

# Catholic School Council Meeting Agenda

## October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2018

**Time:** 6:30pm

**Location:** Library, St. Andrew Catholic School

**Council Members in Attendance:** Lorraine Boulos, Michelle Kotulak, Sue English, Louisa Oliveira, Kelly Williams, Christine Krueger, Emilia DeSimone, Kendra Paiement, Marion Bastiampillai, Nancy Harrison, Trish Droog

**Welcome and Introductions:** Lorraine opened meeting by welcoming all and led us in the opening prayer and review of the agenda. Council members did round table introductions, gallery of visiting parents also introduced themselves.

**Appointment of Roles:** Roles for the 2018-2019 St. Andrew Catholic School council were appointed-

- Chair-Sue English
- Secretary- Rotating position (Michelle Kotulak today)
- Community Rep-Louisa Oliveira
- Parent Rep-Kelly Williams
- Parish Rep-Christine Krueger
- Treasurer-Emilia DeSimone
- OAPSCE Rep-Marion Bastiampillai

**Pledge, Declarations, Code of Ethics:** Each member completed their pledge, and declaration forms and handed them in. Bylaws are the same as last year-council to review them and let council know of any needs or concerns they may have at the next meeting.

**Prayer and Commissioning Ceremony:** Michelle Kotulak led new members in prayer and the commissioning ceremony.

**Administrators' Report:** Lorraine Boulos see Appendix A

### **Committee Reports:**

- Halloween Dance-a-Thon
  - Want the flyer to go home Thursday October 4<sup>th</sup>
  - Same flyer as last year except no spotlight prizes because they were not done last year
  - School Cash online only or cheques (no cash) this year
  - If donations are in students' names then we will know how much each student raised
  - Feedback from last year
    - lights off for kindergarten is too much for them. Lights will be on for Kindergarten this year.
    - Concern raised that when students get one ticket and they may feel badly about others receiving more tickets than them.

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- Solution: This year there will be 18 Prizes (2 per grade) all tickets will go into the same grade level pot. This solves the problem in that students are not coming down to put in prizes, rather they are dropping 1 or more tickets in to the same pot and the two prizes will be drawn from there.
- Financial Report
  - High starting balance because of money we made at the BBQ last year
  - Some classroom furniture was not initially bought for classrooms as teachers went out and purchased it themselves-however we will be buying more flexible seating furniture this year as planned.
  - Buckets for financial reports moving forward will be the same as the Board buckets, to make reporting easier for council
  - Nov. SGF plan will go on the Website (Nov. Jan. June)
  - Planned new purchases- a new school tent -as per councils request 2 school tents will be purchased.
  - Numeracy Night (October 17<sup>th</sup>)- \$1349
    - Superhero math fun is the theme the night will run from 6:30-8:00pm
    - Discussion on whether we want to include grab bags and then families will be charged a nominal fee to attend
    - Decision for this year to charge \$5 and then a math grab bag will be provided for each family. Motion passed by council.
  - X-Movement – Family engagement night
    - X Dance is the program that has been chosen, it showcases diversity through dance
    - \$8000 is the cost, \$2000 has already been paid
    - It has not yet been decided how the remaining \$6000 will be funded, however, Lorraine said that the remaining cost can be covered by the remaining funds from last year's GST rebate
    - There will be 4 days with all students in the school plus one family engagement night that the program will be offered
    - Dates: Jan 28-Jan 31 at school
    - Family Night Feb 5<sup>th</sup>
  - Hot Lunches – Lunch Box
    - Discussion of what vendors will be included this year. Last year Swiss Chalet and Subway were the vendors.
    - We will begin this year with Subway-Discussion whether to keep or change Swiss Chalet due to the media attention on potential contamination. Students did enjoy Swiss Chalet last year and it was a popular lunch choice.
    - Question about Lunch Lady-concern brought forward that it is not enough food for big kids.
    - Milk- will run Monday-Friday this year. Lunch Room Supervisors will be organizing milk for pick up by children, making it a more efficient process.
  - Parish Updates – See Administrator's Report

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- BBQ – Date chosen: June 6<sup>th</sup> day before the PA day

### **School Council Meeting Schedule:** Meeting Dates set as follows-

Thursday November 8<sup>th</sup> 2018

Thursday January 17<sup>th</sup> 2019

Thursday March 7<sup>th</sup> 2019

Thursday April 25<sup>th</sup> 2019

Thursday June 20<sup>th</sup> 2019

### **New Business:**

- Bishop's dinner – flyer shown, if anyone is interested in attending please let Lorraine know
- From the minutes from June- plan at bigger donation line for the Golf Tournament
- HCCEF-Support for students and families that need it vs. Council support
- Christmas Concert-the idea will be brought to staff for discussion and will share feedback with Council at Nov. meeting
- Twilight Mass at MMOG

**Prayer and Adjournment:** Lorraine Boulos led council in Closing Prayer

**Next meeting date: Thursday November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

**Location: St. Andrew Catholic School, Library**

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**Appendix A – Principal’s Report**

