



St. Vincent de Paul
Catholic Elementary School

CSAC Meeting #1 - Sept. 17/24

Minutes

Members: Skyler Tanner, Katie Reid (Chair), Dominique Malogorski (Treasurer), Jessica Parrington, Camila Campos, Melissa De La Franier, Manuel da Silva (Community Rep), Tish Bagley (Co-Chair), Alice Figueiredo (Secretary), Lenny Da Silva, Filomena Cruz, Melissa Zarossilenko, Shashonnah Shea (Co-Chair) Shane Garza (secretary)

Welcome: Tammy

Land Acknowledgement: Maggie

Prayer: Tammy

What we've done so far since COVID as a CSAC....

- Increase parent engagement
- Increase free events
- Created a sense of connectedness with our community and parishes
- Fundraising
- Supporting Student Action Plan

Elected Positions:

Roles - creating agenda with Tammy, sending agenda to members, reminding them of meetings
-touching base with sub-committees to check on progress
-attend the Commissioning of Chairs and Co-Chairs on NOV. 13/24

Elected as Chairs: Katie, Tish, Shashonnah (motioned 1st-Manuel 2nd-Shane)

Principal Update:

- Almost 698 students
- Portable # 7 (first of a new pack of 6)
- #7 helped with the natural school boundaries - shifted where divisions could play

Parents inquired why youngest grades were in portables and not older grades

Answer: taken into consideration when deciding who goes outside: needs of students, group like grades together

- non-Catholic families continue to register
- Cell phones - protocols re infractions discussed; positive responses from families
- Chrome books filling gap for need to use phones for educational purposes
- Spirit wear on sale
- Meet the staff - no food trucks due to high costs

- Possibly having a BBQ in the future
- D2L closes at end of June and therefore can't access child's previous class
- Possibly create a link of websites for parents to use (resources, websites to support learning)

Fundraising:

- Major - Dance-a thon (Feb.14)
- Fresh from the Farm (Tammy registered us - 40% goes to school)
- 14lbs ass't veggies - \$22.00
- 8 lbs apples - \$24.00
- Buy 1 Give 1 option
- Deadline for orders Oct. 17 with a delivery Nov. 4 - Dec. 5

Other:

- 10 non-compliant days
- Manuel suggested a multicultural potluck as a parent engagement idea
- potluck along with Bingo night
- sign-up for food ideas
- N. Hart running book fair for school
- Free events: Bingo, Movie Night
- Invite Board experts to present to parents regarding exceptionalities
- Parent resources - handbook listing services available to families (Tammy to put on School Messenger)

****FREE STEM night** - family night at Waterloo (not a fundraiser)
 -Tammy to reach out to them to pick a date for us (evening event)

****Strong Start**

-volunteers needed (contact Mrs. Millar and Mrs. Ahearn)
 -training needed

Valentines Dance Committee

- DJ- Eurobeats needs to be contacted (Alice to contact)
- Committee: Shashonnah, Tish (chair), Camilla, Jessica, Katie,, Melissa D, Filomena, Melissa Z

Christmas Lunch Committee

- Alice (chair), Melissa D (bread connection), Camilla, Shashonnah, Katie, Melissa Z
- Hospitality at Doyle to be contacted
- Pasta (same as last year with red sauce - have some with no sauce as an option)
- Add parmesan cheese

*****CPIC funds available for parent engagement**

-sub committee: Alice, Camilla, Filomena
 -application for grants
 -possibly join with families of schools for event

****BINGO funds used to cover bus costs**

-nights usually Saturdays 6-8 (contact Jason Gouveia (Jason.Gouveia@wcdsb.ca) to sign up and inquire re training and schedule)

-supplies bought for divisions - outdoor and classroom supplies bought

-members would like photos of what we bought

Meetings:

- **Nov. 5**
- **Jan. 7 - discuss dance-a-thon/determine prizes**
- **Feb. 25**
- **Apr. 8**
- **May 27**

*****VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR:**

- **Farm to Fresh (Nov/Dec)-during day/after school/evening**
- **STEM night in Waterloo**
- **Dec. luncheon- before, during and after**
- **Feb. dance-a-thon - all day event**