

**St. Denis Catholic School Council**  
**AGENDA**  
**November 7, 2023**

**1. Call meeting to order-M. Iorio/J. Foster**

**In Attendance – C. Pitt, B. Humble, C. Crabbe, T. Wadeson, C. Bartlett, C. Locke, L. Feldman, J. Foster, T. Lee, V. Weglin.**

**Regrets – M. Iorio, D. Korsmit (T. Lee to take notes)**

**2. Opening Prayer- T. Lee**

**3. Approval of previous minutes-M. Iorio**

**Approval of Agenda – T. Wadeson / B. Humble**

**4. Principal’s Report –V. Wegelin**

1. Our Terry Fox Walkathon was a huge success! The generosity of our community is outstanding! We raised \$ 295.00! Thank you to Mr. Riddell and Ms. MacSporran for organizing this event. We also raised \$159.00 for the Holy Childhood Walk that was held as well.
2. We celebrated Orange Shirt Day here at St. Denis. Thank you to Mr. Sutton for making a presentation to the entire school.
3. Halloween was celebrated at our school with the student’s wearing costumes. The entire staff dressed up with the theme of Barbie! The SNAC committee peeled 300 clementines and made them into tiny pumpkins and also peeled bananas to make ghosts as a fun but healthy treat for the children. We also had Halloween cookies specially ordered for all of the children. A parade was held for kindergarten to Grade 6 students and these students participated in Just Dance in the gym. The grade 7/8 students participated in a dance in the gym in the afternoon.
4. EQAO Scores 2022-2023

Grade 3 Reading-79.1%	Grade 6 Reading-88%
Writing -66.7%	Writing-96%
Math-54.2%	Math- 40%
5. We have created a Math Achievement Action Plan as a staff. We are looking at student perceptions of math and ways on how to improve our math scores. Studies show that if students like Math, they will do better in this subject area. For example, we are asking all teachers to use common language in all math programs, use an open number line in math classes and the usage of Knowledge Hook. We are also looking at the attendance of our students as

we need students to be at school to learn the lessons in class. This plan is a working document that we discuss on P. A. Days and create new ideas to move our students forward.

## **Upcoming Events**

1. Grade 8 graduation photos and picture retakes for all students will be taking place on November 29th in the school library. Boys should have a collared shirt and everyone should bring their best smile!
2. Progress reports will be sent home electronically on November 13, 2023. Interviews will be done at the school on Wednesday, November 22, 2023 from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Parents may sign up using the link that can be found in the November newsletter. You can also pick up their poinsettia orders at the same time!

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

1. Our Junior Girls and Boys soccer teams represented our school at the area tournaments. Thank you to Mr. Sutton and Mrs. LaValle for coaching our great teams. Our Girls team lost in the finals in a really close game!
2. Our Cross Country also went to the area tournament. All of the runners finished well and represented our school well. We had four runners that moved onto the NCAA Board meet! Thank you to Mr. Hastings for coaching our great team.
3. Boys and girls intermediate volleyball has started and the tournament was held on November. 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>. Thank you to Miss MacSporran and Mr. Riddell for coaching our teams. Our girls team won the Area 2 tournament and will move on to the NCAA Board meet at the end of the month. Our boys team played really well but unfortunately do not move on at this time! Both teams represented our school well!

### **Upcoming:**

1. A Remembrance Day Liturgy will be held virtually by our Grade 4 students on November 10<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to Mr. Hastings for organizing this for our school.
2. Bullying Awareness/Prevention Week will be held on November 20-24. Resources have been sent out to all teachers. Our Student Council will also have some plans for this week as well for all of our students.
3. Remember that November 24<sup>th</sup> is a P. A. Day!
4. Joy Day will be held on Friday, December 1, 2023. Students are encouraged to dress up in green and red clothing. The students will be

- partaking in making some Christmas decorations on this day!
5. A Christmas concert will be held for primary students on Wednesday December 12, 2023. More information will follow.
  6. The last day of school we will be having a Spirit Assembly virtually to celebrate all of our great accomplishments so far this year! All students are encouraged to wear red and green again on this day! This will be held on December 22<sup>nd</sup>.

## **6. Correspondence-V. Wegelin - NPIC Presentation (Niagara Parent Involvement Committee)**

### **7. New Items:**

- A. By-laws Updated – By-law updates had been previously emailed to CSC Members. Mrs. Wegelin asked if anyone had any input. Members voted unanimously YES to accept updated Council By-Laws.**
- B. Goals for this year – Parent Engagement Night Application Mrs. Wadeson inquired - \$1000 per year/have used \$250 to date.**

**Possible Knowledgehook night for parents in January.**

**Mrs. Wadeson – what area of Math needs to be focused on?**

**NPIC asking for a parent rep from CSC to be a part of SEAC – Mrs. Wadeson accepted.**

### **C. Fundraisers-Twelve Days of Christmas/Poinsettia Fundraiser/Cob's Bread Fundraiser**

**Everything kicked off.**

**Open poinsettia fundraiser for another day, continue with current timing, add 2<sup>nd</sup> day for pick up.**

**Mrs. Wegelin to email council members with progress of fundraisers.**

**Mrs. Bartlett – how many prize donations so far?**

### **D. Christmas Lunch-Wednesday, December 13, 2023**

**Prices – Mrs. Locke to contact Antipastos.**

**Mrs. Wegelin to buy plates, candy canes and send reminder to students to bring own containers and cutlery.**

**School Cash Online Item - \$2 charge to subsidize pasta lunch.**

**Mrs. Feldman checking with Mr. Boyko re: Santa Visit.**

**Christmas Concert not being video taped.**

**Afternoon and evening performance. Risers borrowed. Light/Sound equipment rented.**

## **E. Milk Program**

**Mrs. Wegelin to speak to staff – charge \$1 per carton.  
Possible January start.**

## **F. Guest Speakers**

**Trying to book Q-Mack \$1500 – Mrs. Wegelin to contact/will try for price reduction. “Be an All Star” message or possibly and Indigenous theme.**

## **G. Policies to be vetted**

**N/A**

## **8. Agenda items for future meetings**

## **9. Adjournment**

**Next Meeting Dates: January-Tuesday 16, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.**

**April-Tuesday, April 2, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.**

**May-Tuesday, May 7, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.**

**June-Tuesday, June 4, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.**