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DENIS MORRIS CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday September 24, 2024
6:30 P.M. Denis Morris Information Centre

Present: K. Timmins, N. Royer, D. Williams, E. Farkas, A. Natale, T. Kramar. K. Forster, D. Scullion, S. Strickland, M. Vandervaart, M. Rocco.

A ROUTINE MATTERS

- 1 Opening Prayer – A. Natale
- 2 Roll Call
- 3 Approval of Agenda – September 24, 2024: All in favour
- 4 Disclosure of Conflict of Interest: NIL
- 5 Approval of the Minutes – March 19, 2024: 1st: T, Kramar, 2nd: M . Vandervaart

B PRESENTATIONS

- Introduction of DM Admin Team: Kevin Timmins, Nicole Royer, Deanna Williams

C POLICIES FOR VETTING

- None at this time

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

- 1 **NCPIC (Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee) Report:** K. Timmins
 - Election of a Chair
 - Niagara Catholic Theological Theme 2024-2025
 - [PPM 128](#): The Provincial Code of Conduct and School Board Codes of Conduct o Update: Cellphones and Vaping
 - Niagara Catholic Communication Protocol for Parent Inquiries
 - PPM 170: School Board Communication With Parents “[Your Child's Education: A Parent Guide to Our School System](#)”
 - [Board Website](#) Presentation: Jennifer Pellegrini, Niagara Catholic Communications Office

2 SEAC (Special Education Advisory Committee): D. Williams

- [SEAC Website](#)
- [SEAC Minutes](#) – minutes and meeting date/times available
- Committee meets once every month (Wednesdays @ 6:30pm)
- September 4, 2024 minutes embedded



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3 Catholic School Council Financial Report: K. Timmins

- Used Uniform Sale in August was very successful (over \$4400 in sales)
- Krispy Kreme Donut Fundraiser set for February 19, 2025
- Consider organizing another Cobb's Bread Fundraiser for DM Cares/Breakfast Program
 - Will go towards Breakfast Program and DM Cares
- Possible support requests in the future:
 - BBQ for participants of October 24 Pilgrimage
 - Grad Breakfast

4 Principal's School Information Report: N. Royer

- Conducted grade level assemblies first week of school to review expectations
- Picture day proofs were sent home today, retake day is October 16
- Curriculum night was on September 19th, about 170 in attendance, opportunity to meet classroom teachers and tour the building
- Study hall is running after school, students can attend Monday-Thursday 2:15-3:15
- Grade 8s will be visiting on October 9 for pep rally, BBQ lunch and football game
- Grade 8s will also be visiting at the end of November for a variety of activities and experiences

D. OAPCE REPORT:

- Marisa Vandervaart to be DM's representative again this year
- Here is the website for OAPCE related activities. <https://niagara.oapce.org/>

E. STAFF REPORT: E. Farkas

- Over the past few weeks, Student Services has visited all grade twelve classes and distributed individualized 'Student Achievement Summaries' outlining the total number of credits and courses required to graduate in June 2025. This summary outlines the number of Community Service hours on file to date.
- As a graduation requirement students must complete 40 hours of Community Service. The completion of 2 eLearning credits is also a ministry mandated requirement. Students can opt out of this requirement by having their family complete the 'Opt-out' form on the Denis Morris website.
- All of the Grade 12 students were shown the *Grade 12 Student Services NCVLE* class which provides students links to post-secondary information, Community Service opportunities, scholarships, NCAA eligibility for students interested in studying in the USA, and OSAP information. Students are advised to check this class 2 to 3 times a week for any updated information. Student Services also highlighted all of the Post-Secondary Presentations taking place at Denis Morris that students can sign up for from September to November. Niagara College, Waterloo University, Lakehead University and Toronto Metropolitan University have already been in and Brock University will be coming on Thursday. Student Services is really highlighting to students how important it is to do post-secondary research and to visit and tour

schools.

- Students were handed out a sheet with all of the important dates for the year that Mr. Timmins will be sending out to grade 12 parents later this week. This sheet outlines all of the important dates that students will need this year including graduation portraits and fee dates. There will also be a Parent/Guardian Post-Secondary Information Session at 6:30p.m. on November 21st in the Library.

F. STUDENT REPORT: K. Forster

- ROC card sales underway
 - the card gets you 4 additional out of uniform days and 2 buy-outs
- There will be monthly draws, the students rely on donations from local businesses to give out as prizes
- New this year – junior semi-formal, will give juniors same opportunities as the seniors
- Parkway social night – details currently being discussed

G. OLD BUSINESS: NIL

H. NEW BUSINESS: NIL

I. AGENDA ITEMS – DISCUSSION FOR FUTURE MEETING: K. Timmins

- Parent Engagement Fund
 - \$500 provided, with access to additional \$1000 if approved
 - submit ideas you may have for guest speakers (topics may include, mental health, addiction, cyber awareness etc.)

J. Next Meeting:

- Tuesday November 19, 2024

K. CLOSING PRAYER: A. Natale

L. ADJOURNMENT : K. Timmins