuana was paid. Total spent $375.80 (chips, decorations, pizza parties)
* Christmas Santa Night – Total spent $1075.91- Made $377 on pizza bringing our total spent to $698.91- Paid for Santa, Pictures, Crafts and pizza
* Poinsettia Fundraiser – Sold 135 Units at all different price points. We made $521.78. We were able to keep the cost down and keep the price the same as last year.
* Krispy Kreme Fundraiser- Starting January 15 to February 21- We are allotted 200 boxes- They will be sold for $14 a box

#  Chair Update

* Hot Lunches – Well received by families and students
* Poinsettia Fundraiser – Beautiful and well received, everyone was happy
* Bosco Santa Night- Well received, wonderful event, pictures were beautiful, and parents were very happy. Parent Council did very well keeping everything together with organizing, and helping
* A letter and cheque will be written to William Osler Hospital Children’s Department for a donation of $220
* Training session videos for council member positions will be sent out when received. Have been requested.
* Fundraisers- Lunches, poinsettias, Krispy Kreme have kept us busy financially and Sandra (Chair) will be looking at the books to ensure that we are following accordance to policies and GAAP. This is not a reflection on anyone or positions, it is just to make sure we are all on track. Any findings will be disclosed at the next Parent Council meeting hopefully.
* In the role as Chair,” I need help and feedback with Section B6:8 15 I am to “Ensure that there is regular communication with the school community” Looking to parent council for help to see how this should be done and would like to make sure that everyone’s voice and opinion is heard. This includes hearing from teachers, and non-teaching principal to. Once this is collaborated, an update will be given
* GSF Account the principal covered this, and talked about where money will be allocated
* “Participate Faith Development, information and training program”- Speak to Parish Reps and Priests to see what more we can do this year and will provide an update.

# Other Business/ Parent and School Action

* CCCSC- Training videos will be sent out when given, meeting dates will be given in advance
* OAPCE- Next meeting will be online Thursday February 13 @ 7pm
* 2025 Fundraisers- Krispy Kreme- Isabel and Michelle will pick up order on February 28
* Bosco Spring Market- Vendors Market/ Student Vendors – Needs to be approved, and dates need to be chosen
* Dough Raiser – February 14 from Domino’s Pizza at Williams and Torbram
* Fundraiser Possibilities – Bingo Night- Possibly the last week of April, Movie Night- Possibly in May- Would have a concession stand for both nights.

# NEXT MEETING

**February 24 or 25 @ 6:30pm**