

Notre Dame Catholic Elementary School

Catholic School Council Meeting

Minutes: September 20, 2011

Present: Mrs. Boutin, Mrs. Saelens, Mr. Lafontaine, Mrs. Biamonte, Mrs. Keltos, Mrs. Argenta, Mrs. Camisa, Mrs. Cristelli, Mrs. Scozzafava, Mrs. Stranges, Mrs. Elefante, Mrs. Sielicki, Mrs. Multari, Mrs. DiMaurizio,

Regrets:

Welcome: A warm welcome and thanks, to one and all for attending, from Jennifer Biamonte.

Mrs. Boutin opened the meeting with a prayer.

As the June meeting was an informal meeting/social, there were no minutes to approve.

Mr. Lafontaine thanked Mrs. Biamonte, on behalf of faculty, students, parent council and entire Notre Dame 'family', for her commitment and dedication in her role these last 2 years. A lovely gift was presented as well.

Principal's Report – Mr. Lafontaine distributed guidelines for Catholic School Council, the Staff list for 2011-2012, financial reports. He addressed CSC nominations, and called on any & all interested in running for Chair. Formal election not required. Mrs. Lissa Scozzafava acclaimed as Chairperson of Notre Dame Catholic School Council 2011/2012. Mrs. Sue DiMaurizio will take on the duties of Secretary. Magazine Fundraiser in progress, and encouraged support.

Chair's Report – School Council By-Laws presented and made available for review. CSC meetings for 2011-2012 to be scheduled every 3rd Tuesday of the Month, 6:30pm in the school library. The December and June meetings will be combined to include a 'social', with a March meeting to be decided at a later date. Jen reported on the success of the end of the year BBQ, with positive feedback by members of council, and many family members.

Financial Report – Mr. Lafontaine referred to handout, which included Hot Lunch & Bingo Account and Expenditures.

Parish Report – No report. Looking for a representative for this committee. Historically, the parish has offered some input on possible candidates.

Teacher Report – As we are 2 weeks into the school year, working on establishing 'routine', and assessing students.

Committee's – Jen and Mr. Lafontaine addressed the importance of each committee, and establishing goals for each committee. The following goals were discussed. We're to consider signing up for a committee that may be of interest, and think of additional goals.

- Spirituality Committee
 - To provide opening prayers before meetings
 - To provide parish reports at each meeting.
 - To buy gifts and present them at First Communion/Confirmation class celebrations. Discussion re: "Brown Scapular" for grade 3's this year.
- Student Achievement Committee
 - To organize and volunteer for activities that enhance reading/writing for boys.
 - To run the Kinecs Club
- Garden/ECO
 - To maintain our gardens on a weekly basis with students.
 - To organize the spring clean up and planting.
- Graduation Committee
 - To organize the grade 8 pasta night (s).
 - To assist with grad. set up and activities.
- Bingo Committee
 - To run our Bingos and related activities
- Social Committee
 - To organize the year end BBQ.
 - To distribute cards to those in need.
- Food Committee
 - To provide school lunches once a month.
 - To provide a meal for Shrove Tuesday.
- Policy and Bylaw Committee
 - To review Policy and provide feedback to CSC.
 - To ensure our Bylaws are kept up to date.
- Yearbook Committee
 - NEW

Mr. Lafontaine once again thanked Mrs. Biamonte, outgoing Chair, and officially welcomed Mrs. Scozzafava in her role as Chair of Notre Dame Catholic School Council.

Motion to adjourn: S. DiMaurizio, seconded Mrs. Boutin.