



St. Dominic Catholic School Council



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MINUTES

Thursday February 20th, 2025

In Attendance:

Council:

Danielle Fleming
Lindsay Nubel
Christine MacKinnon-Roy
Angella Ok-Stone
Ally Stoll
James Blaskie (called in)
Alyssa Vachon-Gee
Kateri Milan-Martin

School:

Dan Rigley
Carrie-Anne Gravel
Laurie Woodward

Parents:

Kelly Russell
Emily Johnston
Raissa Barreto
Nadine Kirzinger-Dodson
Priya Sen

Item	Action
Call to Order	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Danielle Fleming called the meeting to order, Christine Mackinnon-Roy 2nd it	
Prayer and Land Acknowledgement	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Lindsay Nubel led us in prayer and Danielle Fleming led the Land Acknowledgement	
Welcome	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Lindsay Nubel welcomed everyone to the January meeting and introductions of all attendees occurred	
Approval of January Minutes	
Motion to Approve: Christine Seconded: Lindsay	
Updates & Reports	
Principal <ul style="list-style-type: none">Carrie-Ann Gravel provided updatesBlack history month is well underway and there have been great discussions around the school and in class	



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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kindness week is being well received. Lots of involvement with the spirit days. The school community is reinforcing good behaviour and acts of kindness Kindergarten open house is March 27th 	
<p>Treasurer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Christine MacKinnon-Roy presented an update. Pizza Lunch : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Revenue - \$24 045.39 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Surpassed the projected total for the year (\$22.5k) by \$1500. Expenses - \$14 006.50 (projected; current \$6707.50) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> First session complete. Second session started with the 2nd lunch next week Planned expense total is \$12.5k. Current projection is \$10 000 profit – on target. BBQ <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recreation Flow Therapy - \$150 deposit to be mailed Update on Little Rays Reptiles, i.e. deposit <p>Classroom supplies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Two cheques still to be deposited (previous update) - 17 teachers/ECE's have submitted claims (individually and combined) Side-yard status: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$452.35 leftover Upcoming and updates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grade 6 leave taking – update from committee for projected costs – not yet received Bibles for grade 4 students – \$470 – 60 students plus extra Learning commons supplies – \$500 – in the past 250\$ each for EN and FR - reminder Shrove Tuesday – \$275 for pancake snack ECO club – \$250 – update Donation to school charitable projects – \$500 – in the past tied to advent project or jump rope for heart. Discussion of Ryan's Well as a Lenten 	



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<p><i>project at January meeting. Discussions still underway</i></p>	
<p>Parish Rep</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Angella Ok-Stone shared updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - New members are welcome to join the children's choir - Parents are responsible to contact their home Parish to ensure their child is signed up to receive their specific age appropriate sacrament - Family mass is still ongoing discussion 	
<p>CSPA Ally Stoll gave an update</p> <p>Next CSPA General Meeting: February 26th, 2025 at 7pm, St Gianna Elementary</p> <p>Monday, February 24 Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) Focus Group Conversation Discussion on creating an inclusive and supportive classroom environment! 7-830 Register through eventbrite on the CSPA website</p> <p>Join the Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) for a Focus Group conversation</p> <p>We invite Ottawa Catholic School Board (OCSB) parents, guardians, and caregivers to participate in an important discussion on creating an inclusive and supportive classroom environment. During this focus group, we will explore the following topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Barriers that can hinder inclusivity -Best practices for fostering an inclusive classroom -Challenges that prevent students from reaching their full potential <p>Your insights and experiences are invaluable to us, and we look forward to hearing from you as we work together to support all students.</p>	



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Teacher A new full time EA and part-time EA have joined the St Dominic Community! Welcome, we are happy to have you	
Support Staff No update at this time	
Safe Schools	
Dan Rigley provided Safe Schools update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The children continue to embrace the outside safe play, and just a reminder that the snow belongs to Jesus! • Mr Roy had been wonderful keeping the floors cleared of water and supporting the students safety inside the school • Three more fire drills and one more lockdown are planned for the remainder of the year • We have had amazing staff, parents and students outside helping to clear snow from walkways and vehicles 	
Old Business	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pizza lunch is doing very well. • Great ideas were shared regarding Family Fun Day. -The inflatables will need volunteers, students needing high school volunteer hours are welcome to inquire. Little Rays has been confirmed as well as our sensory tent, school of rock, bubbles and game to go! Flyers will be going out early Spring so please keep your eye out. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fundraising will pause for the remainder of the year. 	
New Business	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Family paint night was discussed for the Spring. Potential date of April 30th was discussed. Tickets will be 5\$ • Muffin breakfast and School Book Fair to take place during Catholic Education week. Just a reminder that teachers may post book wishlists for their classrooms in the learning commons that families are welcomed to take a look at and support their child's classroom in this way • Shrove Tuesday volunteers are needed to make and deliver pancakes to the classrooms. Make sure your volunteer Police Record Check is up to date. Thank you James for securing the pancakes for 483 students and 50 staff. Please see Treasury note for budget • School uniforms/dress was discussed. Council members to take a vote at the next meeting in April. A possible survey to get 	Thursday June 5 th 5pm – 8pm; Lindsay/Angella to start booking vendors (and create BBQ sub-committee) James to look into supplier for pancakes & syrup



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a feel for the school communities response -good/bad- was suggested. A school wide one vote per family would be needed

- A lively discussion on community building was had. How do we empower each other and pass that on to our children? We are a mirror for our child and how we treat each other is reflected in the way our students treat each other. We continue to advocate for kindness in our words and actions, inclusion of all of the students and their needs, as well as to love one another as He loves us.

“Start children off on the way they should go, and when they are old they will not turn from it” Proverbs 22:6
Jesus said “Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.” Matthew 19:14

Have a wonderful, safe and blessed March break to all of our St Dominic families!

Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn: Danielle
Seconded: Kateri

**Next meeting is
Thursday April 17,
2025**