



School Council Meeting

Thursday, January 16, 2025 / 6:01pm –8:15pm / Divine Mercy School

In attendance:

Amy Cooper (Principal), Lindsey Fowler (VP), Shelagh De Rossi (Chair), Tommias Ksiazek (Co-Vice Chair, Helping Hands), Andre Santos (Co-Vice Chair, Casino), Innocent Madawo (Secretary), Chelsea Dustin (Fundraising).

Parents: Jasmine Aulakh, Sandeep Virk, Gold Odenigbo. Bethany Eldon

6:01pm - Meeting Call to Order – Chair, Shelagh De Rossi

6:02pm - Prayer and Treaty Land Acknowledgement - Amy Cooper/Lindsey Fowler

6:03pm - Approval of Previous Minutes - approved unanimously.

6:05pm - Adoption of Agenda - adopted unanimously.

6:06pm - Round Table Introductions - All

6:12pm - Principal's Report – Amy Cooper

Highlights of the new school year:

- Grade 6 raised over \$1000 from selling candy and hotdogs. No plans yet on how to spend the money.
- The school raised over \$2800 for the Catholic Schools Foundation through such events as Movie Day and Break a Rule.
- The school is considering moving the annual ski outing from Snow Valley to Rabbit Hill in the future due to its affordability and proximity to the school.
- The school expects another 100 students to enroll in the next school year.
- Provincial survey returns show exceptional performances by our Grade 6 class in 2023/24.
- The school will hold its annual Open House event on February 6th, 2025
- Multicultural week has been moved forward to February.

*A parent raised concern about the meaning of inclusion in the school. The parent was concerned whether contributions by EDIAR Consultant, Shireen Mohammed, who

presented to students recently, were mandatory. After considerable discussion, the parent was assured that the EDIAR program was approved by the Catholic school administration.

7:09pm - Helping Hands - Co-Vice Chair, Tommias Ksiazek

- 179 pairs of mittens were donated to St. Vincent De Paul
- For this year's Very Visual Valentines, students will be informed who they will be writing their cards to.

7:13pm - Winter Festival - Chair, Shelagh De Rossi

- The main features of the festival will be a sleigh ride and a magician.
 - The festival will run from 4:30pm-7:30pm with families coming and leaving as they please.
 - There will be no pre-booking of sleigh rides.
 - There will be no food
 - The entry fee is \$10/individual or \$30/family.
 - Volunteers are required to help provide service during the festival.
 - A planning meeting will be held at 5:00pm on January 29, 2025
- There being no other business, the Council Meeting ended at 7:30pm.
- The next meeting is scheduled for **5:30pm on April 3, 2025**

Society Meeting Began at 7:31pm

7:31pm - Treasury's Report - Chair, Shelagh De Rossi on behalf of Tania Nieto

- The general account stands at **\$2157.97**
- No expenses were incurred

7:35pm - Fundraising Report - Chelsea Dustin

- 3 Healthy Hunger events to date raised a total of \$572.14
 - program continuing every second Friday for the rest of the year.
- 109 poinsettias were sold.
Suggestions to: - to offer option to pick up coupons to improve sales.
 - to do winter arrangements.
- Next fundraiser - Spring Flowers - there is need to improve advertising for the program as the same parents seem to buy every year.
- Others - Cobs.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm