

St. Vincent DePaul, Catholic School Council Meeting

September 18, 2024

Welcome to the 2024/2025 School Year!

Attendance:

Parents (in person): Erin Litwinenko, Vanessa Stergiou, Danny Stergiou, Jennifer Botelho, Yvonne Chan, Julie Piperni

School Staff: Mr. Basran, Mr. Antoni

Approval of May 2023 Minutes: Mr. Stergiou, Ms. Piperni

Nomination of Council Members

Co-Chairs- Erin Litwinenko, Vanessa Stergiou

OAPC Representative- Julie Piperni

Treasurer- Danny Stergiou

Members-at-Large: Yvonne Chan, Jennifer Botelho

Staffing

- Grade 8 – Sesei (LTO for DeFrancesco, Approx November/24)
- SERC/SERT – Pedrosa (LTO for MacSween, approx. Nov/24)

- PT/ESL/SERT – Roach

Reorganization:

- School population is 180 students.
- 10 students in our Needs Moderate Class.
- No reorganization this year.

Plant:

- Some damage in the FDK yard. School has had it fixed.

School Priorities

- **Catholicity:**
 - First school mass will be held on October 16, 2024 at the school.
 - School may consider one mass being held at the parish. Will need transportation between school and church. School may request funds from the council to pay for bussing.
 - We continue to support social justice initiatives (Food drives, Miss Food Bank, Terry Fox Run; Soctober).
 - Suggestion was made that during ShareLife Week (March?), it is announced to the community that proceeds made from Tuck Shop is being donated to ShareLife
 - Virtues prayers and liturgies, strong parish school support & communication.
- **Eco Schools:**
 - We achieved the Platinum in Eco schools last year with a focus on recycling, stewardship of the earth and boomerang lunches.
- **School Lunches & Snacks**
 - Pizza (Tues, Thurs)
 - Subs (Monday)
 - Uptake Low so far this year...

■ Action Item: Ms. Piperni will look into details to switch from Mr. Sub to Subway and will give information to Ms. Antelope

- Pita (Wednesday)
- Tuck Shop – Monday, Wednesday, Friday
- **Workshops:**
- Eco Workshops – Grade 1 to 8 September 24th
- Skills Ontario – Grade 7/8 September 24th

Curriculum

- School focus will be learning goals and success criteria with a focus on descriptive feedback.
- In pursuit of excellence in mathematics we will have the support of:
 - Laura Giovanniazo is our Math Consultant. She is working with our Grade 6 students.
- Question Posed: What is the board doing to support literacy at the school?

Upcoming Dates:

Orange Shirt Day	Monday September 30, 2024
Terry Fox Online Event 1:30 Gym	Tuesday, October 1, 2024
Terry Fox Walk....PM Benchmarks and CASI/IEPs to Office Due/	Friday October 4, 2024
PA Day (Provincial Priorities in a Catholic Context)/Staff Meeting	Friday, October 11, 2024
Thanksgiving Day	Monday, October 14, 2024
Opening Mass 11 a.m	Wednesday October 16, 2024
Hearing and Vision Screening	Wednesday, October 23, 2024
Empathy Virtue Assembly (1:15 p.m.)	Thursday October 24, 2024
Photo Makeup Day	Monday October 28, 2024

Dental Screening	Monday Oct 28/Tues Oct 29, 2024
Halloween Dance	Thursday October 31, 2024
Earth Rangers 9:40 to 10:40	Friday November 8, 2024
Conscience Virtue Assembly (10:50 a.m.)	Monday November 11, 2024
Progress Reports Sent Home	Tuesday November 12, 2024
Progress Report Interviews (As Needed)	Thursday November 14, 2024
Marketplace	Saturday November 16, 2024
Anti Bullying Week	November 18 - 22
Spring Market	April 5th
Movie Night ?? Tentative	January 17th
Grandparents Day ?? Tentative	May 5th

Graduation

- There is a cohort of 12 students.
- School is considering taking this cohort to Eggsmart for lunch before Thanksgiving.
- Looking at a grad trip to the Rec Room - June 20th
- Graduation - June 18th
- Council responsibilities - hoodies, cake (cupcakes??), decor

Christmas Concert

- Potential date- December 12th

“Come Together” event

- school to organize a come together event
- Mid June
- Please let the council know if we can support.

Council items

Air Conditioning

- Action Item: Erin to re-send the letter.
- Add to our next meeting agenda

Fundraising for 2024-2025

Big Box of Cards (Erin) – FALL

- school earns \$11/box sold
- Organization gets \$24/ box
- Parent template Letter & Marketing letter with one sample card that goes to each family
- Recommend campaign to run 3 weeks over Thanksgiving
- 4 types of boxes for sale
- Birthday/Holidays/Kids birthdays/ All Occasions
- Put all boxes on school cash online

Action Item: Erin will coordinate with Ms. Antelope and Big Box of Cards

October 3- October 25

Krispy Kreme Fundraising (Julie) – WINTER/Early Spring?

- Cost \$8/dozen suggested selling price is \$12-18
- Via corporate minimum is 50 dozen
- Via store minimum is 25 dozen
- Date must be coordinated with the location

Cobbs Cards (Danny) – SPRING

- 12 month bread card
 - \$30 for the card, 60% to the school, 40% cost
- Discussion around possibly getting a table at the Spring market for pre-sale of bread cards. **Action Item: Danny will further discuss with Cobbs.**

Possible Expenses

- Computers?

Upcoming Council Meetings

November 13th

February 12th

May 14th