



## Jean Vanier Catholic Secondary School Council

Monday June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2016

Attendees – Gino Montanari, Lily Gall, Sammi Khachi, Holly Roberts, Bernadette Madill, Grace Melo, Lenie D'Souza, Tracey Taylor, Karen Ditoro

### Agenda

**Welcome / Opening Prayer** - Lily

**Minutes of last meeting**- approved, motion carried by Lily and Tracey

**Principal's Report** – Gino

#### - Year in Review

- Challenging year with many changes but few issues; Gino pleased overall; great staff; Gino welcomes feedback from both staff and students, as well as parents; culture and climate for the students is good
- Role of PC is advisory, at the end of day important to put differences/personalities aside and work together
- Multicultural dinner was fun-good feedback, consider having every year; good for students to see parents coming together
- JV received bronze medal for Eco certification
- 1<sup>st</sup> Relay for Life was a success, raised \$26,000,
- Championships in football, rugby, soccer and Cricket.
- Social media- Kevin has made great strides in moving JV into public domain
- Administration active in tutoring

#### - Next Year

- Chris is moving to Holy Trinity in Oakville, Josie Halycz will replace him as new vice principal; Gino spoke of the importance of having a female administrator on the admin team. Enrollment- 1315 will be reached by June, considering closing to international students; 17-20 new teachers will be hired
- New student/Grade 8 orientation- hold last week in August, consider running new parent orientation at same time; make an annual event
- Proposed Open house/Barbecue- last Thursday in September
- New secondary school in Milton- scheduled for 2018 opening, will be multi-complex with community center, somewhere in-between JV and BR; concern about exodus from JV so Gino will/has asked HCDSB for some sort of specialty program, like IB for JV

**Student Representative** –Gino (Sharon unable to attend)

- Gr.9 involved in mentor connection events with Gr.8
- Relay for Life held on Friday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>
- Next week is health and wellness week- yoga/therapy dogs/smoothies; would like to make an annual event
- Meetings have opened Sharon's eyes as to what Parent Council does

## **Chair's Report – Lily**

- PRO Grant- JV has submitted joint application with OLF, focus was mental health; Gino mentioned that we may not get grant because focus this year is math and the province likes to spread the wealth

## **Sub-committee Reports**

### Parent Engagement – Multicultural Dinner and Entertainment (April 21<sup>st</sup>) - Sammi

- Profit from the dinner was \$3500 with \$1000 coming from silent auction
- Response was good, would like to do dinner next year; decide the date at the Sept. 2016 PC meeting
- Sammi passed notes from wrap-up meeting, the following was discussed:
  - o Flow was better with fewer people, perhaps cap at 300
  - o Public feedback- serve larger portions, some food cold
  - o Have meal first then speaker?
  - o Can't have open flame to heat serving dishes, Grace will check on wireless hotplates
- Gino gave following options for distributing the profits (\$2900 as \$600 already given to grad awards); 1) split between academic departments, 3-4/yr. with all 12 covered in 3-4 years, 2) put some aside for future items (big screen TV), 3) startup cash for uniform sale/MC dinner and 4) JV Cares Fund

The following was proposed: \$600 to JV Cares Fund, \$500 to MC dinner startup, \$600 to the arts dept. (\$200 each to music, drama, visual arts), \$600 to tech/hospitality dept., \$600 to science dept. Extra money (Gino will let us know if any) can be donated to Halton Children's Education Fund. ALL VOTED IN FAVOR OF PROPOSAL, MOTION APPROVED

### Faith Development – Lenie

- No activity updates from Fr. Jim; he extends thanks for use of the JV chapel for daily mass

### Used Uniform Collection – Gino

- There was a committee in place
- Collection will be held Wed/Thur. June 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> during lunch (12:20-1pm) and afterschool (2:20-3pm); Special Ed students and staff would like to help; items will be put into bins with sorting done at later date
- Gino needs 2 lists: 1) volunteers for collecting on June 15<sup>th</sup>/16<sup>th</sup> and 2) volunteers for organizing into bins (Gino will coordinate with Sammi on date/time)
- Sale will be NEXT year, August 2017; Grace suggested borrowing racks from her employer as storage at JV is tight

## **New Business- End of Year Survey**

- Please fill out at home and send/drop off at school, Gino/Lily/Karen will review at a later date

## **Miscellaneous**

- Special Education-currently reaching capacity; do have sensory room available at JV

**Next meeting – Monday September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at 630 p.m.**