



# Minutes

## Denis Morris Catholic School Council Meeting

Tuesday, September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2016

FATHER CORMIER/LAPINSKI INFORMATION CENTRE

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Meeting called to order 6:30 p.m.

**Present: D. Di Lorenzo, Andrew Bartley, Jay Lennox, Pina Palombo, Anna Race, Shonna Daly, Patrick Beauregard, Darlene Beauregard, Jeannie McGlynn, Lynn Piech, Maria Tarka, Tracey Neufeld, Eleanor Marynuik, Aimee Vanderburgh, Leann Flynn, Missy Gordon, Nicole Garcia, Frances de Lima, Nancey General, Kim Hedden**

**Regrets:**

### **A. Routine Matters**

1. Opening Prayer—Chaplain Patricia was introduced by Danny and led us in prayer.
2. Formation of DMCHS Catholic School Council
  - DIL Reviewed DMCHS By law #3-“Membership”
  - Definition of Quorum—10
  - Election of Chairperson—  
Maria Tarka nominated Pina Palombo, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Leann Flynn  
Jeannie McGlynn nominated Shonna Daly, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Darlene Beauregard  
Pina Palombo nominated Tracey Neufeld, Tracey Neufeld declined the nomination  
Voting members voted with selected scrutineers and DIL declared Pina Palombo would be 2016/17 Chairperson.  
Motion to destroy ballots by Leann Flynn, 2<sup>nd</sup> Tracey Neufled
    - Election of Recording Secretary—  
Missy Gordon
3. Approval of Minutes—May 24, 2016 Spelling of Eleanor Marynuik and Pina Palombo  
Shonna Daly approved and 2<sup>nd</sup> Jeannie McGlynn
4. Approval of Agenda– Darlene Beauregard, 2<sup>nd</sup> Anna Race  
Discussion Items added to agenda include: Pilgrimage (Lynn Piech)  
Vendors Fair (Shonna Daly)
5. Disclosure of Interest  
DIL explained Disclosure of Interest for future meetings if applicable. No disclosures for this meeting.

### **B. Presentations**

- DIL introduced new REDS logo
- DIL reviewed Systems Priorities Slideshow presentation for CSC

- Key info included—
- Power of Teamwork partnership with Brock University, 1972 Canadian Hockey Team and Niagara Catholic
- Vision, Mission and Values focus for the 2016/17 school year
- NCAA –Niagara Catholic Athletic Association- Convenor, Dino Germano. Tracey Neufeld asked rationale behind NCAA establishment. DIL explained reasoning behind NCAA.
- Partnership with school in China
- 4 Goals of Renewed Vision (Ministry of Education
- Inspiration Awards (DM—Andy Kittel, Craig Bell, Missy Gordon)
- Distinguished Alumni – DIL reviewed criteria and outline process to nominate
- Mental Health and Addiction Strategy 2016/17
- Safe and Accepting Schools Policy
- Emergency Response Protocol reviewed with CSC.
- EQAO OSSLT & grade 9 Math Results 2015/16 reviewed by DIL with CSC.
- October 5<sup>th</sup> (test of online OSSLT system)
- October 20<sup>th</sup> (online OSSLT across the province for grade 10 students and previously eligible unsuccessful students)

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

### 1. (NCPIC)

- Shonna Daly (NCPIC Rep.)
- 18 different events completed 2015/16 school year for parent engagement.
- Grant of \$13,000 approved
- Festival of Families—May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2016
- Focus on communication this year between CSC and NCPIC
- All are encouraged to attend meetings on November 17<sup>th</sup> and December 6<sup>th</sup>.

### 2. (SEAC) Report

- Darlene Beauregard (SEAC Rep for 2016/17 school year)  
Darlene reviewed 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> Wednesday of the Month at the CEC in Welland.  
Focus of building bridges for students within Niagara Catholic and beyond.

### 3. Financial Report

- As of today (September 27<sup>th</sup>) there is \$2032.78 in the CSC account. More to be deposited when online payments are processed at the end of the month from the used uniform sale.

### 4. Principal's School Information Report

- Quorum—If you cannot make a meeting please inform Pina Palombo (Chair) and Danny Di Lorenzo as soon as possible to be sure we have enough representation to have a meeting.
- Denis Morris Catholic High School Superintendent- Mr. Ted Farrell
- Staffing for 2016/17 school year  
54 teaching staff, 2.5 Guidance Staff, 1 Student Success Teacher, 2 Educational Resource Teachers, 1 Special Education Class Teacher, 7 Educational Assistants,

