# ST. ANDREW CSC MINUTES – November 13, 2019

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**In Attendance:** Latifah Tomm, Abiodun Adekitan, Laura Gallo, Crystal Duggan, Christine Krueger, Nancy Harrison, Robert Selwyn, Emilia De Simone, Mary Soler, Kelly Williams, Lorraine Boulos, Elisa Carey, and Marion Bastiampillai,

**Regrets:**

1. **Welcome & Prayer**

* The meeting began at 6:33 pm with a prayer led by Elisa. Prior to the approval of the agenda, there was a motion to clarify roles on council. Kelly Williams requested that she retain the BBQ lead and that Mary Soler take on as Secretary. Motion made by Laura Gallo and seconded by Kelly Williams. Mary Soler was welcomed as new Secretary for St. Andrew CSC 2019 school year.

1. **Approval of Agenda**

* Agenda was approved without revisions

1. **Halloween Boogie-a-Thon results/wrap up - Discuss also for next year the one ticket policy**

* Emilia referred to the financial statement for the BBQ as well as a graph of net profit over the last 8 years. Council discussed that a decrease in net profit this year could be attributed to the food drive initiative that occurred at the same time (which was an outstanding success). It could also be because of the one ticket policy for prizes. Council was reminded that the school board is committed to equity in schools and should not have rewards tied to how much money a child raises. . Council agreed for now to maintain the one ticket policy moving forward.

1. **Administrator’s Report**

* Lorraine provided the administrator’s report update, click here to access “Administrator’s Report November 2019”.
* Highlights include:
  + Very positive feedback received for first Sensory Sensitive Mass held on Sun Nov 10
  + The St. Vincent de Paul food drive a tremendous success!
  + Mass in a barn for Advent scheduled for November 30th at Burlington Stables
  + When fate meets pedagogy – how our faith is involved in pedagogy
  + Part of the curriculum planning – want to measure impact, updates through #critical thinking on twitter
  + Progress Reports out Nov 20th, 2020, followed by teacher conferences
  + Creative initiatives in place for reading intervention programs, despite government cutbacks
  + Literacy/Numeracy support continue Tues and Thurs by Mrs Thompson and Mr Giorgio, and Wed Homework club
  + Family Engagement events planned – see report and weekly updates for details
  + Mental Health and Wellness night planned for March at Holy Trinity, theme of “Raising Healthy Resilient Children” – stay tuned to the weekly updates
  + Student School council elected – Mrs Thompson as teacher lead
  + Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Math also known as STEAM night by the Learning Tree planned for Jan 23, 2020, 6:30 pm – families are encouraged to register and attend this wonderful evening

1. **Council Budget Update**

* Budget update was presented by Emilia. School budget Format to be updated to use Board template. School generated funds have been allocated to: Focus on Faith, Environmental initiatives, Curriculum enhancements, Parent Engagement, School clubs and teams. Council agreed to allocation.

1. **Business Arising from last meeting**
2. Update on Aussie X night – cancelled Oct 17th
3. Parent Engagement Night – The Learning Tree for January 23rd, 2020. 5$ cost per family, $1400-$1500.00 of school generated funds allocated for STEAM night. Each family receives a small gift bag.
4. Wishlist for expenditures – funds allocated for eco-initiatives, new curtains for stage, mats for gym wall, laptops/tablets for students, literacy supplements, science experiments, volunteer recognition, parent engagement, clubs & teams, tournament fees, intramurals, makerspace.
   * Wishlist for expenditures: Approval by council: motioned by Laura, seconded by Latifah.
5. BBQ update – Kelly requested deferral of the update to the January school council meeting.
6. School musical – Lorraine: School Musical to be held June 11, 16, and 18 – afternoons and evenings. Auditions and rehearsals to begin mid to late January 2020.
7. Bishop’s Dinner – held Nov 6, 2019 – table booked, all attended had a lovely evening
8. Parish Update – Marion gave a brief update that there will be a special advent Mass in Barn event sponsored by Chris Delia Stables and Kelynack Stables, in Burlington. Live petting zoo, and donkey rides with St. Joseph. Youth band ABLAZE with Chili and cornbread, hot dogs, smores, cider and hot chocolate. Tickets $12 adults, $5 kids 10 years and younger. Occupancy is limited to 225 people. In addition, Marion shared that the St. Vincent de Paul society helps to support 150 children in need during the year and at Christmas. Reminder to support St. Vincent de Paul.
9. Student Council Update – no student school council rep in attendance, update deferred until Jan 2020 meeting
10. **Council of Charis Meeting Oct 16, 2019: Christine**

* Three themes discussed
  + Child Learning Bond, Pro Grant and OAPCE.
  + OAPCE rep is Laura – will be working with parents for feedback

1. **Parent Council Newsletter/blast**

* Discussed suggestion to provide and contribute to an email blast or weekly update via parent council newsletter.
  + Suggested topics: what council is about, information to share to help parents, share what did you do to help someone today.

1. **New Business for future meetings**

* Suggestion to form a Council Cares committee - more information to be shared in Jan 2020 meeting

1. **Closing prayer and adjournment – meeting adjourned at 8:14 pm**

Next meeting: **Wednesday January 29th, 2019**:  6:30 pm, Location: St Andrew School Library