



# Minutes

## Denis Morris Catholic School Council Meeting

Tuesday, September 25<sup>h</sup>, 2018

FATHER CORMIER/LAPINSKI INFORMATION CENTRE

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**Meeting called to order 6:30 p.m.**

**Present: D. Di Lorenzo (Principal), Colleen Quinn-Boyer (Vice Principal), Sam Gualtieri (Vice Principal), Shonna Daly, Patrick Beauregard, Darlene Beauregard, Missy Gordon, Nancy General, Louise Montreuil, Angela Coleman, Marisa Vander Vaart, Georgina Belanger, Ava Naphin, Amy Battista, Amenah El Werfalli, Patricia Morgetano**

**Late arrival: Frances de Lima**

**Regrets: Pina Palombo**

### **A. Routine Matters**

1. Opening Prayer—Chaplain Patricia led us in prayer.
2. Formation of DMCHS Catholic School Council
  - DIL Reviewed DMCHS By law #3-“Membership”
    - Definition of Quorum—Quorum is 8 (7 plus 1) (Patricia Morgetano not able to be included in Quorum due to the fact that as of now she is only with us for 1 Semester)  
If you cannot make a meeting please inform Darlene Beauregard (Chair) and Danny Di Lorenzo as soon as possible to be sure we have Quorum to have a meeting.
  - Election of Chairperson—  
Nancy General nominated Darlene Beauregard, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Patrick Beauregard  
Darlene Beauregard accepted the nomination  
No vote necessary as there were no other nominations for Chair position.  
DIL declared Darlene Beauregard would be 2018/19 Chairperson. Meeting continued with Darlene as Chair.
  - Election of Recording Secretary—  
Shonna Daly nominated Missy Gordon, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Louise Montreuil  
Missy Gordon accepted position
3. Approval of Minutes—May 2018 Shonna Daly indicated she would like the Graduation dress to be added to the Agenda as she brought this up at May meeting. Would like to discuss. Shonna made motion to approve Agenda, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Angela Coleman
4. Approval of Agenda– Added Graduation Dress to New Business section of Agenda as per request.
5. Disclosure of Interest—Patrick and Darlene Beauregard declared that they had student graduating this year.

## **B. Presentations**

- Niagara Catholic Systems Priorities 2018-19  
DIL reviewed PowerPoint with CSC  
Highlight on Absenteeism student protocol. Teacher to make calls home when pattern exists.
- EQAO Math results reviewed from last year.  
Interesting statistic DIL reviewed—57% of DM students at level 2 Math were female.  
OSSLT results reviewed from last year.  
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.)  
No report.

### 2. (SEAC) Report

- No report. If Shonna Daly receives she will send to Danny to send out.

### 3. Financial Report

- To be deferred to next meeting as Finance Secretary, Virginia Mattiazzo is currently off.

### 4. Principal's School Information Report

- Denis Morris Catholic High School Superintendent- Mr. Ted Farrell
- Staffing for 2017/18 school year  
50.33 teaching staff, 2.5 Guidance Staff, 1 Student Success Teacher, 1.83 Educational Resource Teachers, 1 Special Education Class Teacher, 6 Educational Assistants, 1 Interpreter, 1 Child and Youth Worker, 1 Librarian.
- 943 ADE for 2018/19 school year,
- 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. Jr. Female Basketball, Sr. Male Volleyball, Tennis, Cheerleading. Several other clubs up and running.
- Our school received a Gold Eco School designation. Credit given Eco Club at DM.
- September 12<sup>th</sup> was our opening school mass with Bishop Bergie
- Photo Day was September 19 Retake day October 23<sup>rd</sup>
- September 21<sup>st</sup> was 9 Curriculum Night. Poor attendance noted this year. Thanks to Shonna Daly and Darlene Beauregard for attending. Shonna Daly suggested perhaps incorporating that evening with the August barbeque. DIL indicated that would not work due to the fact that the August barbeque is voluntary attendance for staff.  
Georgina Belanger suggested having students grouped at the barbeque to assist with transition and make friends/ meet people. She was concerned as her daughter was the only student that came from her school and as a result was

nervous about the day. Ava Naphin indicated it worked well several years ago. DIL supportive of this idea also.