1 Interpreter, 1 Child and Youth Worker, 1 Librarian.

- 981.5 ADE students for 2016/17 school year, 90% retention rate
- Grade level assemblies completed within the first few days of school by Administration to review expectations and key policies with students.
- Athletics Programs currently running include: Jr.&Sr. Football, Cross Country, Golf (Male and Female), Male Jr. & Sr. Volleyball, Female Jr. & Sr. Basketball
- Our school received a Gold Eco School designation. Credit given to Dawn DiFrancesco and Eco Club at DM.
- September 14<sup>th</sup> was our opening school mass, October 6<sup>th</sup> Thanksgiving mass. CSC members encouraged and welcome to attend
- Photo Day was September 12, 13
- Grade 9 Curriculum Night was a success. Special thanks to all CSC members who assisted in the evening and the used uniform sale.
- October 12, 2016- First of many Grade 8 Transition Activities—Football game
- Denis Morris float at the Grape and Wine Parade received the ‘Harvest Award’
- Grade 9 retreats have been postponed as Chaplain Denise is off. Will be rescheduled to a later date. Grade 12 retreats will still be happening.
- Pilgrimage—Sunday, October 30<sup>th</sup>, 2016. As last year students will check in at DM in the am and then leave from Market Square after signing out with CSC.
- Early Grade 9 Progress reports were distributed to all grade 9 students on Monday, October 26<sup>th</sup>. Also any at-risk students in grades 10-12 may have received these reports.
- Markbook report will be going out on October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2016 in all classes
- October 20<sup>th</sup> Parent-Teacher Interviews. Although CSC did not get our PRO-Grant application approved to assist with the funding of this project DIL will cover the cost as this is a very well received program with the parent community.
- ROC Reds Opportunity Card fundraiser ongoing.
- School Resource Officer- Dave Marynuik
- October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2016- PD Day
- October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2016- Football Fundraiser—Comedy night & Pasta dinner
- November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2016- TOKTWD (Take our Kids to Work Day) for Grade 9 students
- November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2016- Grade 8 Feeder School students will be visiting DM
- November 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2016- Open House for incoming grade 9 student
- November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2016- Niagara Ice Dogs Game (DM night) \$13.00 per ticket. Family skate to occur prior to. More details to follow.

## **D. OAPCE Report**

Shonna Daly

- Oapce has decided to change things up a bit this year and will not be having a provincial conference during the school year. The next conference will be held in Kingston, Nov, 2017 .
- During this school year OAPCE will be having some regional forums to help reach more areas and more parents. Planning is just beginning on dates and locations and we will keep all posted.
- We will also be trying to have a meeting in each region of all OAPCE Liaison reps once CSC elections are finalized.

## **E. Staff Report**

Missy Gordon

- October 7<sup>th</sup>- PD day—Staff will work collaboratively on School Improvement Plan for 2016-17 school year. All departments and staff members will add valuable input and be encouraged on that day for some thought provoking reflection and discussion.
- Fall sports and activities are up and running. Many staff are enjoying moderating and coaching.
- Many new staff members have been added to our family this year. All staff seem to be making an excellent transition to the school year.
- Colleges and Universities are now individually visiting DM. Grade 12 students are encouraged to attend the presentations to find out more information about the schools they will be applying to in the next few months. Each grade 12 student will also be individually interviewed by Student Services starting next week and students will be given application info, and detailed instruction on applying to college or university in the next month or so.
- Our school based literacy and numeracy (teacher and Admin) team will be meeting October 14<sup>th</sup> to increase student success/achievement.
- College Fair is October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2016. One bus to Niagara College from 10:45-noon will escort interested students to the fair.

## **F. Student Report**

Nicole Garcia

- ROC sales going well. Online sales doing much better this year.
- School dance- Thursday, September 29<sup>th</sup>, free for ROC card holders, \$7.00 for non ROC card holders.
- October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2016 ROC card holders will have the opportunity to watch DM Basketball game
- October (Fall) pep-rally in the works. Date TBA.

## **G. Old Business**

- N/A

## **H. New Business**

- Used Grad dress sale—CSC would like to implement a Used Graduation Dress sale this year. The premise will be that dresses will be donated by previous grads and then sold to current grads. The dresses will be donated. No consignment system. Advertise on DM website for drop-offs and word of mouth through CSC
- DM Safe School Team- Parents representatives for 2016/17 will be Shonna Daly and Anna Race.
- Turf field- DIL outlined \$1.2 million commitment to turf field. Funds cannot come from Board budget. School to raise \$200, 000 in donations. Jim Marino (hired by Board to oversee fundraising component. Large potential donors could have field named after them.
- Vendor Fair—Shonna outlined this fundraising initiative to CSC. CSC were excited about this concept. November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2016 is the potential date. Shonna to coordinate with other CSC members. Will need to be advertised on website, callout, and in a flyer. Shonna to e-mail Pina once evening is confirmed and then an e-mail will go out to CSC to recruit other volunteers for the evening.

- Pilgrimage—October 30<sup>th</sup>, 2016—same format as last year. DM staff to bring sign in sheets/community service forms to Market Square for CSC to sign students out and fill out the majority prior to students returning from final walk. Tracey, Nancey, Lynn, Leann, Frances and Darlene to assist at Market Square.

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

- N/A

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

- November 22<sup>nd</sup>, January 10<sup>th</sup>, March 21<sup>st</sup>, May 23<sup>rd</sup>.

### **K. Adjournment**

### **L. Closing Prayer**

- DIL concluded meeting with closing prayer