



Minutes

Denis Morris Catholic School Council Meeting

Tuesday, May 15, 2018

FATHER CORMIER/LAPINSKI INFORMATION CENTRE

Meeting called to order 6:30 p.m.

Present: Danny Di Lorenzo, Darlene Beauregard, Shonna Daly, Pina Palombo, Patrick Beauregard, Tracey Neufeld, Eleanor Marynuik, Nadia La Selva, Missy Gordon, Frances de Lima, Nancy General, Angela Coleman, Leeann Flynn.

Regrets: Louse Montreuil, Brooklyn Daly, Lynn Piech, Alison Joly, Jeannie McGlynn, Paul Gifford.

A. Routine Matters

1. Opening Prayer—Danny Di Lorenzo read opening prayer.
2. Approval of Minutes—March 20th, 2018 minutes approved—Leeann Flynn, 2nd Nadia La Selva
3. Approval of Agenda for May 15th, 2018– Angela, 2nd Tracey Neufeld
4. Disclosure of Interest—Ellie Marynuik, Leeann Flynn, and Shonna Daly declared they have children graduating this year.

B. Presentations

- Semester 2 Mid-term Data—DIL indicated that he could email data when it is prepared by Mr. Pullar. DIL did give a general overview and discussed the fact that attendance was a major indication of student success in classes.

C. Principal's Report

1.

DM and NCDSB will be going from 11 to 8 Program Chairs for 2018/19 (Special Education, Guidance and Coop—Dino Petruzzi, Arts and Social Science—Jay Naphin, Modern Languages and English—John Markovich

921 student enrollment update

No surplus teachers at DM but 3 teachers are redundant with the NCDSB.

38 public students coming in September

Markbook report to go home on June 4th

Partners in Catholic Education—Father Tony at American on Thursday, May 17th, 2018

Darlene unable to attend (Nadia and Leeann volunteered to attend.

June 20th—Period 1 exams with it being a regular school day

June 29th—Exam review day (9-11am) No transportation provided

EQAO—June 14th and 15th for Grade 9 Math students (Semester 2)

Graduation—June 28th 7 pm @ Brock U

Graduation Family Mass—June 29th 5 pm @ St. Julia

Graduation Social Dinner Dance—June 29th (after mass) at John Michaels

Community cleanups are happening with classes and teachers

May 24th—Food Truck Day

June 13th—Closing School Mass

June 12th—AAA Awards Assembly

This year's Drama production was a success

Mrs. Leighton's class is preparing to perform Charlie and the Chocolate Factory for our feeder schools in upcoming weeks

Grade 4 and Grade 6 Days have been cancelled this year due to supply teacher shortage

May 11th—Starvathon was a success. 240 students participated. Next year Religion Department will be making some changes to the event and overseeing it.

Distinguished Alumni—DM grad Warrant Master Robert Morningstar (Military), class of 1988

Best Buddies—March 7th was a success

DM representing at the Special Olympics in Basketball and Bocce Ball in Peterborough from May 29th-31st. Very proud of our athletes to be representing DM

Grad Celebration—May 17th for all NCDSB grads at the Gale Centre Arena in Niagara Falls. All grads to attend

May 30th—Public Speaking contest hosted by the English Department

May 31st—Spring Music Concert

May 7th- DM hosted Catch the Spirt—Was a great evening and showcase of DM

Student Appreciation Barbecue—June 7th

2 .NCPIC Report—Shonna Daly

- Committee of the Whole has taken place and priorities were reviewed.
- PRO Grant for this upcoming year will be in conjunction with SEAC and Indigenous Community.
- April 5th, 2018 –75 parents attended the workshop with Dr. Ferguson.
- April 20th, 2018—Bishop’s Gala was a success. Honoured Mr. Peter Ferren, and the late Eileen McCarthy.
- NCDSB Student Symposium took place on May 10th, 2018—Shonna outlined the meaningful speaker Sarah Wells who was an Olympic Athlete who exemplified perseverance.
- Faith Formation event with Student Senate at Journey’s retreat. Looking at the student’s sharing their perspective with faith and faith journey.
- For 2018/19 School year NCPIC is looking for at least 3 volunteers to be a representative. Application is on the NCDSB website under ‘engagement’ tab.

