



# Minutes

## Denis Morris Catholic School Council Meeting

Tuesday, September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2017

FATHER CORMIER/LAPINSKI INFORMATION CENTRE

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Meeting called to order 6:30 p.m.

**Present: D. Di Lorenzo (Principal), Andrew Bartley (Vice Principal), Sam Gualtieri (Vice Principal), Pina Palombo, Shonna Daly, Patrick Beauregard, Darlene Beauregard, Jeannie McGlynn, Tracey Neufeld, Eleanor Marynuik, Leeann Flynn, Missy Gordon, Frances de Lima, Nancey General, Nadia La Selva, Louise Montreuil, Angela Coleman, Alison Joly, Brooklyn Daly**

**Regrets: Lynn Piech, Paul Gifford, Leeann Flynn excused herself from the meeting at approx.. 7pm**

### A. Routine Matters

1. Opening Prayer—Danny led us in prayer.
2. Formation of DMCHS Catholic School Council
  - DIL Reviewed DMCHS By law #3-“Membership”
    - Definition of Quorum—10 (9 plus 1) Quorum—If you cannot make a meeting please inform Darlene Beauregard (Chair) and Danny Di Lorenzo as soon as possible to be sure we have enough representation to have a meeting.
  - Election of Chairperson—  
Leeann Flynn nominated Darlene Beauregard, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Pina Palombo  
Darlene Beauregard accepted the nomination  
Alison Joly nominated Shonna Daly, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Brooklyn Daly  
Shonna Daly accepted the nomination

Nominees selected scrutineers (Darlene selected Patrick Beauregard and Shonna selected Brooklyn Daly)

Voting members voted and votes were counted with Administration and scrutineers present.

DIL declared Darlene Beauregard would be 2017/18 Chairperson.

Motion to destroy ballots by DIL, 2<sup>nd</sup> Tracey Neufeld

- Election of Recording Secretary—  
Pina Palombo nominated Missy Gordon, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jeannie McGlynn  
Missy Gordon accepted position
3. Approval of Minutes—May 23, 2017 Change to be made from Vendor Fair to DM Christmas Market
  4. Approval of Agenda–
  5. Disclosure of Interest—Ellie Marynuik and Jeannie McGlynn declared that they had a child graduating this year.

## **B. Presentations**

- Niagara Catholic Systems Priorities 2017-18  
DIL reviewed PowerPoint with CSC  
Highlighted a focus on Relationships  
Educational Field Trips Policy highlighted to make parents aware of current discussion and changes.
- EQAO Math results reviewed—last year 20% success rate at the Applied level, now at 42%  
Academic Math 88% which is above NCDSB and Provincial rates at 83%  
Attitudes and Behaviour survey results from students shared and reviewed.  
OSSLT results reviewed—85% success rate which is above NCDSB (84%) and Province (83%)  
92% Academic class success rate  
40% Applied class success rate  
DIL indicated School Improvement Plan will focus on improving and supporting students in the Applied Math and English stream.

## **C. Principal's Report**

### 1. (NCPIC)

- Shonna Daly (NCPIC Rep.)
- September was a “clean up” meeting to tie up any loose ends
- Certificates given to members of the committee
- Systems Priorities review at last meeting

### 2. (SEAC) Report

- Pina (SEAC Rep for 2017/18 school year)  
Pina read to CSC about the focus and basis of the SEAC group. She encouraged parents to attend the meetings to support special education programs and students within Niagara Catholic.  
Meetings take place on the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the Month at the CEC in Welland.  
Meeting information posted on the NCDSB website

### 3. Financial Report

- As of today (September 26<sup>th</sup>) there is \$1852.05 in the CSC account. \$555.00 came in from Used Uniform Sale.
- CSC members wondering why so much in the account? Missy Gordon to look into May 23<sup>rd</sup> minutes to see where funds were supposed to be directed.

### 4. Principal's School Information Report

- Denis Morris Catholic High School Superintendent- Mr. Ted Farrell
- Staffing for 2017/18 school year  
49 teaching staff, 2 Guidance Staff, 1 Student Success Teacher, 1.5 Educational Resource Teachers, 1 Special Education Class Teacher, 6 Educational Assistants, 1 Interpreter, 1 Child and Youth Worker, 1 Librarian.  
Loss of .5 Secretary, .5 ERT, .5 Guidance
- 914 ADE for 2017/18 school year, 88-90% retention rate, approximately 36 student increase since May.
- Grade level assemblies completed within the first few days of school by

Administration to review expectations and key policies with students. Focus of each assembly was specific to grade level.

