



Catholic School Council

Principal: A. Cacciola

Vice Principal: C. Spotswood

Parent Representatives:

Chair: Nancy Czigli

Secretary: Tammy Estriga

Jacqueline Nadeau, Kelly Sam, Azu Mendoza, Eleanor Ramuscak, Liz Fung, Effie Raso

Non Teaching Staff Rep: R. Prevost

Teaching Staff: R. Maggio

Meeting Date	November 4, 2020 (6:30pm-8:00pm)
Next Meeting Date	May 26, 2020 (6:30pm – 8:00pm)
Regrets	None

AGENDA

March 3, 2021

St. Nicholas School – Virtual

6:30 pm

TIME	TOPIC	PRESENTER
6:30 pm	Welcome & Prayer	Admin/Chair
6:30 – 6:35 pm	Approval of Agenda	Chair
6:35 – 6:40 pm	Land Acknowledgement	Mrs. Spotswood
6:40 – 6:50 pm	St. Nicholas Equity & Inclusion Plan	Mrs. Spotswood
6:50 – 7:00 pm	Principal's Report	Mr. Cacciola
7:00 – 7:05 pm	Lenten Initiative – Sleeping Children Around the World/Stations of the Cross	Mr. Cacciola
7:05 – 7:10 pm	Council of Chairs Meeting Report	Chair
7:10 pm	Questions – Open Items - Next Council Meeting	Admin/Council
7:30 pm	Adjournment	All

Our goals for the children this year are:

- A. Keeping them healthy and safe
- B. Creating a sense of community
- C. Maintain their positive mental health – making them feel loved and laughing often
- D. Providing them a quality Catholic Education

Meeting Minutes

1. Land Acknowledgement

- Viewed the video created by HCDSB, a shorten video is shown on virtual Announcements on Mondays and verbally for Tuesday – Friday

2. Equity & Inclusion Plan

- The plan was put together Ms. Spotswood and Ms. Monaco with the focus on anti-black racism
- The plan consists of 3 actions
 - 1st action – Library Technician did an Equity Resource Audit and shared the results at the March staff meeting
 - 2nd Action – Black History Month
 - Highlighted Black Canadians during morning announcements
 - Students were engaged with the information from the morning announcements and triggered additional questions
 - Teachers were provided an Equity Tool and completed an equity walk at school to find examples
 - Teachers are using the lockers to showcase the work their class has done for others to see as they walk past
 - 3rd Action – HCDSB and community members share stories relating to grade specific curriculum

3. Principal's Report

In the Area of Catholicity:

- Sacrament of Reconciliation, Holy Communion and Confirmation – postponed – More information will be communicated by the church
- Lenten Liturgy Ash Wednesday – thank you to Fr. Ranjan/Fr. Joseph and Gr. 4 students – February 17th
- Students continue to lead prayers/wellness messages as part of our morning announcements – Virtually Teams platform
- Virtue awards and Certificates were distributed to students February 26th – Conscience
- Virtue Assembly – Grade 4s
- Christ Love In Action – February
- Double virtue in March Respect & Self Control
- Grade 8s are preparing for the Stations of the Cross – video link will be shared with the community and Easter message from the Parishes

In the Area of Curriculum:

- Special Education Resource teachers, Administration and classroom teachers are set to plan and review student profiles – Student Success Meetings with a focus on our SK
- Empower Reading Program – run 2 sessions with grade 3 and 4 students
- Response to Intervention in the area of reading – working with grade 2 and 3 students
- Head Sprout and IXL program Math/Reading License were purchased and distributed – primary group

- Annie Miller working with intermediate students and the My BluePrint project - virtually
- Reports Cards Gr. 1-8/Communication of Learning emailed to families on Feb 24
- Advanced Online Kindergarten Registration Jan 18 – Feb 4th
- Library Kits delivered to classes every week, sanitized when returned

In the Area of Home School Communication:

- Calendar updated on the school website
- Weekly Updates continue to be emailed to families
- Catholic Council of Charis meeting – February 27
- RJ McCarthy new uniform provider as of February 1
- Request a change in learning environment for their children will be offered between March 11 and March 18, 2021. The requested changes will take effect on Monday, March 29th, and will remain in effect for the duration of this school year.

