

St. Scholastica Catholic School Council Meeting #2

Monday, November 4th, 2019 6:30 pm

Council Members:

Erin Sweeney-Hurd (Principal), Jennifer Leung (Teaching Rep), Aldrin Uy (Parent Rep), Kristina Stajduhar (Community Rep, Parent Rep), Deepa Dey (Parish Rep, Parent Rep), Elaine Cowan (Parent Rep), Francine Fonseka (Parent Rep), Natalia Gorska-Anderson (Co-Chair, Parent Rep), Ioana Mintcheva-Dixon (Co-Chair, Parent Rep), Justene Thrasher (Parent Rep), Kristina Farris (Parent Rep), Lisa Paulo-Alberto (Secretary, Parent Rep), Nicole Fleten (Parent Rep), Tanya Palermo (Parent Rep)

Agenda

Item	Owner
Welcome	Natalia & Ioana
Opening Prayer	Erin
ISW update on additional items	Angela King ISW
Minutes Approval By-Law Approval	Ioana
Principal's Report <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Achieving, Believing, Belonging• School Fundraising Updates	Erin
Committee Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Community Rep Update• Parish Rep Update• Council of Chairs update	Kristina Deepa Natalia
Looking ahead <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Results of survey• Subcommittee sign ups	Natalia & Ioana
Upcoming Events <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Indigo night Nov 11 5-8pm• Terra fundraiser information• Math night in the new year• Movie nights	Kristina Ioana Natalia Natalia
Future Council meetings: Monday, January 6th at 6:30 Monday, February 3rd at 6:30 Monday, April 6 at 6:30 Monday, May 4th at 6:30	

Attendance Regrets:

- Deepa Dey- Parent Rep

ISW Additional Items:

- Short Cap Sleeve blouse \$19.95
- Athletic Shorts- \$14.85- 20.85
- Cardigans and Vests- \$39.95-46.45
- Sports Hoodie- \$42.95
- Cotton Hoodie- \$29.85
- New Items can be made “crest to order”
- “Wait” orders are usually taking 1 ½ weeks
- We have made a decision as a council to add the Cotton Hoodie, Athletic Short and Button Down Knit Sweater for the late Spring of 2020
- We will revisit choices for next year based on sales
- Erin will talk to ISW Rep to make these new uniform choices available for the Spring
- Current RFP is on hold at this point- Erin will follow up on current status of RFP as ISW contract is set to expire end of 2019

Minutes Approval:

- approved by Francine and Aldrin

By Law Approval:

- Kristina S and Kristina F

Principal’s Report:**Principal’s Report****Catholic School Council Meeting #2 – November 4th , 2019****ACHIEVING**

- Grade 3 Reading Intervention Program has begun and takes place with marker students four days a week for 40 minutes (10 weeks of intervention per grade)
- Progress Report cards go home on November 20th and Parent/Teacher interviews will take place on the evening of November 21st and the day of November 22nd (Interview letter to go home to parents this week)
- Our School Improvement Team We will be meeting to collate our achievement data from our diagnostic assessments, progress reports and anecdotal observations in the coming weeks. We will then come up with goals based on our greatest areas of need. Once goals are created the staff will work together to come up with strategies that we are going to implement school wide to make improvements. The CSC will be updated once our School Improvement Plan (SIP) is complete.
- Grade 8’s will be visiting Jean Vanier later this week and will begin their Grade 9 option forms shortly.
- Whole school Math diagnostic assessments have taken place in each Grade 1-8 class. The goal of this whole school common task was to identify whether or not our students identify basic

number concepts and if they can represent subtraction and addition concepts using various models and forms.

- Early French Immersion program will continue at St. Scholastica next year and we will then have a Grade 1 and Grade 2 cohort (currently only a Grade 1 program).
- Our Curriculum Night took place on Thursday, October 10th and was fairly well attended by approximately half of our parents in each grade.
- Our two Intermediate teachers (Mrs. Catalano and Mr. Caruso) are taking part in an intermediate Math project this year. The goal of this program is to have teachers examine their practices around Math instruction and to hi-light goals to work on for the year.

BELIEVING

- Our staff celebrated our Faith Day together on the October 11th PA Day. Staff participated in team building activities and learned more about the power of liturgy for our students.
- Our Grade 7's participated in their Confirmation retreat on October 23rd and they will be celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday, November 23rd at Our Lady of Fatima School with the Grade 7 classes there.
- Our Grade 2's made their First Reconciliation on October 5th.
- Our Advent food drive will begin during the first week of Advent
- Our Social Justice team is going to be putting together an Angel Tree program so that families can choose to support families who have various needs at Christmas time (more info to come on this)
- Our Advent School Mass will take place on Friday, December the 6th at 11:15am in our Gym. All families are welcome to join us
- Advent Wreaths, Advent take home materials, Advent teacher resources; a Nativity Crèche and Christmas tree have been purchased to adorn our front entryway.