- Athletics Programs currently running include: Jr. & Sr. Football, Cross Country, Golf (Male and Female), Male Jr. Volleyball, Female Sr. Basketball. No Jr. Female Basketball or Sr. Male Volleyball due to lack of students. Alison Joly wondering if Cheerleading would be up and running soon. DIL indicated he does not have a staff willing to coach or moderate at this point in time. He has informed staff he is in need of someone to come forward if able to commit.
- Our school received a Gold Eco School designation. Credit given to Dawn DiFrancesco and Eco Club at DM.
- September 13<sup>th</sup> was our opening school mass with Bishop Bergie
- Photo Day was September 18, 19 Retake day October 24<sup>th</sup>
- September 21<sup>st</sup> was 9 Curriculum Night. Poor attendance noted this year. DIL indicated he would like to try a different approach and have a barbecue first with the class rotation to follow. 5-7pm timeframe.
- October 5<sup>th</sup>, - First of many Grade 8 Transition Activities—Football game
- Denis Morris float at the Grape and Wine Parade was a success and enjoyed by all
- Grade 9 retreats have taken place Sept. 19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>. DIL informed CSC that Chaplain Denise will be working at Blessed Trinity and our Chaplain was Deacon Brian Prieur.
- Pilgrimage—Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup>. As last year students will check in at DM in the am and then leave from Market Square after signing out with CSC. Members agreeing to assist from 12-1:30pm include: Alison Joly, Pina Palombo, Nancy General, Shonna Daly, Angela Coleman and possibly LeeAnn Flynn and Lynn Piech who were not at meeting.
- Early Grade 9 Progress reports were distributed to all grade 9 students on Friday, October 29<sup>th</sup>. Also any at-risk students in grades 10-12 may have receive these reports.
- Markbook report will be going out on October 23<sup>rd</sup> in all classes
- November 2<sup>nd</sup> Parent-Teacher Interviews.
- ROC Reds Opportunity Card fundraiser ongoing.
- School Dance on Thursday, Sept. 28<sup>th</sup> ROC cards free entry
- Next school dance—Halloween theme, October 26<sup>th</sup>
- School Resource Officer- Dave Marynuik
- Inspiration Awards—4 teachers nominated from DM. Ceremony to take place on October 19<sup>th</sup>.
- Concern expressed by CSC over the DM APP. Announcements are out of date along with numerous other items. Data on traffic of APP to be explored and shared at next meeting as looking at eliminating it due to the upkeep and cost connected to it. CSC expressing concern over the lack of communicative resources available to parents. (handbook, access to e-mail, website, APP) It was suggested by Nadia La Selva that a subcommittee be formed to take a better look at this and discuss at further length.
- October 6<sup>th</sup>, November 17<sup>th</sup>—PA days
- October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2017- Football Fundraiser—Comedy night & Pasta dinner
- November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017- TOKTWD (Take our Kids to Work Day) for Grade 9 students

- November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017- Grade 8 Feeder School students will be visiting DM
- November 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2017- Open House for incoming grade 9 student
- Graduation—June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2017
- ‘WE DAY’—Thursday, September 28<sup>th</sup>. A bus load of students will be going from DM
- Confucius Institute of China—1pm—Grade 12 students
- October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017—St. Julia’s dinner
- Grade 9 Math Support night with Ms. Matijevic and other staff—October date still to be determined
- FOS Transition plan---DIL highlighted that it includes grades 1-8. Nadia La Selva concerned about the amount of time the Grade 8 students spends at DM missing Grade 8 curriculum time. DIL indicated that it is always optional for the school to attend the transition activity and not all schools attend each activity. Shonna Daly expressed a different point of view and expressed that the amount of time spent was beneficial to the transition of her son this year. He was very comfortable at the high school.

### **D. OAPCE Report**

- Shonna Daly is the regional representative and outlined the link with the Ministry of Education.
- AGM to be held in October so more info to follow at a future meeting.

### **E. Staff Report**

- Missy Gordon (Staff rep)
- Staff have adjusted well to the start of a new school year.
- Fall programs are up and running that staff are continuing to coach and moderate.
- Literacy and Faith Formation staff based team meetings are taking place on October 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>.
- Staff will be working on their personal ALP (Annual Learning Plans) soon.
- Pilgrimage committee (staff and students) is working hard at promoting and working behind the scenes to make it a success.

### **F. Student Report**

- Brooklyn Daly (Student Rep)
- ROC –REDS OPPORTUNITY CARD assemblies went very well
- Opening school dance is on Thursday. Halloween Dance on October 26<sup>th</sup>
- Planning for Football game and grade 8 visit on October 5<sup>th</sup>

### **G. Old Business**

- Used Uniform sale—Overall the sale went smoothly. Lynn Piech sent an e-mail to Pina with concern over the collection of old uniforms (Redmen) and asked that it no longer

be collected and only new uniform be collected. DIL discussed the fact that Grade 12 grads look forward to this donation back to the school as they are rewarded with out of uniforms and we would need to still collect Redmen items for another 2 years. DIL indicated that DM would take responsibility for the old uniform pieces collected and discard of them.

- Advertisement of DM used dress donation.

## **H. New Business**

- DM Safe School Team- Parents representatives for 2016/17 will be Shonna Daly and Nadia La Selva
- Denis Morris Christmas Market—Refer to the minutes completed by LeeAnn Flynn for more details. A subcommittee meeting will take place at 5:30 prior to CSC meeting on November 7th.

## **I. Agenda Items—Discussion for future meetings**

### **J. Next Meeting(s)**

- November 7th, January 16<sup>th</sup>, March 20<sup>th</sup>, May 22<sup>nd</sup>.

### **K. Adjournment**

- Motion by Tracey Neufeld to adjourn meeting. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Nadia La Selva

### **L. Closing Prayer**

- Sam Gualtieri concluded meeting with closing prayer