

Notre Dame Catholic Secondary School

Ajax, Ontario

Minutes of Parent Council Meeting

held on

Monday, October 2, 2017





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Parent Council Meeting Minutes Respectfully Presented

by Lyn Choyah – Whittier

Date: Monday, October 2, 2017 Time: 7:00 PM

Location: Notre Dame Catholic Secondary School

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AGENDA	DISCUSSION	ACTION ITEM
Welcome and Opening Prayer	The meeting was called to order at 7:07 p.m. Opening prayer was said by All	
Approval of Agenda	Agenda was approved	
Announcements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deadline for nomination to Durham Catholic Parent Involvement Committee (DCPIC) DPIC is tomorrow. Chair will email information on nomination to all. 	
Approval of Previous Minutes	Minutes of meeting – September 18, 2017 was approved.	
Chair's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pro Grant of \$1,000 approved. Possible uses identified for pro grant: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Pathways seminar for parents about information on post-secondary pathways, including information for parents of special needs students – General parent involvement. 	
Principal's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Principal sent his regrets for not attending tonight's meeting due to the unfortunate passing of his relative. Honour's eve scheduled for Oct 4th 2017; approximately 650 students and parents are expected at this year's celebrations. Safe Schools week included police review of 'lock down' and bomb threat procedures, which highlighted concerns that backpacks in classrooms pose a safety risk. This risk was evident in an incident where a student tripped on another student's backpack and sustained serious physical injuries. NDCSS will soon implement rule that backpacks will not be allowed in classrooms and must be stored in students' lockers. 	
Treasurer's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Current Treasurer has not yet received the previous report and supporting details from the school. 	
Other Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Samosa sale – scheduled for October 19th (parent teacher interview night): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Amount of samosas to be purchased will be determined after Katherine canvasses school staff for pre-orders. – Pricing set at \$5 per dozen and \$3 per ½ dozen. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Used uniform sale – scheduled for October 19th (parent teacher interview night) in drama room 1150: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Custodians will set up the room, parent volunteers would be needed from 5:30 pm. Parents, Carmen and Anna can volunteer. – Staff rep Katherine will obtain \$100 cash float at prior to sale and volunteered to be present during the entire sale time. – Depending on interest, it might be necessary to regulate flow of interested persons into the room. – Lyn will send email out to parents about volunteering for used uniform sale; the Chair to be carbon copied on email. • Sharing lockers by grades 10, 11 and 12 – difficulties were identified in space for storing winter jackets and sharing lockers with members of the opposite sex. A parent enquired why lockers were being shared because empty lockers were available. VP indicated that from experience lockers located near bathrooms and certain hallways posed safety concerns. This is expected to be an ongoing issue due to current grade 9 student numbers. • Impending rule for backpacks must be stored in lockers and not taken into classrooms – parents identified challenges due to students going to their lockers in-between classes and students arriving to classes late as lockers might be located far from their classes. • Grade 12 certificate for studying in French – like the one provided in public schools when students complete grades 9 to 12 in French. It was suggested that parents speak with French contact at the school. 	
Closing Prayer	Closing prayer was said by all	
Adjournment	NDCSS Parent Council meeting concluded at approximately 8:20 p.m.	
Next Meeting	Monday, December 4, 2017 @ 6:30 PM (tentative date) – advent mass, where all parent councils of DCDSB schools would be invited.	

Thank you to everyone for their contribution and attendance.