3. SEAC Report- Pina Palombo

- Last meeting was well attended. Frank Iantuanno spoke to all about decrease in funding and loss of ERT’s in some elementary schools (less than 200 students, ERT will be responsibility of the Principal).
- Program Chair positions at the secondary level will decrease from 88 to 64 for 2018/19 school year
- Increase in Absenteeism of Support Staff and Teachers has led to spots not being filled due to shortages on supply list

4. Financial Report

- \$124.98 (scholarships--\$2000 has already been transferred from the account)

D. OAPCE Report

Shonna Daly

- NCDSB is no longer a member as membership fees are \$8000 and they didn’t feel it necessary.

E. Staff Report

Missy Gordon

- Catholic Education Week was a success and staff very busy hosting events connected to the week.
- Starvathon—May 11th, 2018—great success. 240 students participated.
- Spring sports and clubs are running. Staff to continue to coach and moderate.
- Staff are diligent covering remaining curriculum and preparing for final exams
- PD faith day on May 18th, 2018. Staff looking forward to rejuvenating and enjoying the Faith formation opportunities the day will provide.

F. Student Report

No report given as student representatives gave regrets for meeting.

G. Policies/Policy Vetting

Continuing Education Policy 400.1

Electronic Communications Systems Policy (Employees) 201. 12

Playground Equipment Policy 702.1

Student Parenting Policy 302.5

Darlene has sent all details for CSC to send comments back to her. Shonna indicated that providing a “no comment” as feedback to the Board is helpful.

H. Old Business

- Used Uniform Sale—To take place during exams. June 18th, 19th and 20th will be days for the grade 12's to be out of uniform. Darlene to contact Lynn Piech and see if she is available to assist. Other CSC will also be required
- August 29th grade 9 Barbecue—Uniform sale- Darlene to contact Lynn. Nancy General, Shonna Daly and Darlene Beauregard volunteered to assist—9am set-up as the grade 9's will start arriving for 10am
- Graduation Scholarships—Tracey Neufeld, Darlene Beauregard and Pina Palomba to present scholarships at Graduation
- Ellie Marynuik and Shonna Daly to have reserved seating (1 seat each) at front.
- PRO Grant—Nadia waiting for invoice by June 30, 2018 from Paul Davis to hold event on September 26th, 2018. If no receipt given then the event will need to be cancelled.

I. New Business

- Vendor's Fair 2018/19—Darlene with a motion to continue this fundraiser event. Leeann accepted the motion and Shonna 2nd the motion. November 14th, 2018 selected as the date for the event. Information should be provided to parents at Grade 9 Curriculum Night on September 19th. Key piece will be advertising event. The event last year was a success but the weather and lack of volume affected success slightly. Sub-committee formed of Angela Coleman, Leeann Flynn, Pina Palombo, Nadia La Selva, Frances de Lina and Darlene Beauregard.
- Grade 9 Curriculum Night—September 19th, Darlene Beauregard indicated she would speak.
- PRO Grant 2018/19—Meeting took place at 6pm this evening with the sub-committee. First Ontario Credit Union to present on Financial Literacy. NO branding for First Ontario. Will be educating parents on savings for education and speak about many items supporting financial literacy like RESP's, RRSP's, and TFSA's. Will have to select a weeknight during the school year when the grant gets approval.

- Uniform RFP—Tender of uniform for 7 NCDSB high schools. Danny requires 2 CSC representatives. Shonna Daly, Nadia La Selva and Darlene Beauregard to possibly attend. Danny to let them know time, date and location and confirm who is attending.
- Shonna Daly brought up the Graduation Dress and tuxedo and the costs associated stating that she would like to see this changed as it is too costly for graduates. She outlined the fact that she has approached the subject with the Board and that she is now looking for CSC feedback. CSC had mixed opinions on the topic and was looking for reassurance that if a student needs financial support to attend is support given. Missy Gordon and Danny Di Lorenzo reassured that support is given to any student who expresses that they need support. DIL also indicated that a vote to change to cap and gown was taken 2 years ago with the graduates and it was unanimous with the graduate vote (70% to 30%) that they wanted to keep the tradition of the white dresses and tuxedos. DIL indicated that he will not be changing the tradition while he is Principal unless he is informed by the Board he HAS to change it.
- Yearend CSC social at @ 6pm @ Cat's Caboose. Darlene to send e-mail to CSC members so that she can reserve table.

I. Agenda Items—Discussion for future meetings

J. Next Meeting(s)

- September 25th, 2018

K. Adjournment

Leeann Flynn, 2nd Nadia La Selva

L. Closing Prayer

- Danny Di Lorenzo thanked CSC for their commitment this school year and closed the meeting with a prayer.