# ST. ANDREW CSC MINUTES – January 29, 2020

### Due to COVID-19, planned school activities have been postponed until further notice – 3/23/2020

**In Attendance:** Christine Krueger, Kelly Williams, Marion Bastiampillai, Crystal Duggan, Latifah Thompson, Mary Soler, Robert Selwyn, Emilia De Simone, Lorraine Boulos, Michelle Kotulak, Abiodun Adekitan

**Regrets:** Patricia Nadal Droog, Laura Gallo, Nancy Harrison

**Guests**: Debbie Frey, Sonia Lancione

1. **Welcome & Prayer**

* The meeting began at 6:35 pm with a prayer led by Michelle.

1. **Approval of Agenda**

* Agenda was approved without revisions. Motion by Kelly, Seconded by Crystal
* Suggestion by Mary to do an attendance template. All agreed.
* **Action:** Mary to do template and send to Lorraine - **completed**

1. **Lenten Project and parish update: Debbie Frey**

* Debbie presented a “Lenten Challenge” Project whereby participating families have 20 family meals together in 40 days. Rules of the family meals: no electronics at the dinner table, saying Grace at meals, children to stay at the table for 20 min and parents are not to discipline during dinner. A family member acts as a “warden” at every meal. Every family that commits to this challenge gets a “ticket” for a draw for a family dinner out at a popular restaurant. Some challenge ideas were discussed, namely, ask families to take pictures of their device free meals to submit and post. Favourite family meals could be posted as well as putting together a school recipe book. Kickoff is proposed for Pancake Tuesday. Each participating family will receive a Lenten family mealtime book with conversation starters.
* Cost to school council is 140$. Motion made by Marion, Richard seconded – motion passed
* Debbie discussed that Family Day Sunday (Feb 16th, 2020), will be “Have a blast at Mass” 11 am only
* Debbie presented that a lunch time club would be starting soon similar to the “Little Flower Club” last year that was for girls – no name yet, but this year boys and girls to attend, Grades 5 and 6, with the theme “Teach us how to pray”.

1. **Administrator’s Report**

* Lorraine provided the administrator’s report update; (please see full report in Appendix A)
* Highlights include:
  + November and December very busy months!
  + Regarding Catholicity:
    - Grade 2 Reconciliation occurred Nov 30th
    - Tree of love very successful with gift card donations
    - Joy Day – huge success with different activities.
    - Dec 10th advent mass – new choir sang, and it was lovely!
    - Jan 18th Confirmation went very well, Vicar King, associate to the Bishop, did a great job!
    - Lenten Challenge to begin with lent – wonderful initiative! Debbie Frey to work with Student Council for the new Lenten Family initiative for lent.
    - Our CYC, Mrs. Santini and student council will be working together on an anti-bullying campaign “see the problem – be the solution”. They will also do a Happiness Wall and other mental health initiatives.
    - Feb 25th Pancake Tues – Student council to serve pancakes “Family Style” in the gym. Volunteers needed.
    - Feb 26th Ash Wednesday mass at school – all invited
    - New Canvases for 50th anniversary of the board received
    - School award for students that exemplify Catholic expectations will be handed out
  + **Regarding Curriculum:**
    - Due to the ongoing job action has been a very stressful time for teachers – they are working hard so that students are not affected. Extracurricular activities are being progressed, but professional development is not occurring.
    - Different flexible seating options for students are continuing to be purchased
    - 450 people came to Family STEAM night – About 200 families participated – huge success!
    - Literacy and numeracy after school programs for intermediate students are running weekly
    - Jan 31 PA Day is the report card writing day – there will not be any comments from teachers if the union does not settle with the provincial government. Parents are welcomed to reached out to teachers for comments.
    - Feb 14th -also PA day, the focus is on Equity and Inclusion, unless the job action continues
    - Feb 19th report cards will be sent home
    - Feb 21st - public speaking contest
    - Feb 27th and 28th – Science Fair – mandatory for Gr 8, and interested Grade 6’s and 7’s.
    - Oakville Orchestra will be performing for Gr 1’s on Jan 30th.
    - Jan 29th – Magic school bus trip for Kindergarten classes.
  + Regarding Culture and Community:
    - Student Council has been chosen and they are working hard to support school events.
    - Code of Conduct assembly occurred in January to remind students of Code of Conduct
    - The” Speak-Up” grant has been revoked by the current government Ministry of Education
    - Student Health and Wellbeing – April 2nd at Holy Trinity – evening topic – Raising Resilient Children
    - Gr 7 immunizations to continue Feb 12th
    - Ongoing activities include – martial arts @ lunchtime, makerspace and games clubs. These are open to kids who are having challenges making friends. Older students act as buddies.
    - Suggestions for clubs come from the students who come to the office. A teacher has to be available to supervise.
    - Older kids are welcome to go to the library to do homework or play cards
    - Breakfast and snack program cancelled for rest of January to take care of rodent issue – Abel Pest Control is taking care of this situation
    - Feeduary campaign will be running in February – collect donations by parents for Halton Food for Thought program
    - Treat lunches - Swiss Chalet and Subway running smoothly – leftover pizza is frozen and available for students who are missing lunches.
    - Kindergarten registrations took place in January – 39 registered to date
    - Basketball (Girls and Boys) teams have been selected and running. Junior Volleyball tournaments were held and were successful
    - Auditions for Seussical the Musical being held end of January – Grades 4 to 8 to audition. Three productions to take place. Main cast will have 20 to 30 students.
    - See Administrator’s report for summary of staff changes.

1. **Council Budget Update**

* Budget update was presented by Emilia using the new template required by the Board.

1. **Business Arising from last meeting**
2. Wishlist expenditure update – presented with the budget
3. Joint School Council Mental Health and Wellbeing Night: Planned to occur on April 2nd, 2020. Dr. Clinton booked. Nominal fee and Eventbrite registration.
4. BBQ Update: Food vendor and Main Event (Games) have been booked. Deposit due before April 1st to secure Blue Jay Tickets as prize. BBQ planning meetings to take place 30 min ahead of School Council meeting – 6 pm. First meeting: March 25th, 2020.
5. School musical update – see Administrator’s report.
6. Parish Update – Debbie Frey presented the Lenten Family Challenge – see above for summary.
7. Student Council Update – no student school council rep in attendance, update deferred until March 2020 meeting
8. **Potential Council Cares Committee:**

* Main Contact and email to be set up. Abi is the lead. Information about program will be added to the School Newsletter.

1. **Parent Council Newsletter/blast**

* Group Photo taken. Discussed first issue and agreed to add a generic council email. Parent Tips to be added. Content for newsletter to be sent to Chair.

1. **Update on Job Action and effect on School**

* Teachers are picketing at the MPP office during the job action days. Daycare payments are being offered by Doug Ford office.

1. **Coronavirus and effect on student body**

* Board sending hand sanitizer and increase in school disinfection procedures as resources allow.

1. **New Business for future meetings**

* Email to parents will be from the school board regarding the French Immersion early program (Gr 1 start). This program is very costly program due to bussing. This will likely change the school boundaries and could possibly affect special structured teaching classes (gifted, autism, special education classes).

1. **Closing prayer and adjournment – meeting adjourned at 8:28 pm**

Next meeting: **Wednesday March 25, 2020**:  6:30 pm, Location: St Andrew School Library **\*\*\*See update\*\*\***

**Update – Next meeting will be virtual – date & time to be scheduled and sent out via email – 3/23/2020**

**BBQ planning meeting to occur on same day at 6:00 pm – volunteers welcome!**