

Saint Clare Catholic School Council Minutes

September 23, 2019 (6-8 pm)

Prayer: *A Prayer for Our Earth (A. DeBellis)*

Introductions:

What is Catholic School Council?

Nominations/Elections:

Principal: C. Martino Chair: T. Germana Vice Chair: N. Koscinski Treasurer: M. Stakorac E. Atkinson-Jones Secretary: E. Sorgini C. Cutri Parish Representative: L. Staresina Teacher Representative: M. Noce	Council Members: A. Hlohinec S. Lazar M. Cipriani L. Sulug Others in attendance: A. DeBellis
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Principal's Report

- excellent start to school year
- French immersion-new addition to St. Clare (Kindergarten)
- enrollment increased to 271 students as of September 23 (259 last year)
- new staff-school organization change-2 grade 7 classes of 20-new grade 7 teacher tbd
- Mr. Pizutti-grade 7, Mr. Baird-grade 8
- Chapel is now a classroom to accommodate new class

*Bullying is a targeted, repeated action and when reported will be taken seriously.

- not a serious issue at St. Clare
- suspension is not the first consequence
- progressive discipline and restorative practice (so that all voices can be heard)

- Open House (Sept. 19)
- Confirmation-November 22, 7:00 pm
 - cookie donations and volunteers needed
- First Holy Communion-May 24
- Opening School Mass-September 26 (10:00 am)
- Rowan's Day-September 25
 - concussion awareness-all head, neck and face injuries to be reported
- Orange Shirt Day-September 30-(Uniform bottom)
 - We honour Indigenous children who were sent to **residential** schools in Canada
- Cross Country at Camp Marydale-October 8-grades 2-8
- Bussing-French Immersion automatically eligible and guaranteed a spot on the bus
 - grades 1 and up must apply
 - Bus patrol meeting October (bus safety)
- Year Books-"Faith Unites Us" received by students
 - volunteers needed for this year's yearbook
- Wes Moga (Youth Minister)-many youth group activities planned

Parish News

- youth group activities start tomorrow
- Oct. 17-RCIA-anyone considering becoming Catholic should contact parish immediately
- new associate pastor expected this weekend
- grief support programs for anyone grieving loss of loved one (Oct. 17, Nov. 21-7:30-9 pm)

Student Council-M. Noce

Student Council Members:

Prime Minister: E. Svonar Deputy Prime Minister: J. Gamble Deputy Prime Minister: T. Guy Speaker of the House: N. Sorgini	Faith Animator (Grade 7): S. Mammoliti Faith Animator (Grade 8): E. DiFrancesco Captain Spirit (Grade 7): N. DeBellis Captain Spirit (Grade 8): G. Mamone Secretary: C. Mancini
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Events:

- 1) Thanksgiving canned goods collection for Stoney Creek Food Bank
- 2) Rowan's Day-Concussion Awareness-students make announcements to educate school population
- 3) Orange Shirt Day-"Every Child Matters"-students make announcements to educate school population
- 4) Popcorn Sales-Smartfood-\$2 Friday

Future Goals:

- 1) Soctober-sock collection for those in need
- 2) Climate change ideas
- 3) National bus School Safety Week
- 4) Bus Driver Appreciation Day (October 23)
- 5) Pumpkin Carving
- 6) Move-a-thon

More from Ms. Martino

- Cardinal Newman Vocal Ensemble and Dance Club has begun-check online
- EQAO results going home in the next few weeks
- Fundraising List-new forms for School generated Fund-everything needs to be itemized
- CashOnline:spirit-wear, pita, pizza and dress down
- Attendance now done online by teachers
- Safe Arrival System for parents to report absence of their child
- Move-a-thon-October 31st
- banned activities-pie in the face, shaving of heads, dunk tanks
- St. Clare spotlighted in Spectator Pulse Page

New Business (Ms. Germana)

- Halloween Move-a-thon-volunteers needed:
 - October 16 and 28th-Counting Days
 - October 30-set-up
 - October 31-volunteers for event day
- donations needed by October 25th for all age groups
- Nov.14-Book Fair and interview night

Nov. 12-Reports go home

Nov. 22-Confirmation-volunteers needed to donate cookies, set up cookies and coffee, clean up after the evening

Healthy Living Committee-L. Sulug

-applied for Green Apple Grant (\$1000)

-Ms. Martino will contribute even if grant not received

Christmas Hampers-Tree of Giving

-usually donate to 8 families

-discussed making hampers smaller and creating more to help more families

Shrove Tuesday-Council runs this and volunteers needed

Play Day-Council donates freezies and a healthy snack

Family Day-during Catholic Education Week (May 4-8)

-grandparents and loved ones invited

-cookies sold, crafts, pictures, volunteers needed

-Students "Dress Loud" for hearing impaired

World's Finest-Do we still want to do this? To be determined at a later date

Needs of the school: -small chest freezer

-gym equipment

-technology-laptops becoming obsolete

-IPads-short shelf life-grades 4-6 have own IPads, 2 sets in library

-Intermediates in need of technology-sharing with primary

-SmartBoards

-need more books for bookroom

Concerns-vandalism on weekends

-vandals on roof

-turf area being damaged, broken glass, rude drawings, urinating on walls

-board notified and security doing spot checks

-dogs let off leashes in playground and owners not picking up after them

-let community know to call police if see anything

-parking situation seems better, encourage walking and parking on street

-parents still letting kids out on wrong side in Kiss'n Ride

-parents still getting out of cars leaving them idle to help kids out of car

-shortage of bus drivers-kids getting picked up later (3:15)

Purchases: Council agreed to purchase freezer and pay to move SmartBoard

Next meeting: October 22

Closing Prayer and dismissal (8:00 pm)