



# ST. URSULA CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL

## APPROVED MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, December 4, 2019 @ 6:30 pm  
in School Library

### ***Call to Order-Welcome-Acknowledgment of First Nations Sacred Territory-Opening Prayer (6:30 PM)***

**Attendees:** Dawn. C, Nadine. E, Miria. B, Patti. R, Jennifer. F, Shirley. C, Rita. D, Wayne. C, Jennifer. W, Horace. W, Sandra. V, Simonne. V

**Regrets:** Leila. H, Tanya, Tina K, Victor. R, Nadia. R, Lucie. D,

### ***Coding Club- (6:30-6:45pm)***

- Ms Mensa opened the meeting with a presentation on the coding club which has begun in the school.
- Coding is the largest growing field
- Currently the club has 40 students participating in it.
- Club is asking for money from Counsel- Sphero 12 pack= \$1799.40/ Vex = \$429.99

### ***Principal/Vice-Principal's Report (6:50 PM)***

- DPCDSB is Celebrating 50 years of Catholic Education so all schools were invited to send a group to the 50th Anniversary Gala which took place on November 19 th . Ms. Cook, Ms. Fairclough and Mrs.Davenport represented St. Ursula at this event
- Nov 18- 22 was Bullying Prevention and Awareness Week – The whole school listened to Speaker Giselle Gaylie who shared her message of kindness, inclusivity, diversity and acceptance. Our Youth Faith Ambassadors invited all students to participate in the creation of a large Inclusivity Mural
- SUIISH the St. Ursula In School Happiness Team – See November newsletter for details
- November – All divisions participated in a Saints Poster Contest
- Rosary Apostolate continue to visit monthly
- Elementary Guidance and Experiential Learning Teacher here every 2 weeks - setting students up on My Blueprint/All About Me digital portfolios
- The Conscience Virtues/SUIISH Assembly took place on November 27 th . Several parents attended.
- The intermediate Empowerment Team is busy promoting how to use conflict resolution strategies
- A variety of extracurricular activities are taking place: Volleyball and Basketball, Chess Club, Dance Club, Eco Club and our first ever coding club
- Cookies and Popcorn are being sold to raise money for ShareLife and School beautification projects
- Big Box of Cards Fundraiser is over but there is still a significant number of boxes that have not been returned. The office has sent several reminders home to those families who have not returned their box.

- School Advent Mass is taking place on Monday, December 9<sup>th</sup> at 1:15 pm. All are welcome to join us.
- Staff and students are busy preparing for our Christmas Play and Concert which will be taking place on Dec. 16<sup>th</sup> 9:30 and 1:30 pm and Dec. 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm
- Christmas Spirit Week December 16-20<sup>th</sup> . Details to follow
- Lunch Days: Monday- Sub day, Wed -hot lunch day Just Catering for Kids
- Grade 6 & 8 students have been invited to participate in the Understanding Middle Childhood: The Middle years Development Survey
- Grade 8 Trip to Camp Muskoka is planned for Mar 23-25, 2020

#### ***Old Business Updates (7:20 PM)***

- Progrant
  - Mindful mike website: <http://mindfulmike.ca/> Teaches kids about mindfulness, peer pressure
  - Price is \$1400 for two-day workshop
- Drumfit- exercise with exercise balls
  - Climbing activity Dawn to follow up with Homestead
  - Vote at next meeting- under \$1000

Chocolate fundraising- decide if we are going to do this at the next meeting

#### ***New Business Updates)(8:08 PM)***

- Spirit wear on sale
- Apps re communication to parents I.E- Sea Saw, Class dojo,
  - School will try to use Twitter more as it is Board approved
- Teacher appreciation day- Council will give \$200 for coffee and bagels to the staff
- Art
  - Possibly a spring drama show
  - Play or musical
  - Rita will talk to the staff

#### ***Reports (5 minutes)***

- Treasurer:
  - There is some money available but that actuals have not yet been accounted for
  - Horace will meet with Victor and Miria to review last year's report.
  - Dawn will look for past Just for Catering invoices
  - Will update next meeting
- Fundraising Committee:
  - Looking at a variety of options:chocolates, Dominos gift card- Dawn will follow up
  - Big Box of Cards- There are \$100 gift cards, Ipod, \$75 lunch to winning class
    - 2 cineplex cards, 1 Amazon, 1 Indigo

- OAPCE
  - No update:
- Parish (Tanya)
  - Grade 2 received their crosses for enrollment
  - Classes for grade two are on Saturday
  - Classes for grade 7 are Sundays
  - Confirmation date is May 21, 2020

***Next Meeting: January 15, 2020*** at 6:30 p.m., Library of St. Ursula

***Agenda items for next meeting***

***Adjournment and closing prayer (8:40pm)***