

Notre Dame Catholic School Council Meeting – January 17, 2012

Present: Mr. Lafontaine, Lissa Scozzafava, Sue DiMaurizio, C. Rotundo, B. Watterworth, M. Korce, A. McEachen, K. Sielicki, L. Camisa, M. Multari, C. Stranges, D. Laslo, D. Marcon-Argenta, M. Keltos, L. Saelens, K. Montagano, P. Boutin, J. Biamonte, B. Biamonte, L. Cook-Kay

Regrets: J. DeCoff, M. DePaula, D. Elefante, L. Vieira, T. Laslo

Welcome and Prayer

- Mrs. Scozzafava welcomed everyone and meeting was opened with a prayer by Mrs. Sielicki.

Approval of Minutes

- The minutes of the last meeting were discussed.
- Motion to approve the minutes by Kim Sielicki, seconded by J. Biamonte. The motion was carried.

Chairs Report

- By-Laws – updated copy available on line, as well as hard copy.
- Reminder re: policy for vetting. The board encourages & welcomes input from parent council.
- There was no policy feedback at this time.

Principal Report

- Mr. Lafontaine introduced the five student teachers in attendance from Brock University.
- Report Cards go home on February 9th
- Science Fair for Grades 6 to 8 will be on February 3

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- speeches will be in the gym on February 23 for Grades 4 to 8 at 12:30 p.m. and February 24th for the Grades 1 to 3 at 9:45 a.m. in a smaller venue within the school.
- The Book Fair will be from February 27 to March 2nd.

Teachers Report

- Kids Helping Kids will be organized by Mrs. Saelens, Mrs. Chambers and the JK/SK classes...\$4.00 for all activities for the week. All proceeds go to the Niagara Peninsula Children's Centre and will be done in Valentine's Day week...a guest speaker from NPCC will be in to present to the students.
- The program for yearbooks from Lifetouch was presented by Mrs. Boutin. Students, teachers and parents who want to be involved will be trained. Since our pictures are taken by Lifetouch, all the school photos will be downloaded directly into the yearbook in addition to chosen photos downloaded onto the web-based programming.
- February 15th from 3 to 4 will be the training session. Yearbook volunteers: Mary Pagnotta, Lucy Camisa (Thursdays are best), Lissa Scozzafava, Mrs. Montagano and Mrs. Biamonte as well as Grade 7 and 8 students.

Financial Report

- Hot Lunch and Bingo report presented and circulated

Parish Report

- God talk with Father Rico resumes Thursday evenings in the Church Hall
- Confirmation meeting tomorrow
- First Communion – April 22, 2012
- Pancake Supper – Shrove Tues. Church Hall

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- For further information for these and other parish activities, please refer to the weekly bulletin posted on the board in the school office.

Spirituality Committee

- Grade 3 Brown Scapular celebrations was discussed. Mrs. Pagnotta who has done it in the previous years, offered to do it for the Grade 3's and 4's. It is a tradition that was established by the Spirituality Committee in past years and Mrs. Argenta and Mrs. DiMaurizio offered their help as well.
- Father Gerard (St. Patrick's Church) would present and it would be done in May (perhaps during Education Week). Mary Pagnotta will lead the volunteers.
- Question and discussion about First Communion photos...the decision was made that individual photos would be offered before the celebration and the class photo would be taken following the celebration.

Committee Reports

- Student Achievement -is looking at an author to present to our students and to team up with another school, with a focus on Boy's Literacy.
- Graduation – Grad committee meeting is on Monday, January 23rd. Wednesday, March 21st is the pasta night, with Kristen Dobbin as the chair of this event. No decision has been made yet on the Graduation venue.
- Bingo – Bingo is in need of March break volunteers as Mrs. Becevel is going away.
- Social/Food –purchased a fruit basket, gift certificates for restaurants, as well as a candle donated by Mrs. Laslo for Miss Anderson

The yearend BBQ is scheduled for June 13th at 4 pm. J. Biamonte has secured the bouncer.

- On February 21st, Mrs. Argenta and other parent volunteers will be cooking for Shrove Tuesday (the day after Family Day)

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New Business – no new business

The video “Enduring Gift” was shown to the council.

All were asked to spread the word and tell everyone they can about the distinctiveness of a Catholic Education. To tell all how hard we worked to get where we are and how hard we need to work to nurture and maintain our gift. We need to advocate for the quality, faith filled education that our children receive.

The video will available in the library to sign out.

Adjournment

- Kim Sielicki motioned to adjourn meeting, 2nd by Jen Biamonte. Motion carried.