- Grade 8 Transition program discussed—Football game on Sept. 26<sup>th</sup>. Grade 8's will be joining.
- Denis Morris float will be at the Grape and Wine Parade after first being not permitted it was accepted and will be on Sept. 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018
- Grade 9 retreats have taken place last week at Club Roma
- Grade 12 retreat on October 2, 2018—Club Roma
- 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: Nancy General, Louise Montreuil, Georgina Belanger, Pina Palombo (informed Missy after the meeting). Lynn Piech???? Pina to contact??
- Early Grade 9 Progress reports will be distributed to all grade 9 students on Friday, Sept. 28<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 26th in all classes
- November 1st Parent-Teacher Interviews. Online booking system will be used.
- ROC Reds Opportunity Card fundraiser ongoing.
- School Dance on Thursday, Sept. 27<sup>th</sup> ROC cards free entry
- School Resource Officer- Dave Marynuik
- October 5<sup>th</sup>, November 16<sup>th</sup>—PA days
- November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018- TOKTWD (Take our Kids to Work Day) for Grade 9 students.
- November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018- Grade 8 Feeder School students will be visiting DM
- November 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2018-- Open House for incoming grade 9 student
- Graduation—June 27<sup>th</sup>, 2018
- Towering Heights expansion—some concerns over safety but the City of St. Catharines has indicated it has done due diligence and the buildings meet all codes and regulations. There is a meeting on Sept. 27<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 to discuss further. The road cannot be widened as it would affect Board property and Hydro property.

## **E. Staff Report**

- Missy Gordon (Staff rep)
- Staff have adjusted well to the start of a new school year. 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.
- Fall programs are up and running that staff are continuing to coach and moderate.
- Literacy and Faith Formation staff based team meetings will be taking place in the next month or so.
- Pilgrimage committee (staff and students) is working hard at promoting and working behind the scenes to make it a success
- October 5- PD day—Staff will work collaboratively on School Improvement Plan for 2018-19 school year. All departments and staff members will add valuable input and be encouraged on that day for some thought provoking reflection and discussion.

- 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.
- University Fair in Toronto this weekend September 28-30<sup>th</sup> and College Fair October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> also in Toronto
- Smaller scale College Fair is October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2018. One bus to Niagara College from 9:30-11:30 will take interested students along with Student Services to the fair.
- Louise Montrieul also mentioned an International University Fair at Ridley College on October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018.

## **F. Student Report**

- Ava Naphin (Student Council President)
- Grade 9 barbecue was a success. August 29<sup>th</sup> was run by Student Council and was a success.
- ROC –REDS OPPORTUNITY CARD assemblies went very well
- \$25 to buy—includes: 2 school dances, 2 exclusive buy-outs, 4 additional Out-of Uniforms, Grades 9 and 10 Spirit Wear shirt, \$10 discount (Grades 11 and 12) on Semi-formal.
- Cops for Cancer fundraiser—Out of Uniform
- Opening school dance is on Thursday.
- Planning for Football game and grade 8 visit tomorrow
- October 11<sup>th</sup>, Niagara Student Summit
- October 19<sup>th</sup>, Pep-Rally—Planning has begun.
- Ava reviewed and shared Europe trip information (March break) with CSC.
- Amenah ElWerfalli introduced herself (Student Council Vice President)
- Amy Battista (Student Senate)
- Student Senate leadership conference. October 17<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>—‘LEAD OUT LOUD’  
On October 19<sup>th</sup> the elementary students will join the conference.

## **G. Old Business**

- Used Uniform sale fundraiser—to be discussed at next meeting.
- Vendor’s Fair fundraiser—Leeann Flynn co-ordinated last one but is no longer on CSC. Timing of a November Fair is unrealistic at this time. Perhaps a May (Mother’s Day) timing focus if it still is going to happen but a sub-committee will need to start planning soon. (next meeting)
- Purse Bingo was also suggested as has been very successful at other schools. DIL suggested pairing with a club or team to assist in the fundraiser and share the profits. This is to be discussed at next meeting again.

## **H. New Business**

- DM Safe School Team- Parents representatives for 2018/19 will be Darlene Beauregard. Shonna Daly is also interested in serving depending on outcome of Trustee election.
- Grade 9 Math Support Night—Date to be determined. Will likely be in the next month or so.
- FOS Transition Plan—DIL discussed the fact that we have an extensive Transition plan. ELKP- Grade 8.
- Pilgrimage—Happening on October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018—CSC to assist with sign out and the Community Service hours. 12 noon—1:30 if assisting with sign-out. Can also join for Mass if interested arrive for 9:30-10ish

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

- Graduation (Shonna Daly would like to discuss at next meeting)
- CSC 2018-19 Fundraisers.

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

- November 6<sup>th</sup>, January 22<sup>nd</sup>, March 19<sup>th</sup>, May 28<sup>th</sup>.

## **K. Adjournment**

- Motion by Darlene Beauregard to adjourn meeting. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Shonna Daly

## **L. Closing Prayer**

- Chaplain Patricia Morgetano closed the meeting with a prayer.