



## **Jean Vanier Catholic Secondary School Council**

**Monday, December 5<sup>th</sup> , 2016**

Attendees – Gino Montanari, Sammi Khachi, Holly Roberts, Suman Khan, Karen Ditoro, Joanne Jones, Gina Altieri, Heather Ingram, Rose Ndambi, Josie Halycz, Clarence Walters.

**Welcome - Gino**

**Opening Prayer – Prayer led by Karen**

**Introductions- All**

**Approval - Karen**

- ❖ Agenda: No additions made by those present
- ❖ Meeting Minutes- Handed out to all from November 7<sup>th</sup>. No comments received. Moved to close by Karen and second by Sammi.

**Guest Speaker – Ms. Ingram**

- ❖ In School Wear representative stated new store will be located off Nippising, and will be open all year round. Samples were shown and passed out for viewing. Question from parent in last meeting answered as to Warrantee. There will be a 1 year warrantee on all manufacture defects to any uniform.
- ❖ New hoodie will be introduced as part of the uniform in the new year!
- ❖ Old uniform will still be accepted in the school.

**Principal's Report – Gino**

- ❖ Spoke regarding the importance of parent engagement in the school and encouraged parents to voice opinions. These opinions will always be taken into consideration, assessed and discussed. The results will be shared and reason given as to why or why not certain issues will move further.
- ❖ Advent Mass was a success
- ❖ Improvements on the Atrium in the works. The goal is to make it look like a market square. The new look will have live trees throughout the space, there will be small round tables where kids can work and socialize, large roll out dry erase boards will be placed for students to use, board games, cards etc. will be placed throughout lunch hours for kids to utilize. The result is to give a community feel to the school.
- ❖ Considering having small demonstrations, professionals visit to give a stop and shop for knowledge type feel.
- ❖ To further build the community feeling classes offered are running successfully ie, de-stressing exercises led by Mr. Montanari was a success.

- ❖ Teaching kids to be resilient is key and another goal of the school. Showing kids to Learn how to fail is an important factor to their future success. This will be another focus on the teachings and developmental growth provided at the school to further help successful graduates.
- ❖ Last day of school will be an early dismissal therefore class times will be shortened to accommodate

### **V.P Update – Josie Halycz**

- ❖ A Student group PEACE ASAP was formed: students that help build a positive culture and inclusion in the school community
- ❖ Bullying awareness week was a success. There was a Knights Shield Activity held in which students watched the J.V Documentary and were asked to write out words and inspiration from what they got from the video as a positive exercise.
- ❖ Purple hands of positivity: students were giving a purple traced hand cut out in which each class wrote their name and positive words about that person on the hand, the hands together were formed into an advent wreath and displayed throughout the school.
- ❖ Focus on making J V a safe and communal place where kids can have the balance of academics and non-academics. A large colouring Banner was a success and will consider doing a Christmas one as well for students to interact and connect with each other, along with board games in the atrium including the Wii.
- ❖ Girls Night In was a success: there were speakers and demonstration for the girls to take part in. Now considering a Spring Moms night in.

### **Chair's Report - Karen**

- ❖ Graduate Awards: Annual monetary award of \$100 each given in 5 categories.
- ❖ A vote to substitute the criteria of the awards will be created. Gino and Josie will discuss and substitute for one or more of the award category. This will be submitted to Karen to forward onto the council for review. A Yes/NO vote will be taken. Once complete the results will be forwarded back to Gino from Karen for a final review.
- ❖ Calendar Update: December - Christmas social was proposed for Dec 19 or 22. This was discussed and due to timeline and existing events has been pushed to an end of year social instead. To be further discussed and dated in the future.
- ❖ January – Fitness/Game Night was discussed and the in ability for an instructor to be present and further complication moved this event to be removed. However, the games portion was suggested to be merged into MAY's MOMS NIGHT IN and will be further discussed later.

### **Sub-Committee Activities – Sammi**

- ❖ **Parents Engagement**  
Multicultural Dinner update - Looking for more Parent volunteers for this event. Especially in preparing a dish from one of the continents. Meals must be made in the school kitchen facilities due to health and safety reasons. Other meals will be donated or purchased at restaurants.  
 The multicultural fashion show and mannequin challenge will be held in the theatre.

Students are encouraged to participate in the show, flyers will be up around the school and sign up sheet in the fish bowl. Further details being examined by Suman and Josie.

**Faith Development – Karen**

- ❖ Adult Faith formation series – Thu Dec 8<sup>th</sup> at Ned Divines
- ❖ St. Benedict Advent Retreat - Sat Dec 10<sup>th</sup>
- ❖ St. Benedict Advent Services

**Karen Moves to Adjourn the Meeting and Joanne Seconds**

**Next School Council Meeting: Monday, February 6<sup>th</sup> 6:30pm, JV Library**