



DANTE SCHOOL

Minutes

Governing Board Meeting

DATE: October 25, 2022

START TIME: 6:32 p.m.

PLACE: Virtual

PRESENT: Sirmatenia Chasiotis Carmelina D'Iglio, Chantal Dussault, Assunta Iasenzanero, Pina Ippolito, Cindy Knafo, Andy Lee, Maria Maiorano-Drudi, Patrick Marcovecchio, Marie Josee Nardelli, Marianne Nudo, Antonio Zaruso;, Kyle Stanley, Fiorenzo Vetrone,

REGRETS:

PRINCIPAL: Giuseppe Schembri

1. Opening & Welcome

- Sue welcomed everyone
- Mr. Schembri introduced Matula (Sirmatenia Chasiotis), the new Daycare Technician

2. Additions and Approval of Agenda

- Motion to Approve: Carmie D'Iglio
- Seconded by: Fiorenzo Vetrone
- Approved Unanimously

3. Approval of Minutes

- Approval of Minutes for last minutes from last meeting are tabled to next meeting

4. Buisness Arising

4.1. Lunch Supervision Deficit

- o Status quo – no change yet, situation exists across the board

5. New Business

5.1. Pizza Kit Fundraiser

- Was approved at staff council
- Date for pickup was suggested to be on Thursday December 8th, since the next day is a Ped day
- The option to pick up on the Ped day will not be given (no next day pick-up)
- Parents will be needed on December 8th to help with the distribution of the Pizza Kits
- Maris Drudi asks how much the school would make on each kit – cost at the moment is \$12.50 plus tax;
- Patrick questions if the school receives both the federal and Provincial taxes back – Mr Schembri says we do. Patrick was told by another school that they did not –get both taxes returned, Miss Pina will verify this.
- Patrick will contact Vincent Sous-Marin to see if he can get the cost lowered, or if we can pay a lower cost if we sell a certain number of kits.
- Patrick ask how many families we currently have in the school
- Mr.Schembri mentions we have 262 students, but we do not know what that translates to in number of families
- Sue asks for a price to sell the Kits at to be decided on
- Motion to sell 1 box for \$22.00 or 2 boxes for \$40
 - Motion by: Antonio Zaruso
 - Seconded by Pina Ippolito
 - Approved unanimously

5.2. Monthly Dress Down Days

- Staff council spoke and came up with a list od dress down days for the year:
 - November 18th – Donations for St.Brendan’s Parish
 - December (week of Dec 19th) – free dress down day – Pajama Day
 - January 26 – Dress day for donations for Grade 6 graduation
 - Feb 14 – Wear red top (or purple or pink) - Donations will be given to the Heart Foundation
 - March 17th – free dress down day – wear a green top
 - April 6th – wear a blue top – donations will be given to Autism Awareness
 - May 5th – Denim day – Jeans and white top – Donations will be given to the Breast Cancer Foundation

- Motion to approve: Kyle Stanley
- Seconded by: Fiorenzo Vitrone
- Approved Unanimously

5.3. Christmas Breakfast/Brunch

- Sue mentioned that parents would like to have the traditional Christmas Breakfast “buffet” rather than the individual meal served last year in class
- Brunch would take place in the gym, it would not be a meal served in class
- Andy asks what the budget was for this in the past – Mr.Schembri said he would check
- Antonio asked if we could have 2 seating Junior grades then Senior grades – would be less chaotic and more enjoyable for the students and staff
- Patrick asked if we had a list of suppliers we use for other food & beverages so that we can reach out and get certain items sponsored – Joe will ask for a list
- Sue asked if the date for the Pajama day can be decided in case we would like to coordinate the breakfast/brunch on the same day
- Cindy asks if the week of December 19th we can have other fun themed days – ex. Christmas sweater day
- Sue asks for a motion for the traditional Christmas Breakfast/Brunch in the gym:
 - Motion by: Carmie D’Iglie
 - Seconded by: Andy Lee
 - Approved unanimously

6. Information and Reports

6.1.Principal Report

- Mr. Schembri mentions that we received a GB budget of \$250.00, we had \$562.00 of unused funds from the past 2 years, so we have \$812.00
- There will be Remembrance Day celebration in the gym on November 7th – organized by the Spiritual Animator
- Mr. Schembri will be holding general assemblies on Halloween day with the junior and senior grades – since most of the students never had an assembly this is a good time to re-introduce assemblies so that they know how to proceed

- The week prior there was a fire drill, that went extremely well – everyone was out of the school in 2 minutes and 22 seconds, but the students were a little loud, so they need to work on that next time.

