

Minutes: St. Patrick's School Council Meeting May 5th, 2025.

Meeting start 19:06

Attending:

Lillian Subrez

Nadine

Victoria

Marline

Dawn

Stephanie

Svetlana (virtual)

1. Secretary absent. Stephanie will take minutes.
2. Approval of previous Minutes. Moved: Lillian. Seconded: Nadine. Passed.
3. Student Report (read by Marline as no student representative was free to attend).
 - a. Spirit/Catholic Education week discussed.
 - b. Student council co-presidents acclaimed for 25/26 year. Explanatory comment from Marline: There was no campaign because only two eligible students applied. The student chairs must have previously served on council.
4. Teacher's Report (Victoria).
 - a. Hall pass implementation & result. It's working well.
 - b. Drop in 1st period attendance.
 - c. Uniforms: reinforcing no sneakers, uniform mandatory during exams.
 - d. Success of *The Little Mermaid* and the grade 6 visit.
 - e. EQAO upcoming. Encouraging students to access numeracy support and clubs.
 - f. Educare: participating in Math & Science
 - g. Grade 12 student awarded U of O undergrad research scholarship. Question from Nadine: Can a numeracy club reminder be added to the newsletter? A: Victoria will reach out to the teacher,
5. Principal's report.
 - a. Appointment of current superintendent to director, so new one expected. Also new associate director will be announced May 14.
 - b. *The Little Mermaid* Had record attendance. Cappies review to appear in *The Ottawa Citizen*. Cappies gala June 8th. Show highlighted on CTV.
 - c. Letter for Aubrey's workshop has gone out
 - d. School Budget due soon. Will meet with council co-chairs to approve.
 - e. Staffing: No admin moves for 25/26 – so far.
 - f. Furniture budget (\$77,550) from board. Will be primarily used for deep learning, with a focus on creating "other spaces" for students to do work. Different work environments, including outside. E learning area just outside library has been successful & want to build on this idea.
 - g. Events. Home-School-Parish meeting. Nadine and Marline will attend. School will be a host site for Indigenous Powwow May 23rd. Question: Will the Powwow be

open to the parent community A: It will depend on the numbers expected. Mrs. Frost's senior art class will have a mask workshop as prize for winning ecoart contest. 14 students going to parliament. Black Excellence winners. School Climate survey runs May 26-June 13. Grad mass: June 4. Prom: June 5. Graduation: June 26.

- i. Discussion: Limited seating for Grad. Will become more challenging as school gets bigger. Difficulties in streaming attendance because of Wi-Fi glitches.

h. Questions following Principal's report.

Q: Community hours: Can kids get help finding locations for community service? A: Yes. Some are posted, and students can go to the guidance counsellors. There are also some opportunities in the school.

Q: OC Transpo changes – any troubles? Not much. Troubles with buses go to Mrs. Whitehouse. The #90 has been skipping students because the bus is full. Complaints about the #698 (vaping). Parents should contact OC Transpo & the company can put a special constable on the bus.

(19:50 – Lillian had to leave)

6. Old/Ongoing business

- a. Dawn: ProGrant breakdown. Give \$1000 for PIC to event with Aubrey. Moved: Dawn. Seconded: Nadine. Passed.
- b. Aubrey con't: Need volunteers for Parent part. Same set up as last year.
- c. McDonald's: still hearing back for a good date for second fundraising day.
- d. Report from the flower fundraiser: Profit over \$00. ½ to us and ½ to Drama Club. Advertise more next year.
- e. Advertise for grad flower sales
- f. Vista print signage: 2ftx5ft sign. VOTE NEXT MEETING even if only executive attends. Student or students can get volunteer time for the graphic design.

7. New Business:

- a. Volunteers needed
 - i. Aubrey Parent Night May 13 6:40. Dawn Stephanie
 - ii. Grad Nadine Stephanie
- b. Publicity for Aubrey. Dawn: send poster to Marline to send to feeder schools, this week. Send to our school this week and the day before the event.
- c. Nadine: CSPA report.
 - i. Presentation by HR re hiring practices. Personnel management.
 - ii. Discussion of program for gifted learners. New proposed program moving from the CCAT to MGAT, which is in theory more equitable & would be given to all rather than select grade 4s.
- d. Dawn: we Need to see the budget before we can see if we can do a council-lead staff appreciation event.

8. Next Meeting May 26 7pm.

Adjourned 20:08.