

## Notre Dame Catholic School Council Meeting – May 24, 2011.

Present: Jeff Lafontaine, Jennifer Biamonte, Peggi Boutin, Lesley-Anne Cook-Kay, Tina Devlin, Sue DiMaurizio, Nancy Gardner, Michelle Keltos, Melinda Multari, Christine Rotundo, Laura Saelens, Lissa Scozzafava, Cathy Stranges, Lori Vieira

Regrets: Lucy Camisa, Lori Marchese, Dina Marcon-Argenta, Caroline Matovic, Kathleen Parr

### Welcome and Prayer

- Mrs. Scozzafava opened with a prayer.

### Approval of Minutes

- The minutes of the last meeting were presented.
- Motion to approve the minutes by Mrs. Scozzafava and seconded by Mrs. DiMaurizio. The motion was carried.

### Principal's Report

- The schedule of activities for the end of the year.
- EQAO is starting on Monday with the Grade 3 and Tuesday for Grade 6.
- Diagnostic assessments are occurring now ... DRA, Benchmarks and Observation Surveys.
- Track and Field is on Monday, May 30th at Oakes Park for the school. June 9<sup>th</sup> is the Board's Track and Field.
- A good portion of the school is going to see Joseph at the Niagara Falls Convention Centre. Various year end trips will also be occurring in June. Grade 8s decided on their own to go to Great Wolf Lodge. Parents will be informed as soon as possible about the dates and all trips are in some way curriculum related. Funds for track and field bussing will be covered by the school.

### Chair's Report

- Mrs. Biamonte will be forwarding new by-laws for vetting to the school council members.
- Last Thursday, Jen, Sue and Jeff attended the Partners in Catholic Education dinner and Geoff Green was the guest speaker.
- The Page family sent a thank you note to the school for the support given in the recent loss of their brother/uncle.

### Financial Report

- Mr. Lafontaine presented the financial report as per the agenda. The full Bingo report was presented in detail as promised from the April council meeting. Mrs. Biamonte put forth the idea of applying some of the surplus Bingo funds toward year end trips so we can ask for the least amount possible from parents. No one will ever be excluded because of financial students at our school. For next year, Mr. Lafontaine will be asking teachers next year to ensure that the whole school trips be the same amount of money...perhaps using the Bingo allowance for year-end trip only. Reminder was made to set the date for the Grade 8 celebration (cake and gift). Some things have been added in that was not in the original budget...kinects, winter carnival, student council t-shirts, track and field have come up since September.

### Teacher Report

- Mrs. Saelens is having a father's day car wash on June 14<sup>th</sup> for JK/SK.
- Mrs. Rotundo discussed the EQAO process and the success of the HOWL group activities this year.

### Committee Reports

- Mrs. DiMaurizio had no feedback for the book list for the PRO grant so she will be putting in the order for the materials.
- Gardens are looking beautiful. Surplus of pansies were given to the JK/SK class.
- Graduation is June 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- Mrs. Parr sent in that there is no update for Parish report other than the bulletin. We have also had our confirmation last week and Bishop Gerard Bergie was wonderful, he speaks on the same level as the kids.
- Bingo needs one person for June 9<sup>th</sup> bingo, the day of Joseph.
- The barbeque is booked for the family barbeque through M&M. Various parents are pricing the supplies needed but we will be in budget. The schedule is created for all volunteers and the teachers will be asked to supervise the bouncer. Some gym equipment will be required from the school as well as the large chess set.
- Hot lunch is on Thursday, June 26<sup>th</sup>.
- The yearbook is proof read and going to print in the near future. Cookie is doing 2010/11 and the school will be doing 2011/2012. Miss Anderson will send home the yearbook order letter for this year.

### New Business:

- Mr. Lafontaine presented the success of the Kinex program. It was found that the teams that worked together received the best results. We are continuing to work through the grades so others will have an opportunity. Joseph Becevel is looking into other games to extend the program.
- Maria Scaringi (the music teacher) had her last day today. There will be an insert in the June newsletter for next year. Mrs. Scozzafava inquired about other instruments such as guitar. Perhaps an inquiry could be made to Rick Rose for next year.

### Adjournment

- Mrs. Scozzafava motioned to close the meeting, seconded by Mrs. Devlin.