



# St. David Catholic Secondary School

*Heart of the Community, Success for Each, A Place for All*

## School Council Minutes

<b>Date:</b> March 29, 2016	<b>Facilitators:</b> Gary Simons	<b>Prayer:</b> John Dietrich
<b>Time:</b> 6:00pm	<b>Location:</b> Library	<b>Secretary:</b> Anna Winnett

**Present:** John Dietrich, Annette Dlugokecki, Sheryl Dineen, Christine Hampton, Martina Rett, Debbie Nafziger, Deonne Cerullo, Anna Winnett, Denise Porter, Gary Simons, Paula Ronson, Jennifer McDonald **Guests:** Jacqui Wettlaufer  
**Absent:** Suzy Petrosino, Justyne Johanes, Grace Gladding, Cheryl Huehn

Topic	Discussion	Action
Welcome and Introductions	Motion to approve February minutes – Martina Rett, 2 <sup>nd</sup> by Paula Ronson	
Funding Request from Team Dave	<p>Team Dave - school robotics team. They inspire students to pursue post-secondary education in STEM programs. Also gives students the opportunity to connect with knowledgeable professionals in various fields, and are strongly connected to U of W. Students learn technical and mechanical skills, as well as business and professional skills. They are raising money for a trip to the World Championships in St. Louis. They already have raised a significant amount from outside sponsors and are asking for any amount Council is willing to give. There are 20 students on the team, from all grades.</p> <p>Discussion: Team Dave is a centrepiece for the school. Students come to St David's just to be on this team. They did not present well on Parent Night last fall, but did present well tonight and have shown steady improvement since they began. They put in a huge number of hours and the kids learn so many skills in various areas. There are some issues with inclusion (allowing new members to join) and with recognition (Parent Council was not treated as a sponsor or properly thanked for past donations). We have about \$3,000 left to spend, with no other requests on the table.</p>	<p>Motion passed to sponsor Team Dave.</p> <p>Motion passed to give Team Dave \$1,000, with the conditions that Parent Council is invited to their sponsor night and the issues of inclusion are addressed.</p>
50th Anniversary Report	<p>Planning continues. Saturday will have a Scherer Chevrolet Buick GMC Test Drive event, coffee house, student-alumni soccer game, kids' games, etc. On Friday we will close up a time capsule. School Council Co-Chairs were asked to write a letter for the time capsule. Comment made that some alumni are still unaware that they can participate in 50th events. To get the message out: put it on the feeder school signs, start an email chain, etc.</p>	<p>Gary and Suzy will write the message for the time capsule.</p>



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Principal's Report	<p>Team Dave came first in their last competition, and also won an industrial design award. This was a very strong showing.</p> <p>Enrollment is down, but retention levels are up. Due to neighbourhood population shifts, we are drawing from smaller elementary classes. Expect 190 Grade Nine students next year.</p>	
Chair Report	<p>Gary went through the School Council Activities list for April to October. The Academic Awards Night reception was removed. A cake for Commencement was removed. Used uniform collection committee and sales committee were combined into one entity, with Anna and Sheryl as team leaders. (Past leaders will still lend a hand this spring before passing the torch!)</p> <p>PRO Grant - Martina brought forward an article on a program called "Raising Highly Capable kids". It supports the parents as they support their kids. Some discussion on whether this is feasible for high school and how to use the PRO Grant for it. No other PRO Grant ideas came forward.</p>	<p>Gary will send out a revised Activities list.</p> <p>Gary will send out the information from Martina's article</p>
Student Report	<p>April 21 semi-formal at Pearl. Ticket sales April 4-8 will be for our students only. No tickets will be sold after April 13. Maximum of 400 students.</p> <p>The students will send out an attachment with details.</p>	
New Business	None.	
Next Meeting	<b>May 31, 2016 6pm</b>	