



St. André Bessette Catholic Elementary School Council

APPROVED Meeting Minutes

Date | Time 12/6/2023 6:30 PM | *Meeting called to order by* Melissa Galluzzo

In Attendance

Juliet Lugtu, Linus O'Neill, Melissa Galluzzo, Sabrina Schiralli, Miranda Loberto, Reva Sulaka, Erin Rosart, Dina Odish, Imma Vitale, Tania Dell'Erario

1. Acknowledgement

We would like to acknowledge that we are on the sacred Indigenous territory and thank the Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation for being stewards of this land.

2. Opening Prayer

Council Prayer

*Heavenly Father, be with us as we meet. Guide us as we talk. Stay with us as we plan. Open our ears as we listen, open our eyes to your vision.
Lord, please use us today in any way You see fit. As You guide our thoughts and actions, please use us to bless others and for Your purposes more broadly. Rather than seeking our own wills, help us to align with Yours.
Thank you God for all you do for us.
In Jesus's name,
Amen*

3. Approval of Agenda

Motioned by: Miranda Loberto; Seconded by Reva Sulaka; Approved

4. Approval of Minutes

Motioned by: Reva Sulaka; Seconded by Melissa Galluzzo; Approved

5. Treasurer Update – Miranda Loberto

- Balance in account is \$2156.68

6. OAPCE Update

- No update

7. Parish Update

- No update

8. Teacher Update

- On October 11th, St. Andre Bessette hosted the Junior Volleyball Tournament.
- On October 20th, our Multilingual (MLL) and SERC students went to Chudleigh's Farm
- On Halloween, students in Kindergarten to Grade 6 participated in a dance with our very own DJ Mr. Cioffi. The students had a great time!
- The YFL sold Halloween cookies for Sharelife. They raised a total of approx. \$400
- YFL students made riddles for the morning announcements, and we had a candy corn guessing jar.
- YFL also took Kinder to 2/3 teachers sign up for Halloween art. Students picked the activities and went into classes to help the teachers with the task. They also read stories to classes.
- On November 29th, Barbarinde Williams from Drums et al. will visit our school to deliver drumming workshops to our students. Mr. Williams's anti-bullying presentation titled " All Different All Equal" addresses bullying on all levels in Ontario schools. This is an empathy-based assembly that assists in character building.
- For All Souls Day, a binder was placed on the altar in the front foyer for people to write the name of a loved one.
- On November 11th, classes participated in a Remembrance Day Liturgy led by Ms. Iafrate and Ms. Costantino's classes.
- The YFL continues to highlight the Virtues of the month in the announcements. This will continue all year.
- Students in grade 4, completed the CCAT this week, a test used to measure verbal, nonverbal and quantitative reasoning.
- The YFL will be launching an "Anti-Bullying" week starting Monday. Students will partake in a Spirit Week with activities centred around stopping bullying and bringing awareness.
- Snack Shack is back in full force every Friday.
- All grade 8 students were invited to St. Thomas Aquinas on November 2nd for the Grade 8 Outreach Day!
- On November 1st, we had The Dairy Farmers present educational sessions to our intermediate students.
- The intermediate boys and girls Volleyball family of school tournament will be held on Wednesday, November 26th, at St. Lourds.
- There will be a Chess Invitational Tournament on November 30th. The team will consist of 6 junior and intermediate students.
- In our Cross Country board meet, E.T, in grade 5, placed 1st, meaning he's the fastest grade 5 boy in our board. Thank you to Mr. Oniell for placing an order to have a banner made for him. Banners are only made for teams, not individual runners.
- Thank you to Riverstone Community Center for hosting the grade 8 retreat on Friday, November 10th.
- Dec 1st Holy Name High School is hosting a coding day for all Grade 8 female students. All 29 students will be attending.

9. Principal Update

- Grade 7/8 had a vaccine clinic
- Intermediate boys basketball being held at lunchtime
- Advent Mass – Dec. 12 at 9:30 led by Father Abraham
 - Father Abraham will be coming in for confession – starting with grade 8's and working way down
- Earth Rangers will be here Dec. 20 for K-8's, animal presentation in gym
- Movie Day – Dec. 21 for Grades 1-8
 - Snacks – kids can bring only what snacks they can fit in pockets, no backpacks permitted
 - Younger kids watching Wish, older kids watching Wonka
- Craft night next week
 - Cookies ordered already (450) – snowman sugar cookies
 - Bottled chocolate milk from Costco (shelf stable)
 - \$10.99 for 16 – 68 cents/bottle
 - 450 bottles = 29 cases
- Staff members being sent for CPI training
 - Teaching staff to deal with children in crisis
 - Crisis prevention/intervention
 - How to safely restrain child until they calm down
 - One person restraint on younger, 2 person on older – as last resort
 - Verbal de-escalation in violent situation

10. Update of Council Priorities/Actions for 2023/2024

- a. Christmas event and milk & cookies update
 - \$5/family for Santa picture – money raised for Helping Hands, gift cards for families in need
 - Tables and chairs set up in gym, YouTube karaoke/caroling
 - Selfie wall
- b. Hot lunch update
 - Portuguese chicken: not a huge amount of orders so far; will give until end of January to see
 - Possible second pizza day instead
 - Parents would have to help
 - Beef patties – have as a one-off treat instead of weekly
 - Run like snack shack, students go to pick it up instead of parents going room to room
 - Shawarma – chicken, gyro, falafel
 - \$5.99 for 6 inch (regular price \$8.99)
 - Toppings need to be standardized (set choices like sub lunches)
 - Request sample for parent council meeting
- c. Spring Fundraising
 - Big box of cards
 - Can run after March break
 - Dieleman's lower price point for more cards
 - Vote to run Dieleman's card fundraiser in March – unanimous yes
 - Little Caesars pizza kits
 - \$6 profit per kit
 - Frozen, has be distributed that day – can book pickup night on parent council meeting night
 - Online ordering
 - Second pizza day

- Can potentially raise approx. \$10,000 a year
- Parent volunteers to organize – someone to count money, someone to place order
- Students already volunteer for Tuesday pizza day, can help for both
- Need to confirm that Gino's can take on another day
- d. Classroom Games
 - T. Dell'Erario sent google form to staff re. bins and games needed
 - Only a few teachers still had bins
 - All needed new games
 - Would like to buy themselves and submit receipts
 - 21 teachers/classes
 - As of now, not enough money in council account to cover
 - School can pay for it now, council can reimburse after fundraising
 - Parents and teachers agree this is a need for the whole school
 - Council to buy bins, teachers to buy games
- e. School Jerseys and Spirit Wear Update
 - Spirit wear – online store, link sent to parents. Samples will be at school for size reference
 - Jerseys – pricing out still
 - May only buy one set this year, another set next year
 - 15 per set - \$50 each
- f. Movie night
 - Not proceeding

11. New Business/Open Floor

- Dates of future meetings
 - Council only supposed to have 4 meetings a year, have too many scheduled
 - Jan. 17 and March 6 cancelled
 - Next meeting February 7, 2024
- Follow up on incident involving police
 - Woman was videotaping students, inviting them to her house
 - Police were contacted, owners were spoken to
 - Field boundaries have been adjusted to avoid crowding
- Crossing Guard
 - Someone to look into further
 - Shawn Xavier is on the committee for traffic safety, could possible assist

12. Adjournment

12/6/2023 8:19 PM

Meeting adjourned – Motioned by Reva Sulaka; seconded by Melissa Galluzzo

Next Meeting: Wednesday, February 7