



# Minutes

## Denis Morris Catholic School Council Meeting

Tuesday, March 20, 2018

FATHER CORMIER/LAPINSKI INFORMATION CENTRE

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Meeting called to order 6:30 p.m.

**Present: Andrew Bartley, Sam Gualtieri, Darlene Beauregard, Pina Palombo, Patrick Beauregard, Lynn Piech, Tracey Neufeld, Eleanor Marynuik, Nadia La Selva, Missy Gordon, Louise Montreuil, Paul Gifford, Frances de Lima, Nancy General, Angela Coleman, Leeann Flynn, Jeannie McGlynn, Alison Joly**

**Regrets: Shonna Daly, Brooklyn Daly**

### **A. Routine Matters**

1. Opening Prayer—Missy Gordon read opening prayer.
2. Approval of Minutes—January 16<sup>th</sup> no minutes due to quorum, previous minutes approved (November)—Tracey Neufeld, 2<sup>nd</sup> Nancy General
3. Approval of Agenda— Angela, 2<sup>nd</sup> Tracey Neufeld
4. Disclosure of Interest—Leann Flynn declared she is an employee of NCDSB, Paul Gifford declared he is graduating this year, Jeannie McGlynn, Ellie Marynuik and Leeann Flynn declared they have children graduating.

### **B. Policies/Policy Vetting**

### **C. Presentations**

- Design of System Priorities 2018—2019---Andrew Bartley reviewed the Powerpoint and explained the System Priorities in detail with CSC.

### **D. Principal's Report**

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- Course selection completed prior to the March Break. Tentative schedules to be given to students in June for them to review
- Easter Mass- April 18, 2018
- April 5<sup>th</sup>- Parent/Teacher Interviews 4-7pm—online signup will be happening again. Will open next week sometime and close after the Easter weekend
- Mid-terms—May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2018
- Leela Benjamin—Bronze medal—OFSAA wrestling
- Technology/Skills Competition just completed. We had several students do very well and qualify for future competitions

- Shrove Tuesday was a success and pancakes were enjoyed by the entire school to signify the beginning of the Lenten Season.
- Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast—April 16, 2018 at the Holiday Inn. Darlene Beauregard and Leann Flynn agreed to attend.
- School Paly- “You Can’t Take It With You”—April 12<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>
- OSAP Assembly—March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018 1pm in the theatre
- ‘Catch the Spirit’ awards--- May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Denis Morris is hosting. Will begin at St. Julia’s Church at 6:30pm followed by a reception at Denis Morris
- OSSLT—April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018—Mock tests happening this week in English classes, DEAR sessions to be used run additional literacy based exercise. Denis Morris has been doing well in the past few years in Literacy and hope to continue the trend this year.
- COMPASS survey completed by students- University of Waterloo facilitated. CSC expressed an interest in seeing the results when they come back.
- Niagara College Engineering Competition has taken place. Students enjoyed the challenge and did well.
- Bishop’s Gala—April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2018 Danny to sponsor and individual from CSC to attend—Darlene Beauregard agreed to attend. This is also the evening of the DM Hockey Trivia night.
- April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018—NCPIC Presentation on ‘Well Being’ to be happening here at DM
- April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2018—United Way Day
- May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2018—Starvathon
- May 6<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup>—Catholic Education Week- Theme- Renewing the Promise. Various activities to be taking place at Denis Morris and within NCDSB.

## 2. (NCPIC)

Shonna Daly absent(NCPIC Rep.)

## 3. (SEAC) Report- Pina Palombo

- DM is hosting the next SEAC meeting on Wednesday, April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018 after the NCPIC presentation to encourage participation. Will likely start at 7:30pm
- All SEAC members to visit Special Education classrooms at individual schools to see how things are similar or different across the NCDSB. Pat Vernal planned to visit DM but it was the ‘snow day’ so will likely need to reschedule.

## 4. Financial Report

- \$2089.98

## **E. OAPCE Report**

Shonna Daly absent so no report given

## **F. Staff Report**

Missy Gordon

- There is a Staff Formation opportunity afterschool in May that staff are looking forward to. Will include a ‘teaching mass’ in the Chapel followed by a barbeque.
- Starvathon—May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2018—hoping for a good showing of students and staff. Great opportunity for students to earn 6 hours of Christian Community Service

- Staff are preparing for Parent—Teacher Conferences on Thursday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018.
- Spring sports and clubs are just starting up and running. Staff to continue to coach and moderate.
- A lot of extra effort from staff in support of students is focused on Literacy recently as the OSSLT will be written on April 10, 2018.

## **G. Student Report**

Paul Gifford

- Student Council is working on the development of a video for their Annual Symposium where they showcase all of the successes of the current year.

## **H. Old Business**

- Used Uniform Sale—Lynn to email Andres to discuss a potential new date as the previous date/sale did not happen as it was a ‘snow day’
- Christmas Basket update—Great efforts overall. Many families very much appreciated the baskets and CSC was very generous as in the past.
- Christmas Vendor Fair Update-Leeann Flynn -Success overall, raised \$2,369.25 (vendor fees, penny raffle tickets, & apple cider)
- Feedback included:
  - Loved student helpers
  - Well organized and friendly
  - Loved Christmas music and decorations
  - Well-advertised
- Improvements/Concerns
  - Create more traffic
  - Christmas Market to happen with another DM event
  - Involve Feeder Schools
  - Pictures with Santa Claus (organize with Feeder Schools & pre-book appointments). Create mini North Pole, hire photography and charge \$10-20 for photos?
  - School Choir involvement
  - Instead of penny raffle table, raffle tickets with a cash prize/ laptop (pre-sell?)

## **I. New Business**

- 2018-19 School Year Calendar pending Ministry approval
- Graduation Scholarships- last year CSC donated 10 X \$250=\$2500 however approximately \$400 short this year.
- Motion to have 10 scholarships donated @ \$200 each. Tracey Neufeld, 2<sup>nd</sup> Alison Joly. CSC supported this motion overall.
- Paul Davis Presentation—Nadia La Selva--Pro grant money to be used to book for September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Andrew Bartley explained new board policy for a guest speaker that will need to be followed.
- PRO Grant—Nadia La Selva—Open now for next school year 2019/20. Nadia willing to work on grant but suggested a sub-committee to assist. Lynn Piech, Nancy General, Angela Coleman, Darlene Beauregard agreed to assist and be on sub-committee. Financial Literacy was the mutually agreed upon focus for this PRO-Grant.

- CSC Raffle—Fundraiser—Leann Flynn suggested a ‘Mother’s Day’ Spa fundraiser raffle to help raise additional funds for CSC. Discussion around the table but it was discussed that it was likely too much of a financial risk should the raffle ticket sales not go well.
- Rankin Run—May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2018—Honee Barnowski to coordinate a DM team with Pina Palombo so that DM has a good showing. Pina trying to encourage involvement and shared with CSC a few ideas that her and Honee have discussed. Leeann Flynn, Angela Coleman, and Darlene Beauregard to assist with the DM team and the run.
- Pina Palombo shared with CSC that it is World Down Syndrome Day tomorrow (March 21<sup>st</sup>)

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

- Graduation Scholarships—Who will present
- Reserved Seating for members of CSC who have children graduating

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

- May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2018

### **K. Adjournment**

Leeann Flynn, 2<sup>nd</sup> Nadia La Selva

### **L. Closing Prayer**

- Sam Gualtieri concluded meeting with closing prayer