



Jean Vanier Catholic Secondary School Council

Tuesday October 4th, 2016

Attendees – Gino Montanari, Josie Halycz, Kevin Wong, Sammi Khachi, Holly Roberts, Bernadette Madill, Grace Melo, Lenie D’Souza, Tracey Taylor, Lily Gall, Rose Ndambi, Oluwekemi Akinbami, Karen Silva, Lynette Tinoco, Monica Koziol, Clarence Walters, Lorraine Gallant, Claire Peace, Nancy Cardoso, Nikki Rang, Carmo Murad, Suman Khan, Karen Ditoro

Welcome- Gino

- The experience at JV will be like no other due to the diversity
- Role of Parent Council is advisory- to bring general items to the attention of the administration which will enhance student experience (NOT specific items regarding your student); also parent engagement

Opening Prayer – Gathering Prayer led by Lily and Karen

Introductions- All

Approval of Agenda- No additions made by those present

Declaration of Conflict of Interest- Gino read language from Board; no conflicts of interest

Appointment/Election of School Council for 2016/2017

- Roles and responsibilities of Catholic School Council members- read by Gino
- Positions available
 - o Chair- Karen was nominated and accepted position
 - o Vice-chair- Lily and Sammi were nominated, Lily accepted the position
 - o Secretary- Clarence was nominated, Suman volunteered to take position
 - o Community representative- Clarence volunteered to take position
 - o Parish representative- Fr. Jim will let us know who he has selected
- Meeting dates: November 7th, December 5th, February 6th, April 3rd, June 5th (all Mondays)

Congratulations to All- Gino

Principal's Report – Gino

- First school mass will be Wednesday, Oct. 5th. Included will be the blessing of the cross in the atrium. A purple cloth will be hung from cross at a later date. Banners with quotes from Jean Vanier will be hung in 2nd floor window area above entrance and chapel.
- Gino’s philosophy is every child has a right to learn. The role of Parent Council is to help our students succeed.
- JV has a strong administrative team with the returning Vice-Principal (VP) Kevin Wong and new VP Josie Halycz
 - o Josie is happy to be at JV. She has been involved with student/parent engagement at other schools and would like to continue at JV.
- Grade 9 dance will be Thursday, Oct. 6th. This is an important chance for students to interact face to face in today’s on-line world.

- Staffing:
 - o 20 new teachers, bringing staff total to 90
 - o New ESL teacher
- Enrollment:
 - o 1325 students; 395 Gr.9, 335 Gr.10, 342 Gr.11, 255 Gr.12
 - o No longer accepting new students; will accept at 2nd semester; there will be a screening process
 - o Hopefully no portable classrooms will be needed next year, but will most likely the year after (2018-2019)
 - o September 2019- new Milton secondary school scheduled to open; will be somewhere between JV and Bishop Reding
- Graduation- will be at Milton Velodrome from this year on; seating available for 2000
- Standardized tests:
 - o JV has been invited to take part in the on-line literacy portion of the OSSL test scheduled for October; test can be retaken in March
 - o Josie stated that JV did well on the ECAO taken by Gr.9 students; focus is on improving scores
 - o Province emphasis this year is math
- Gino wants to start marketing campaign next year to show students that there are options for postsecondary education other than university; the Open House this year will be more of an information night for students and parents rather than a curriculum style evening; JV will be the first school in the area to do this

Pro-Grant 2016-2017 – Lily

- JV has received \$1000 for the Parents Reaching Out (PRO) Grant
- There will be a meeting the first week in November to plan the event with JV Family of Schools (FOS); focus is physical/emotional and mental well-being; looking at having speaker/nutritionist /fitness component

Draft Calendar of Events-Karen

- Calendar was handed out; result of meeting this summer with Gino, Lily, and Karen
- The first planned event is the Faith Formation Series to be held at Ned Devine's; informal social get together with Fr. Jim of St. Benedict's speaking on "What Catholics Believe", dates are Thursdays, Oct. 13, Nov. 10th, Dec. 8th, and Jan. 12th; see flyer for specific information
- The Multicultural (MC) dinner will be held again this year; Sammi gave a brief description
- Gino would like parent input at the November meeting on the proposed activities/events: holiday social, fitness/game night, end of year barbecue
- Sammi asked if PC would be interested in holiday wreath/greenery sale; Gino pointed out that we can only host one large and one small fundraiser per year; the MC dinner uniform sale scheduled for next August would fill those; Gino can get permission to do more if we need to raise a large amount of money

Council of Chairs Report – Council of Chairs Meeting: Oct. 19th, 6:30pm at Sacred Heart of Jesus

Faith Development- Karen

- See flyer for Ned Faith Formation Series at Ned Devine's

Next School Council Meeting: Monday, Nov. 7th, 6:30pm