BELONGING

- This area is still our main area of focus
- Chocolate Fundraiser – WOW!!!! We collected just over \$21,000 in this fundraiser (see the fundraising report below)
- Our website is continually being added to and all calendar dates have been included up until Christmas. Post-Christmas dates will be added soon
- Email and our Twitter account are still serving as other main forms of communication
- Natalia Gorska-Anderson (CSC Co-Chair) attended the first of three Council of Chairs meetings with me on October 16th at St. Elizabeth Seton school. She will be sharing information about this with the council later in this meeting.
- Cross Country Running (Grade 4-8) has been postponed to the Spring due to the CUPE job actions that took place earlier in October.
- Our Volleyball (Gr. 6-8) seasons are wrapping up.
- Basketball season for our Grade 6-8 students will be starting in late November/early December.
- Many clubs will be starting up as soon as the weather starts to turn colder (mostly after Christmas)
- We had an AMAZING Halloween day here at St. Scholastica which was hi-lighted by our whole school costume parade and many fun activities that took place in our classrooms.

- Our Healthy Snack Bin program has started up again and we thank a grant received through the Halton Food for Thought for funding this. We are looking for a parent volunteer who could come in weekly to clean and re-stock the bins.
- Participated in the Great Big Crunch event organized by Halton Food for Thought on October 24th. We did a whole-school simultaneous apple crunch to raise awareness for the benefits of healthy eating.
- All three of our hot lunch programs have started up and are running smoothly.
- All three of our Fire Evacuation drills for the Fall term have happened and the Milton Fire Department was here on October 7th to supervise our final drill of this term. They were incredibly impressed with our students (huge improvements between the first drill of the year and the last drill of this term). We will be practicing our lock down drills during the Winter and early Spring months before we have to complete three Fire Drills during our late Spring term again.
- Regular Health and Safety walk through's have occurred as well as daily reminders to students about our rules during construction.
- Our Police Liaison Officer, Officer Rob Del Villar has started his classroom visits with our Grade 6, 7 and 8 students. The focus of his conversations are safety, on-line presence/safety and ensuring that students understand the ages that they need to be in order to be "charged" with offences under the Youth Criminal Justice Act.

Financial Update on School Generated Funds – Report #1 of 3/Year

Laura Secord Fundraiser Profit	\$21, 245.88
Barbecue Kick Back from Scooters	\$400.00
Mabel's Labels Kick Back Cheques	\$224.92
Milk Profit for the First Term of Milk	\$1500 (approx.)
Pizza Profit for the First Term of Pizza	\$6,100 (approx..)

Committee Updates:

Community Rep- Kristina:

- Traffic Concerns- Stop Sign added on Leger- Police are frequenting the area- Town Councilor Samira- happy about Police presence and enforcement

Parish Rep- Deepa:

- Event to support building of the church- Christmas Dine and Dance
- Taking place on December 1st to raise money for the new Church building.
- Event is taking place at Payal Banquet Hall,3410 Semenyk Ct, Mississauga with tickets at \$40/adult and \$22/child (Ages 4-12) and kids under 4 years – FREE (no seating).

Council of Chairs- Natalia:-

- -want us to stress the Canada Learning Bond and Canadian Education Savings Grant to other parents; 1.2 million children are eligible but are not receiving funding

- the Parent Reaching Out grant has been changed to a family of schools grant of \$1750. Schools need to work together to plan a community event; deadline is coming quickly (end of November). Parent satisfaction survey must be included to release this funding, and must include clear ties to the content of the Ontario curriculum.
- Paul Davis – social media safety – May 7th, 2020 (only date available) – daytime presentation for all grade 8 students at Queen of Heaven – 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm – each school would receive approx. \$100 to help pay for busing; evening presentation keynote speaker – 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm also at Queen of Heaven open to all our FOS parents
- May 7th evening breakout sessions – parents can attend either session #1 or #2 & then switch at half-time to enjoy the other:
 - Session 1 – 7:40 pm to 8:10 pm – Bullying Prevention & Mental Health – presented by Rosanna Bird and two JV FOS CYCs
 - Session 2 – 8:15 pm to 8:45 pm – Vaping – presenting the Halton Regional Public Health presentation

Looking Ahead- Natalia and Ioana-

- Results of the Survey- Council would like to see 4 events
- Upcoming Events:
- Indigo Night-Kristina- Nov 11th- Starbucks donating coffee and Parent Schedule already planned
- Christmas Night- Gingerbread- Something to bring families Together-Sub Committee- Tanya, Lisa & Natalia- week prior to the concert- December 12th 6:30pm- 8pm Christmas Family Fun Night!
- Math Night in the New Year- Fun Family night- Mathletes- fully booked- Erin & Jennifer- to lead. Aldrin- look to book Mathletes for 2021- \$1500 plus tax- cost
- Movie Nights-Sub Committee- Justene, Kristina and Aldrin- March 5th 2020- 6:00pm- Stipulate what grades its for- Grade 5 and below is recommended by Erin
- Terra Fundraiser for Spring- Ioana to send out information to council
- Paint Night- Mother's Day Tiles- Sub Committee- Kristina, Nicole Ioana & Francine- April 16th 2020
- Fun Treat Fridays- Sub Committee- Elaine & Francine- After lent- every other Friday- great success last year!

Other:

- Facebook- Someone overseeing Social Media Page on Facebook- Send out important Dates and Info -Tanya Supporting
- School Council Email- being managed by Elaine. Erin will put another email out to families to let them know about Council Email Address

Next Meeting is Jan 6th at 6:30pm

Meeting adjourned at 7:53pm