

# St. Denis Catholic School Council

## MINUTES

January 16, 2024

6:30 p.m.

### 1. Land Acknowledgement:

The Niagara Catholic District School Board wishes to honour the Indigenous people who have been the protectors of this land, known as Turtle Island, for more than ten thousand years. We begin this meeting by acknowledging the land on which we gather is the traditional territory of the Haudenosaunee and Anishinaabe peoples, many of whom continue to live and work here today. This territory is covered by the Upper Canada Treaties and is within the land protected by the Dish With One Spoon Wampum agreement. Today this gathering place is home to many First Nations, Métis and Inuit peoples and acknowledging reminds us that our great standard of living is directly related to the resources and friendship of Indigenous people.

### 2. Opening Prayer-T. Lee

Heavenly Father, we come together asking for your guidance, wisdom, and support as we begin this new school year. Help us engage in meaningful discussion; allow us to grow closer as a group and nurture the bonds of the community. Fill us with your grace, Lord God, as we make decisions that might affect the students, staff, and families of St. Denis Catholic Elementary School. And continue to remind us that all we do here today, all that we accomplish, is for the pursuit of truth for the greater glory of You, and for the service of humanity. We ask these things in your name, Amen.

### 3. Call meeting to order-M. Iorio/J. Foster

**In attendance – C. Pitt, C. James, T. Wadeson, S. Egbedeyi, M. Iorio, T. Lee, V. Wegelin.**

**Regrets – D. Korsmit, C. Bartlett, C. Locke, K. Buczek.**

### 4. Approval of previous minutes-M. Iorio/J. Foster

**First – T. Lee, Second – M. Iorio**



## **5. Principal's Report-V. Wegelin**

- 1. Progress reports were sent out online and teachers contacted parents for interviews.**
- 2. We had Joy Day where the students wore red/green clothing and worked on various crafts and activities to decorate the school and to get into the Christmas spirit. We held a competition for the teachers this year in terms of who had the best classroom door and this was judged by the Student Council. I am happy to announce that Mr. Riddell's class won first place!! Their class will be receiving**
- 3. Advent celebrations were held virtually each week by different classrooms for the whole school.**
- 4. We hope that the parents enjoyed the Christmas concert! All of the primary classes enjoyed participating in this special event. I would like to thank all of the teachers for their hard work.**
- 5. We had Alextra Utilities Electrical Safety presentation at our school the first week back.**
- 6. We were also very excited to play a ball hockey game against the Niagara Ice Dogs! It was a crowd pleaser with all of the goals scored! Staff and some students were selected to play in the game.**

## **6. Staff Report -T. Lee**

- 1. Niagara Ice Dogs hockey game with the St. Denis Choir singing the national anthem will be happening on Thursday, January 25, 2024. The game starts at 7:00 p.m. Tickets need to be ordered by Tuesday, January 16, 2024.**
- 2. Family Literacy/Numeracy Day will be held on Friday, January 26, 2024. It will be P.J. Day!**
- 3. Intermediate Basketball tournament will be held on January 29-February 1<sup>st</sup>. Our school is organizing this 32 team tournament. Thanks goes out to Mr. Riddell and Miss MacSporran. Go Saints Go!**
- 4. Kindergarten Open House will be held on Wednesday, February 8, 2024.**
- 5. Kids Helping Kids Week should be held on February 12-16, 2024. This will be a fun week for all of the students.**
- 6. A P. A. Day will be held on February 16, 2024. Family Day will be held on Monday, February 19, 2024.**
- 7. Report Cards for term 1 will be going home on Tuesday, February 13, 2024. Parent/Teacher interviews will be based on request this term.**
- 8. Shrove Tuesday will be held on Tuesday, February 21, 2024 as well.**
- 9. Pink Shirt Day will be held on Wednesday, February 28, 2024.**



**7. Correspondence-V. Wegelin**

**Q-Mack Presentation in March \$900**

**Motion to pay \$500 – All in favour – unanimous**

**St. Denis received a \$1000 donation – to be used for technology**

**Mrs. Wadeson explained her learning experience on her first virtual meeting with SEAC.**

**Milk Program to start Feb/March**

**8. New Items:**

**A. Fundraisers-Twelve Days of Christmas Fundraiser Funds Plan**

**\$7295 Gross - \$5600.83 Profit – to Chromebooks**

**Pointsettia - \$693.00 – towards Grade 8 Grad**

**Cobbs Bread - \$1125.00 –**

**Motion - \$6000 to Chromebooks – all in favour – unanimous**

**Will be updating TV in Foster's Room**

**B. Further fundraisers? Spring Cha-Ching?**

**Yes, all in favour to proceed with Spring Cha-Ching. Tickets home Mar. 20, returned by Apr. 10. Draws April 15 – 26 – 10 school days)**

**Krispy Kreme opportunity, \$8/box, can charge what we want.**

**C. Christmas Meal Review**

**Thanks to all from Mrs. Wegelin. Concern – different plates, less meatballs/more pasta.**

**D. Niagara Ice Dogs Game**

**Over 200 tickets sold, amazing.**



**E. Shrove Tuesday-February 13, 2024**

**Looking for Volunteers – Iorio, Janes, Crabbe & Burtnik to help 8:30 – 9:30am. Wegelin to pick up syrup. Check in with Perkins for batter.**

**F. Policies**

**Draft School Calendar 2024 - 2025**

**9. Agenda items for future meetings**

**10. Adjournment**

**Meeting Adjourned 7:385pm**

**Next Meeting Date: Tuesday, April 2, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.**

