

St. Maria Goretti Catholic School Council Meeting
Wednesday November 21, 2018
6:30 pm – 9:00 pm

Members: **Chair:** Sonya Montgomery **Co-Chair:** Ana Almeida
 Treasurer: Collin D'Souza **Secretary:** Sophie Dunbar
 OPACE: Bernadette DeMedeiros
 Parish Rep: Nina Garcia
 Voting Parents: Carla Sousa, Andrea Pountney, Dodi DeLaye, Stefano Pucciano
Regrets: Nina Garcia, Bernadette DeMedeiros, Sophie Dunbar, Ana Almeida

Faculty: Adriana Tavares – Principal, Margie Lewis – Non-Teaching Representative, Natalie Laporte – Teaching Representative

TOPIC	SPEAKER
Prayer/Welcome introductions	Adriana/All
Approval of Minutes	Collin/Andrea
Principal's Report	Adriana

- Progress reports went home, and interview went well even with the weather.
- November All Souls Day memory book is going well
- Dress code has been revised GAP 504.01, "Elementary Schools Appropriate Dress Code and School Uniforms, to specifically exclude the wearing of any garments with messages containing, or portraying any offensive content including but not limited to nationality, race, gender, religion, ethnicity, culture or ancestry, including Indigenous Peoples." Additionally, Indigenous mascots and/or Indigenous inspired imagery are not permitted to be worn by students on clothing, sports equipment or bags (e.g., hockey bags, backpacks). Students with such logos displayed on equipment and bags will be asked to cover the logo when attending school or school related events.
- All funding is on hold by the PC government.
- The annual survey was submitted and approved by Collin/Andrea
- Safe Schools (discipline model), we follow safe schools.

Bullying – Must be an imbalance in power and constant, the rest would fall under conflict, also is there a pattern, is the issue a suspend able act? We now have PALS to help diminish conflict on the playground and in the school. Students are encouraged to report bullying they see. Colour groups work on educating the students on bullying. The school is working with the Region of Peel to properly train the students for PALS. PALS stands for Playground Activity Leaders in Schools. Training for PALS starts November 22, 2018 for grade 6 and then grade 8 to follow. 26 grade 6's signed up and 15 grade 8's this will be implemented over the next couple of weeks.

Fighting – The days of zero tolerance are long gone. Schools must investigate to make sure the child knows what they are doing. The level of risk for the act must be assessed.

DPCDSB supports the comprehensive and consistent use of a progressive discipline approach, and shall reflect the model of Christian discipleship, in its implementation of the Catholic Code of Conduct. If you wish to read all details, please go to the following link to reread what was brought to the table at the meeting regarding this approach.

<https://www.dpcdsb.org/GOETZ/about/progressive-discipline>

- Twitter – follow us @StMariaGoretti, the school is going to offer a Twitter account to teachers that want one.
- Told the council about the Chairs meeting on Oct 22nd and gave the information about Supply Chain Management and how it works with in the board.
- Went over the numbers for Cash Online and how we used to be at 23% but are now at 63%. Talked about setting up a table with a couple of lap tops to help show parents how to sign up and navigate the website to bring out parentage up to 100%
- Invitation for Trustee's retirement was shared with the group.
- Get caught being kind campaign is going well.
- Spirit week is this week and staff and students are involved and its going well.
- The Gospel is being broken down during announcements and then being discussed in class
- Dec 3rd Peel Police Volley-Ball game with the students and staff.
- Dec 5th is Goretti Christmas night starting at 6:30 pm.
- Dec 11th Mass at 11:00 am.
- Dec 14th is cram a cruiser food drive.
- Start thinking about what we can do for the spring fundraiser and bring ideas to the next meeting.

Follow up from Previous Business**Adriana**

- Buddy Benches: Found out the St. Edmund Campion Secondary School builds these benches for schools. They will even help with the set up of the benches once they are made. The cost of all three (3) benches cost between \$600.00 - \$800.00.
- Musical Purchase: This years Musical is Do You Want to Dance, mentioned covering costs for Mic rental and Sound board.
- Breakfast Program: Cereal club donations will go up online this week. They also need additional funds to keep the program running to Christmas.

Budget:**Adriana/Collin**

\$21,186.00	In Account
\$10, 884.80	For Chocolate payment
\$1,442.88	Raz Kids payment

Total:	\$8,858.32
Chocolate Profit	\$6,939.94
Chocolate Credit	\$1,319.16
Deposit	\$195.00

New Total with Chocolate Credit and Deposit

\$10,372.81

As a council we voted on the following items to be purchased through School Council Funds.

Buddy Benches	\$800.00
Grad Cakes/Cupcakes	\$500.00
Fun Day in June	\$1300.00
Beading Buds	\$500.00
Christmas Cookies	\$235.40
Musical Rights	\$927.06
Eco Schools	\$500.00
FDK Outside Stuff	\$800.00
FDK Snuggle Books	\$700.00
Colour Groups	\$300.00
Breakfast Club	\$300.00

Total	\$6,862.46
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Balance remaining:	\$3510.35
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Meeting Adjourned