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**MINUTES OF THE ALEXANDER KUSKA K.S.G. CATHOLIC SCHOOL
CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING**

Monday, November 6, 2023

Minutes of the Meeting of the Alexander Kuska K.S.G. Catholic School Catholic School Council, held on Monday, November 6, 2023. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by

A. ROUTINE MATTERS

1. Opening Prayer

The opening prayer was led by

2. Roll Call

| CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP | | Present | Excused | Absent |
|------------------------------------|--------------------|---------|---------|--------|
| Principal/Vice-Principal | Chris Moscato | x | | |
| Secretary/Treasurer | Francesca Wood | x | | |
| Chair | Sara Ivicic | x | | |
| Co-Chair | Ashley Steele-Durk | x | | |
| Teacher Representative | Elena Gallo | x | | |
| | Jen Danylko | x | | |
| | Tina Goupil | x | | |
| | Belinda Ravazzolo | x | | |
| | Krystal Raimondo | x | | |
| | Jennifer Lee | x | | |
| | Martha Barnes | x | | |

3. Approval of the Agenda

Moved by Tina Goupil

Seconded by Krystal Raimondo

THAT the Alexander Kuska Catholic School Council approves the Agenda of the Alexander Kuska Catholic School Council Meeting of November 6, 2023.

CARRIED

4. Disclosure of Conflict Interest

No disclosures of conflict of interest were declared with any items on the agenda.

5. Approval of Minutes of the Alexander Kuska Catholic School Council Meeting of

Moved by Tina Goupil

Seconded by Krystal Raimondo

THAT Alexander Kuska Catholic School Council approves the Minutes of the Alexander Kuska Catholic School Council Meeting of October 3, 2023 as presented.

CARRIED

B. CHAIR'S REPORT/PRESENTATIONS

1. Poinsettia sales - sales are closed, sold 76 porch pots (\$1187) and 90 poinsettias (\$512), to be put towards outdoor phys ed equipment, volunteers needed to organize vouchers, vouchers will be sent home with oldest child on November 17
2. Marketplace - 30+ vendors, last day to sign up to sell will be November 20 to allow time for flyer and floor map to be completed, volunteers almost all sorted out, lots of interest in helping
3. Skate Swap - collect skates and helmets the week of November 20, families to come in to try on November 28 from 2:00 - 4:00 pm, volunteers needed
4. Volunteer Google form - feedback was positive, 13 new people who are interested in volunteering for a variety of events throughout the year, Sara has reached out and will inform them of sub-committees/schedules during the year
5. Bingo - Ashley is now the lead, volunteers are set for scheduled bingo times, a few extras would be good to have, volunteers needed to attend the training and shadowing first, we have close to \$6500 in Bingo funds, tables (22) and chairs (200) have been ordered using these funds, tables have already arrived, chairs to come in a couple of weeks
6. Parent Engagement - we can apply for up to \$500 extra, consideration given again to having Paul Davis come in, Sara and Ashley to attend session at Gordon to see if valuable for our community
7. Town Hall - November 15 @ 6:00 pm, brief slideshow to explain process and reason, we will collect input, suggestion to send out a google form for those unable to attend
8. Christmas fun event - agreed very busy last year, Family skate suggestion isn't feasible with arena schedules, suggestions for outdoor Fall events next year, some not interested in creating grade specific events, want to keep all grades together, need to find other options

C. POLICIES FOR VETTING-FEEDBACK

- a. **Policy Vetting:** The following Policies and Administrative Guidelines are currently being reviewed as part of the cyclical Policy and Administrative Guidelines Review process. *Safe and Accepting Schools Policy 302.6; Dress Code – Secondary Uniform – Safe Schools Policy 302.6.6; Corporate Cards Purchasing Cards and Petty Cash Policy 600.4.* Please submit your feedback to Anna Pisano by 12:00 p.m. December 13, 2023

D. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

1. Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee (NCPIC) Report - shared info about what NCPIC is. See this slideshow with more info about the committee
2. Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) Report - November 1, meetings not posted yet
3. Catholic School Council Financial Statement
4. School News/School Improvement - Math Achievement Action Plan as required by Ministry, our school will focus on small group instruction, math games to build fact fluency and job embedded learning for staff, Destream coaches will also be in multiple times throughout the year to work with our Gr 7 and 8 students/staff
5. Chromebook update - took computers out of carts and moved them into classes, all jr/inter classes have 10 each and share with a buddy to have access to a class set, 5 in primary classes, 4 year plan to replenish old computers, looking to purchase 4 tvs during Black Friday sales
6. Food days - trialed ordering for the whole month, difficult to process/organize at the office, parents said there were lots of options to click, some felt worried that they would overlook something and not order properly, next month we will try posting all food days at the start of the month but in separate orders

E. OAPCE REPORTS - n/a

F. STAFF REPORTS - Mrs. Gallo

Month of October- Hail Mary

October 4th- Sub Day

October 5th- World Teachers Day Grade 7 vaccine

October 6th- PA Day

October 11th- Intermediate Soccer Pizza Day

October 12th-Thanksgiving Mass

October 17th- cross country

October 20-ND visit Gr. 8

October 23- Bus Safety Presentation

October 24th- Board Cross Country/ First Communion Preparation

October 26- Pizza Day

October 27-Holy Childhood Walk a thon

October 29- Pilgrimage ND

October 31 Halloween activities

November -Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi

November 1- All Saint Day

November 2- All Souls Day /Intermediates ND football game

November 6-10: Treaties Recognition Week in Ontario

November 7- International Inuit Day

November 8 Indigenous Veterans Day/ Pizza Day

November 9- Special Olympics/First communion meeting

November 10- Remembrance Day activities

Upcoming events:

November 14: Progress reports are available Nov 23 conferences

November 15: Town hall

November 17: Picture Retakes

November 20-24: Bully Awareness and Prevention Week

November 25: Christmas Market Place

G. AGENDA ITEMS-DISCUSSION FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

H. NEXT MEETING - Monday, February 5 @ 6:00 pm

I. CLOSING PRAYER was led by Mrs. Gallo

J. ADJOURNMENT - This meeting was adjourned at 7:03 pm