Item	Information
<b>Catholicity</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Once again, we will have a school-wide focus on our Ontario Catholic Graduate Expectations. Each 5-7 weeks we will focus on one of the expectations. Currently, we are focused on what it means to be a Responsible Citizen. Teachers have had lessons on responsible citizenship and developed age-appropriate criteria with their students. This award will be given out during our Thanksgiving Liturgy</li> <li>• We had our opening school mass during our second week at school. This went very well, the responses are now up on screens and greatly improved student participation in the service. We had many parents turn out, for which we were extremely grateful.</li> <li>• Debbie Frey is the new Youth Minister, and she has already begun working closely with our staff and students. She plans on having special “Teaching Masses” for the students at the church. Since she has come, attendance at the Conquest and Challenge program as trebled.</li> <li>• Grade 7 students will be having a special Twilight Retreat at the church.</li> <li>• Faith Day for our staff will be on Friday, October 5<sup>th</sup>, there will be no school for students on that day.</li> </ul>
<b>Curriculum</b>	<p><b>Curriculum Night</b> – We had our Curriculum Night on Wednesday, September 19<sup>th</sup>. There was an excellent turnout.</p> <p><b>EQAO</b></p> <p>Three types of data used to help schools identify trends, areas of strengths and weaknesses to assist with school improvement planning</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Contextual Data <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 74 Grade 3 and 58 Grade 6</li> <li>• ESL 15% of Gr 3 and 3% of Gr 6</li> <li>• Students w/ Special Needs 14% of Gr 3 &amp; 7% of Gr 6</li> </ul> </li> <li>2. Achievement Data <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reading: Gr 3 82% &amp; Gr 6 93% at or above benchmark</li> <li>• Writing: Gr 3 76% &amp; Gr 6 91% at or above benchmark</li> <li>• Math: Gr 3 68% &amp; Gr 6 76% at or above benchmark</li> <li>• Data over time indicates we are consistently above both the school board and the province.</li> </ul> </li> <li>3. Attitudinal Data <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 97 % of Gr 3 and 100 % of Gr 6 report that they like to read some for most of the time</li> <li>• 100% of Gr 3 and 93% of Gr 6 report that they like doing math some or most of the time</li> </ul> </li> </ol> <p><b>School Improvement</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• As part of our focus on school improvement, we are working together as a staff to support Critical Thinking in the classroom. Towards this end, staff are</li> </ul>

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	<p>reading <i>Creating Thinking Classrooms</i> by Garfield Gini-Newman. This is in an effort to support the needs of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century learning, including helping our learners to develop the skills that will be necessary in the workplace in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Changes to the Intermediate Rotary schedule and the recess times for Intermediate students. Science, Geography, History, Physical Education, will each have an 80-minute class and a 40 min. class per week. This is to allow a longer period one day per week to work on project-based learning, student inquiry, collaboration, and Science experiments. Combined recesses allow for a longer period at the end of the day, increased supervision, and fewer transitions in the hallways.</li> <li>• This year we will be having a school Science Fair organized by Mrs. Thompson.</li> </ul> <p><b>Reading Intervention</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reading intervention continues for our Primary students this year with Mrs. Chiarotto using the Leveled Literacy Intervention (LLI) program. In addition to this, we also have 25 Lexia licenses for students reading significantly below grade level.</li> <li>• Big Brother/Big Sisters Homework Club will be beginning this month</li> <li>• Progress Reports will be going home in November, and Interviews will take place on November 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>.</li> </ul> <p><b>STEM</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Three staff members are going to Brock University on October 9<sup>th</sup> to learn about STEM activities in the classroom.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Culture and Community</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Breakfast Program begins next Tuesday. We are very thankful to our Knights of Columbus and parent volunteers who make this wonderful program possible.</li> <li>• The Great Big Crunch, sponsored by Halton Food for Thought, will launch our first Healthy Snack Day on October 25<sup>th</sup>.</li> <li>• Treat lunches begin again on October 12<sup>th</sup>. Once again, we are very grateful to the wonderful parent volunteers who make these treat lunches possible.</li> <li>• BRAVO program is beginning the week after Thanksgiving. Last year, Officer Scott was on a leave, so the program did not run. This year, we have a new Liaison Officer, Constable Dawn Freeland, who has agreed to work with both our Grade 6 and our Grade 7 students on Monday and Tuesday afternoons.</li> <li>• Our Cross-Country teams have been practicing for their competition at Kelso Conservation. This year the Grades 4-8 will be running on October 17<sup>th</sup>.</li> <li>• Our Senior Girls' and Boys' Volleyball season is well under way. All of their games are posted on our School Calendar on our website.</li> <li>• Mr. Boulos, Mrs. Kotulak, and Mrs. Boulos cleaned and painted the trophy cases over the summer. The Artist of the Month Club has had a facelift and will be continuing this school year, it is very popular amongst many of our students.</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Our Boogie-a-Thon will take place on October 31<sup>st</sup>. This will be our main fundraiser. The DJ has been booked, and the forms will be going home before the Thanksgiving weekend.</li><li>• Mrs. McLeod, who ran the school play last year, has left the school. Currently, we do not have a staff member willing to take on a school play. Alternatives are being looked at.</li><li>• We have completed two of our 3 Fall fire drills. We will do a lockdown and bomb drill also over the next 8 weeks.</li><li>• We still do not have a CYC so we have consulted with an Itinerant CYC and are putting proactive programs in place including Go Girls, which offer three different programs throughout the school year to empower our preteen girls. We are also looking into a MindUp program for teachers interested in using this in their classrooms to help develop positive strategies to manage stress.</li><li>• We are partnering with the Public Health Nurse as a Family of Schools to look at other preventative actions we can take to support mental health and wellness in our students.</li><li>• Student nomination forms have gone out to our Intermediate students to once again organize a student government. This government will be responsible for our Safe School Action Team and foster Eco, Social Justice, and Equity and Inclusion Initiatives in the school.</li></ul>