In the Area of Community Building

- Angel Tree was a huge success – St. Nicholas raised over \$4000 in gift cards.... Congratulations!
- Started morning entry music – Awesome God – Lift Me Up and – supports attendance being ready by 8:55 am
- Intro the HCDSB Land acknowledgement video – morning routines
- Launched our Equity & Inclusion Plan at our March staff meeting
- St. Nicholas Wellness Week – January 25-29
- Bell Let's Talk January 28th
- Paint the Town Red February 12 - \$200 St. Nicholas donation for the United Way
- Touch of Pink February 26 in support of Pink Shirt Day February 24th – promote Kindness and antibullying
- Sleeping Children Around the World – St. Nicholas Lenten Project
- Black History Month – Great Canadian Spotlight – morning announcement
- Welcomed Marc Davis Born with A Purpose: A historic recollection that honours the diversity of blacks in Canadian history – Gr. 5-8
- Children Authors – Primary Grades K-3 – March 5th will join a live virtual event "Terrific Storyific" for 45 minutes with four celebrated children's authors, Eric Walter, Sigmund Brouwer, Ruth Ohi and Lana Button.
- Graduation Photos scheduled April 1st at St. Nicholas with extended safety protocols or families can go to their Burlington location – details to follow
- Fuel Your Fire Conference March 2nd, 3rd and 4th hosted by CFL great Andy Fantuz – Gr. 4-8 class Focus is on The Seven Pillars of Peak Performance

1. Goal Setting
2. Nutrition
3. Hydration
4. Sleep
5. Physical Training
6. Mental Training
7. Rest & Recovery

In the Area of Health and Safety

- New school Protocols reviewed and implemented with staff and students including new signage and cleaning protocols
- New covid report tool being implemented for staff and administration and additional screening
- Administration visited all classes to review protocols – February 8th
- Email communication to families about St. Nicholas Parking Lot – February 17th
- Daily site inspections are carried out by the custodian and administration

4. Lenten Initiative

- As of meeting date 30 bed kits have been purchased with a goal of 100
- Bed kits can be purchased online for \$35 each or a donation made in multiple denominations
- All proceeds go to purchase the bed kits
- The bed kits include a mattress pad, blanket, mosquito net, backpack and school supplies, clothing and sometimes shoes

5. Council of Charis Meeting

- Discussed best practices for engaging with the parish under current safety protocols
- Some schools are doing Lenten food drives instead of the bed kits
- Breakout rooms to discuss fundraising ideas with covid safety measures
 - Outdoor Dance-a-thon
 - Read-a-thon
 - Flipgive, the school receives a percentage for online purchases they go through this website
 - Gingerbread house kit sales through Longo's – money donated to Kerr St Mission
 - Drive through food drive
 - Sock drive
 - Terra Cotta cookie fundraiser

Other suggestions:

- Zoom Cooking Lesson
- Cook Book recipe submission

6. Open Items

- Week before the new "March Break" in April will be Admiral Spirit week
- Public Health will be offering targeted testing at High Schools for staff and students with asymptomatic symptoms to get a covid test
- Additional screening for staff and additional PPE for staff up to Grade 2 including face shields
- There are an increase on dogs on the school property which leads to an increase in congregation, dogs should not be on school property
- Question if online report cards will continue - Board is considering
- No agendas have been purchased for next year, will remain digital on D2L
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7. Reiteration of Parking Lot Rules

As student safety is our priority it is important to practice extra patience in our parking lot/kiss n ride area. Please adhere to our school rules and expectations to ensure everyone's safety.

1. Please follow all vehicles through our parking lot.
2. Please do not make a U-turn in the parking lot.
3. Please do not park along any median, including across from the Kindergarten play yard.
4. Please use the outlined yellow Kiss n Ride area to drop off your student – remember to pull up as far as possible.
5. If you are parking for any reason during the drop off, we encourage you to use all available parking spaces, please do not park in the Kiss n Ride lane.
6. Patience is important on school property. Our school busses arrive at various times during the morning which can slow vehicles entering/exiting our Kiss n Ride.
7. At the end of the day if you are waiting in the Kiss n Ride please pull up as much as you can to allow for more cars
8. Please do not stop in the live traffic lane, this disrupts the flow and prevents others from leaving
9. If you can not find a spot to park, please exit and come back in, a spot will open up
10. Finally, please remember this is a short-term problem - safety is key and plan your arrival accordingly.