



## Divine Child High School

12/13/2021 | 7:02 p.m. Meeting called to order by Erika Laszlo  
15 parents in attendance

1. Opening prayer led by Erika Laszlo
2. Introduction of Mr. Paul Abbott, Performing Arts teacher
  - a. The spring musical, “Emma,” is a jukebox musical. 14 students auditioned tonight and more students are scheduled to audition tomorrow!
  - b. The Spirit Choir meets 3 days/week and accepts volunteer singers. Students receive ¼ credit.
  - c. There is a history of DCHS’s choir being invited to perform throughout the community. This spring, the choir may sing at a Tigers Game combined with the band!
  - d. 10 students performed two songs for our enjoyment.
3. Jen Buckley moved for the approval of the November meeting minutes; Amy Gencarelli seconded the motion.
4. No correspondence.
5. Board Members Reports
  - a. President’s Report, Erika Laszlo
    - i. Meal Train for the Morrow family; sign-up was full within 2½ hours. They have meals arranged through the end of January. Erika will find out whether the family wishes to continue the Meal Train through February, or not.
    - ii. Erika has informed Mr. Brahier that funds are available for a speaker. He is working on logistics of finding a suitable speaker for the students, and will get back to us.
  - b. Faculty Representative, Mr. Ben Cronin shared information about upcoming school events
    - i. 4000 canned goods and over 80 coats were collected for the needy. The Giving Tree will help 5 families.
    - ii. The school has decided that there will be no high-stakes final exams for Fall 2021.
    - iii. Return to school on January 5<sup>th</sup>.
    - iv. The January 10<sup>th</sup> Senior Lock-In meeting will be in person, if possible.
    - v. Falcon Ice Skating on Saturday had about 200 students.
    - vi. Therapy Dogs were at school today, and will return later this week.
    - vii. The school now has 3 counselors plus a social worker.
  - c. Vice President’s Report, Michelle Rudzinski – nothing to report
  - d. Treasurer’s Report, Mary Jo Bushart-Luke
    - i. There was one check in November.
    - ii. Current balance \$15,883.31
  - e. Class rep reports
    - i. Freshmen: They are working on the class banner.
    - ii. Sophomores: Erika Laszlo worked two days of HSPT. Panera in Dearborn Heights provided pre-wrapped bagels.
    - iii. Juniors: The new “DCHS Class of 2023” parents Facebook private group has gotten a few more volunteers for Senior Coffee House. Planning is moving along.
    - iv. Seniors: Honeybaked Ham fundraiser (gift cards) has raised \$711 to date.
    - v. Events Committee: Older coffee mugs were donated to Anna’s House in Westland. Teachers will be honored in January, and Counselors in February.
    - vi. Dance Chaperones: Christmas Sweater Dance was cancelled. Mr. Cronin said that Sadie’s dance in February will go on if Covid numbers allow.
6. Business at hand - None
7. Open floor questions
  - a. A parent asked regarding SAT test prep, given that some schools have stopped requiring the SAT. Mr. Cronin shared that for now, DCHS is not changing direction regarding test prep and holistic education.

- b. A parent asked about supervision of the sports program. Mr. Cronin shared that there is an Athletic Director, overseen by the Principal. Parents with large concerns can go to Mr. Trudel or Mr. Cronin. Students with concerns should self-advocate to their Coach, then the Athletic Director.
  - c. Erika, Michelle, and other parents shared feedback regarding the police officer who spoke to the students. Cheryl Balash suggested that after students hear from a speaker, that parents receive an email summarizing what the speaker talked about. Mr. Cronin explained that the school arranged this so that students would hear that all threats are taken seriously. Social media activity is trackable and can be investigated.
  - d. The decision to close school after threats (or not) is done in consultation with Dearborn Police and the Archdiocese of Detroit. Parents can always use their own judgement in sending students to school. Divine Child does conduct safety drills.
  - e. Bridget Hanson asked about grade-specific Facebook pages. Any pages (such as the one for Juniors) were created by parents, and are not moderated by Divine Child Catholic Schools, which only has the one official page.
8. Raffle Winners of DC blankets were selected: Theresa Ceccareli, Amy Gencarelli, Thresa Spahn, Jen Buckley, Nancy Nadolsky.
  9. Meeting closed at 8:15pm, with prayer led by Erika Laszlo

*The next meeting will be held on Monday January 10, 2022 at 7:00pm.*