

Notre Dame Catholic School Council Meeting – January 25, 2011

Present: Jeff Lafontaine, Dina Marcon-Argenta, Jennifer Biamonte, Peggi Boutin, Lucy Camisa, Sue DiMaurizio, Marina Greco, Lesley-Anne Cook-Kay, Michelle Keltos, Desirie Laslo, Melinda Multari, Kathleen Parr, Kim Sielicki, Lori Vieira, Cathie Zarafonitis.

Regrets: Christine Rotundo, Laura Saelens, Caroline Matovic, Leanne Becevel, Alyson Cristelli, Pina Page, Cathy Stranges, Anna-Maria Humeniuk, Jenny Abbruscato, Tina Devlin

Welcome and Prayer

- Mrs. Biamonte opened with a prayer and welcomed everyone for attending.

Approval of Minutes

- The minutes of the last meeting were presented. Amendment - We have 'Ron Morrish' books in our school.
- Motion to approve the minutes by Dina Argenta seconded by Lori Vieira. The motion was carried.

Chairs Report

- Pro Grant application.
- Faith formation – February 17th. Time & place to be announced. RSVP required & may be forward to Mrs. Biamonte.

Principals Report

- The Principal's Report was presented.
- Library renovation completed on schedule
- New library technician with us for the remainder of the school year – Miss Waldie.

- With help from Mr. Corapi, the Grade 7 and 8 students applied for and were successful in receiving a grant for a new initiative by the Ministry of Education called “Speak Up”. They will receive \$650.00 to purchase an HD. Television and an interactive game system.
- Fri. Jan 28th, a play Cinderella & Frog Prince – all welcome.
- Kids Helping Kids – Flyer distributed giving an overview of the week’s events
- Feb. 10th Report Cards being sent home
- Feb. 18th Speech Competition. Grades 4 – 8 presenting in the A.M. in the gymnasium, Primary grades, 2 from each grade, in the Art Class.

Financial Report

- Presented as per handout.
- Although there was a loss in revenue with the last Pasta Lunch, council had decided to revisit the pasta meal. It will be offered this week, purchased from Boston Pizza.
- Mr. Lafontaine informed us of upcoming expenditures.

Teacher Report

- Mrs. Boutin presented the Eco-Club report. Eco review, due end of January, is completed. A new initiative this year is to bring in old cell phones and cordless telephones. Litter less lunches going well.
- Students are enjoying House league activities every lunch hour with the exception of Monday’s.
- Winter fest was a success, enjoyed by one and all.

Committee Reports

- Student Achievement - Mrs. DiMaurizio reported committee continue to compile a list of potential ‘Parent Recourses’, including books and audio – visual material. Mrs. DiMaurizio will meet with new librarian to see what resources the school library already has, as well as get input on potential resources.
- ECO committee distributed a sketch for the ‘Rosary Garden’ last meeting. Looking at grants to help finance the project. Discussion prompted suggestions the area be created with ‘low maintenance’ in mind.

- Social Committee – Tentative/possible date for end of the year BBQ Tuesday June 14th, 4-7pm. Have a price for pre-cooked chicken, 8 pieces for \$13.99. Continue to look at alternate sources for “pre-cooked” chicken. Mrs. Biamonte will contact Mrs. Scozzafava to check re: consulting/ & or the services of Mr. Scozzafava and students from St. Michael’s.
- Yearbook Committee – Notre Dame 2010 yearbook yet to be published. Mrs. Biamonte will check with Mrs. Bortolon on its status.
- Set a goal to have grade 8 students participate in the production of the yearbook for 2011.
- Mrs. Boutin suggested “Mac” program as very ‘user friendly’. There are digital photo’s being taken and filed and stored according to ‘events’. Mrs. Biamonte will report back next meeting with some ideas.
- Bingo – New volunteer’s always welcome.
- Graduation Committee – Fundraiser Tuesday February 1st, Wendy’s. March 30th, Spaghetti dinner. Mr. Lafontaine will call Mr. Smith, Principal of St. Paul High to book a tentative date. This committee will touch base with Mrs. Saelens re: SK Graduation.

Parish Report

- Mrs. Parr informed us of the passing of Father Hugh’s brother. A Mass card will be sent on behalf of the Parent Council.
- Mrs. Parr thanked all who participated and/or attended the Annual Christmas Nativity presentation and the Choral Evening.

New Business

- Discussion re: Shrove Tuesday, March 8th, will be held in the gym this year.
- Mrs. Keltos approached the Council to consider allowing a young female student from within the NCDSB, to attend our school if an occasion arises. She makes and sells various items to raise money for cancer. There was

discussion that perhaps the end of the school year BBQ would be a good venue.

Adjournment

- Mrs. Vieira motioned to close the meeting, seconded by Mrs. Argenta. Motion carried.