6.2. Teacher's report

- Maria Drudi mentioned that a trip to the Eco museum is planned for 1st and Second grade – and will take place on June 6th. The cost is \$15.00 per student, plus the cost of bussing, there is a possibility that we can get the cost of the entrance fee (\$15.00/student) covered, but until we know would like the total cost approved, since a deposit needs to be given to the Eco Museum to reserve the date
- Potentials parent- cost with bussing would be \$35.00/ student – Cindy finds this to be expensive for a field trip
- Possibility of trying to find 3 kids per seat on the bus will be looked into, to reduce costs of bussing
 - Motion to approve cost – Anotnio Zaruso
 - Seconded by Andy Lee
 - Approved Unanimously
- Marianne Nudo mentions that a music club has been formed and they are working on some songs to perform to the elderly at Dante Residence, to spread Christmas Cheer

6.3. Daycare Technician

- There will be Ped days on November 24th and 25th
- November 24th will have to be an activity outside of school, since it is parent teacher day that day – looking into going to Funtropolis. Other ideas will be discussed at the upcoming meeting the daycare educators
- November 25th will be an in-school Ped Day

6.4. PAC Delegate – Antonio Zaruso

- The first meeting was held in person, on October 20th, it was a very simple meeting – they voted in the Chair of the Delgate etc...
- Next meeting will be virtual
- Future meeting will most likely be held on the 1st Thursday of month, so we should keep that in mind when scheduling our GB meeting

- Mr. Schembri mentioned that he receives an email from board for the meeting, because you cannot have 2 meetings on the same day

6.5. PPO Delegate

- Sue mentioned that there were 22 parents who signed up to be on PPO, at the first meeting they selected her as chair of the PPO
- They discussed the need for parent volunteers for Book Fair, Christmas Breakfast, Pizza Kit fundraiser
- Different ideas for fundraiser were discussed – one example was “Recettes en Pot”, but parents mentioned that they did not think the Box of Cards fundraiser should be done again, but done another year – to allow for time in between
- Parents also mentioned they would like the students to have a sock hop/dance this year, since they did not have a chance to do much the past 2 years.
- Volunteering a day at the Ronald McDonald House was mentioned – more information would be needed in order to properly present the idea to staff council (potentially in April)
- Marianne Nudo mentioned we would need to be careful of how students were selected for the volunteer day, if this was something we would decide to have.
- Maris Drudi suggested that we can perhaps have a Dress down day in March in support for Ronald McDonald house, if we do have a volunteer day there

7. Varia

- Andy mentioned that Mario Pietrangelo would like to be included on the GB emails
- Open House had a low-turnout – only 5 parents attended; we have a second Open House scheduled for December 8th – School registration takes place the First week of February
- Chantale Dussault mentions that on Halloween the students will have a Story teller (from the Board) narrate 2 stories to the classes. classes will take turns going to the movement room for this. The movement room will need to be decorated. The students will also decorate a treat bag to bring home their Halloween treats in (the school will hand out a bag of treats to each student)
- Sue mentions that parents had already volunteered to go buy the treats and come to school to assemble the bags, and would need GB approval for approximately \$500.00 from for this.
 - Motion by Josie Nardelli
 - Seconded by Chantal Dussault
 - Approved unanimously
 - *Cindy clarified that the funds would be from Fund 3*

-Kyle Stanley mentioned that the Grade 6 students began their leadership program and began helping with the Pre-K and K students

8. Adjournment

- Next meeting will be held on November 29th – the goal is to have an in-person meeting/social
 - o Motion to end meeting – Josie Nardelli
 - o Seconded by Fiorenzo Vetrone
 - o Approved unanimously
 - o Meeting ended at 8:07 p.m.

Motion to adjourn: