

## St. Nicholas Catholic School Council Meeting Minutes

**Principal: Anthony Cacciola**

**Vice Principal: Spotswood**

**Co-Chair: Nancy Czigli**

**Co-Chair: Effie Raso**

**Secretary: Tammy Estriga**

**Elizabeth Fung**

**Jacqueline Nadeau**

**Grace Moore**

**Rose Prevost**

<b>Meeting Date</b>	November 4th, 2019 (6:30pm-8:00pm)
<b>Next Meeting Date</b>	February 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 2020 (6:30pm – 8:00pm)
<b>Regrets</b>	None
<b>Meeting Minutes</b>	
<b>Principal report – November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019</b>	
<b>In the Area of Catholicity:</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• staff and students will celebrate school mass on November 7 – Grade 5</li><li>• Staff participated in Faith Day activities – October 11</li><li>• Students continue to lead prayers/wellness messages as part of our morning announcements</li><li>• Grade 8 Class visits by Fr. Louis &amp; Fr. Ranjan</li><li>• Grade 6 reconciliation October 17</li><li>• Virtue awards were distributed to students October 29th – Empathy</li><li>• Christ Love In Action – Launch - November</li></ul>	
<b>In the Area of Curriculum:</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• During the months of September and October our staff used Oral Reading Records, Quick Comprehensive Assessment and the Ontario Comprehension Assessment to assess the reading levels of our students as well as the Ontario Writing Assessment to assess writing</li><li>• Special Education Resource teachers, Administration and classroom teachers met to plan and review student profiles – Student Success Meetings</li><li>• Empower Reading Program – Response to Intervention began during the month of October as well as Levelled Literacy intervention and Lexia program –</li><li>• Our itinerant Literacy and Numeracy teacher has been meeting with teachers weekly to support programming</li><li>• Primary, Junior and Intermediate teachers are part of the MathUp Project Initiative – moderation sessions at our school division meetings October 22</li><li>• Annie Miller working with intermediate students and the My BluePrint project</li><li>• School Improvement Team working together to address our school Problem of Practice.</li><li>• All divisions engaged in afterschool Professional development – October</li></ul>	

- Boys & Girls volleyball teams have been competing in interschool games including STA tournament
- Progress reports/Communication of Learning going home to families on Nov 20 – Interviews 21 & 22
- Online Registration for French Extended is now available for students in grade 4 – November 4-15

#### **In the Area of Home School Communication:**

- October and November Calendar updated on the school website
- Weekly Updates continue to be emailed to families
- Parent Information Night Gr. 7 Overnight Trip – November 6
- Catholic Council of Charis meeting – October 16
- IB Information Night at STA – October
- Interview request forms went home with the Youngest and Only child on November 1

#### **In the Area of Community Building**

- Grade 7 & 8 STA Pink Day – football game
- We Scare Hunger Food Drive - Month of October – Student Ambassadors – Food share
- Care 2 Share Candy collection drive – developing countries
- Big Crunch on October 24 – whole school project
- BBBS Homework club every Wednesday afterschool
- YMCA – Boys & Girls Club Programs
- Photo Retake day on October 25
- October 31<sup>st</sup> we held our Halloween Dance
- Gr. 8 Drama Department – School Visit October 29
- Remembrance Day Presentation – November 11
- Lunch Box Program
- Grade 8 Day @ STA on Nov 6

#### **In the Area of Health and Safety**

- Lockdown conducted on October 10
- Bomb drill scheduled for November
- Daily site inspections are carried out by the custodian and administration
- Gr. 7-8 Immunization – October

#### **New School Construction Update**

- HVAC done, curbs pored, stone and paving in 2 weeks
- State of the art, lots of space
- Blessing will be during Catholic Education Week
- Natural playground will be planed in the spring
- Decision will be made by end of November for a Christmas move, has custodial help to pack and move

#### **Halloween Dance-a-thon**

- Raised over \$11K, with over 100 prizes
- Having the bulk of the money in by the 30<sup>th</sup> streamlined organizing tickets
- Still to work on ticket distribution and logistics of handing out 100+ prizes
- Pumpkin decorating was a hit

### **Halton Food for Thought – Salad Cart Update**

- Application for grant was approved
- Salad cart to be delivered to the new school, if we try and it doesn't succeed the cart is returned and any money revived can be rolled into the Snack bin program
- \$1,000 seed money can be used to fund the cart or give back to students who can't afford
- Email for volunteers have gone out 4-5 already, a few more would be good. Should undergo Food Safe Handling course
- Will run on Tuesday's, can do a free lunch day to introduce students
- Table to be set up with a video during parent teacher interviews

### **Christmas Concerts**

- Kindergarten concert at the Church followed by crafts in the classroom, Dec 11<sup>th</sup>
- Primary concert was left up to the teachers
- Suggestion to have every other year, general feeling that something should be done every year (mandated) as we are a Catholic School

### **Hot Lunch**

- Well received, good variety
- Pizza going smoothly, coming hot and well portioned, accommodating the Kindergarten classes by leaving a hot bag

### **Future Council events**

- Christmas Shop Dec 2,3,4,5
- Poinsettia fundraiser to be picked up December 6<sup>th</sup>
- Have an event in January to bring out parents and students to the school to "Beat the Blues"
  - Joe from X-movement could not attend
  - Tentatively booked for April in new school
  - Would show the kids over 2 days Indigenous dance/hip hop
  - Would come back to have the students show the parents what they learned
  - STA is having a speaker in for the family of schools, Feb 27<sup>th</sup> – Sherry Campbell
    - Fear that parents don't come to our school that they won't go to STA, plan is to introduce parents to STA prior to their kids starting
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