



Catholic School Council Minutes

November 15, 2021	MS Teams Virtual Meeting	6:30 pm
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MEETING:	Catholic School Council Meeting #2
CHAIR:	G. Yana Motta
SECRETARY:	R. DeLuca Malette

COUNCIL ATTENDEES:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • F. DiPaolo • E. Haugland • B. Karnick • D. Palalas • C. Phillips • S. Rathugamage
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • K. Sanford • S. Steve-Fagbemi • D. Tassone • G. Yana • K. Boss • R. DeLuca Malette

REGRETS:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • R. Alfaro • C. Stubits • N. Winkels • N. Shallow
PARENTS IN ATTENDANCE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A. Fernandez de Petzall • K. Lacey • Y. Le • O. Nova
SPECIAL NOTES	

6:30 pm	Welcome & Prayer Honouring the Land & Territory	G. Yana R. DeLuca Malette
6:30 – 6:35 pm	Approval of Agenda	G. Yana
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approved by D. Palalas and S. Steve-Fagbemi 	
6:35 – 6:40 pm	Principal's Report – see below	R. DeLuca Malette
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • R. DeLuca Malette's report attached 	
6:40 – 6:50 pm	Financial Report – November 2021	R. DeLuca Malette
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • November financial presented and reviewed 	
6:50 – 7:00 pm	Annual School Generated Funds Plan Discussion	R. DeLuca Malette

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opening balance, projected revenues and intended use of net proceeds discussed 	
7:00 – 7:05 pm	<p>Council of Chairs Meeting Info Sharing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> OAPCE info SGF Annual Plan Presentation & Discussion SEAC (Special Education Advisory Committee) Presentation HCCF (Halton Catholic Children's Foundation) Presentation 	G. Yana
7:05 – 7:10 pm	<p>Student Engagement Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> St. Vincent de Paul Toiletries Drive <ul style="list-style-type: none"> November 22-30 Monthly Liturgies and Student Recognition <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Based on OCGE and Acts of Kindness Volleyball, Sign Language & Dance Cross Panel Initiatives – Loyola FoS (grade 7-10) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Developing STEAM initiatives Spirit Days with Loyola Mentors Spec Ed Transitions Chaplain visits Leadership Class Intramurals Loyola Spirit Wear and swag 	R. DeLuca Malette
7:10 – 7:15 pm	<p>Events to date feedback:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Halloween Spirit Day 	R. DeLuca Malette
7:15 – 7:20 pm	<p>Parent Engagement / Communication</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Council Email Account stbernadetteparentcouncil@gmail.com 	G. Yana Motta R. DeLuca Malette
7:20 – 7:25 PM	<p><u>Proposals: Updates and Submissions and New Business</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pizza & Cookie Thursdays <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Great first day – great volunteers Pita Pit Tuesdays <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Starting November 30 Sacramental Recognition <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Present grade 3 and 8 Family Trivia Night <ul style="list-style-type: none"> December Christmas theme Christmas Event – Virtual <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preliminary planning started 	R. DeLuca Malette
7:25 – 7:30 pm	<p>Action Items Recap</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Extended French 2022 – inquire about registration dates Explore Math Contests Additional IB and AP support for students – virtual, in person from STA and HT 	R. DeLuca Malette

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kahoot! Membership renewal – possible Christmas, Valentines, Spring Family events • Donation Campaign – school messenger reminders and agenda stickers, [possible incentive to reach goal – possibly revisit campaign in the new year if goal not met 	
7:30 PM	Adjournment	All

Principal's Report – November 2021

Achieving: Curriculum

1. Throughout the Months of November-January, many of our teachers are hosting Teaching Candidates from the various Faculties of Education in Ontario.
2. Our Gr. 1 & 2 Teachers attended a Virtual In-Service on Early Literacy – the Science of Reading.
3. On Tuesday, October 20th Ms. Spence participated in a morning In-Service on the New Math Curriculum on behalf of our Primary Division. Mr. Rosha participated in the Junior In-Service in the afternoon. Both teachers will be sharing information with their divisions.
4. All students reviewed Virtual School Bus Safety.
5. Ms. La Corte attended an In-Service on Cultivating Genius. She will be sharing this information with the Intermediate Division.
6. There was a School Administration Meeting with our Senior Admin Team to discuss Operational Procedures & Policies and Upcoming Board areas of Focus. Please look for information regarding our upcoming Student Census.
7. Ms. La Corte attended the New Math In-Service on behalf of the Intermediate Division.
8. Administration and Teaching Staff attended In-Services on our new Student Information System- PowerSchool. Teachers will be using this system to complete their Progress Reports.
9. There was a School Administrators Meeting with Halton Region Public Health. Information regarding Updates on COVID & School Vaccination Programs.
10. Grade 8 students, with the support of their parents, teachers and the St. Ignatius of Loyola guidance department, completed their option sheets for gr. 9.
11. Gr. 8 Parent Night at St. Thomas Aquinas IB Program was held on Wednesday, October 20th.
12. Gr. 8 Parent Night for Holy Trinity AP Program was held on Thursday October 21st.
13. Gr. 8 Parent Night for St. Ignatius of Loyola was held on Wednesday, October 28th.
14. Parents will be able to schedule an appointment for Student Led Conferences/Parent Teacher Interviews, using our online booking system, beginning Monday November 15th to Wednesday November 24th.
15. Progress Reports will go home on Wednesday, November 24th.
16. Gr. 4 CCAT7 – Canadian Cognitive Abilities Test will occur between November 15th- December 1st. Letters will go home to notify parents of the exact dates and times.

Believing: Catholicity

1. On Thursday, October 7th we held our first virtual liturgy of the School Year. A special thank you to Ms. Cvetkovic's homeroom for organizing our Thanksgiving Liturgy.

2. On Friday, October 8th we staff participated in Faith Day, with a focus on "Rebuilding, Restoring & Renewing Together" Thank you to Mrs. Lecanda and the Faith Day Committee for all their preparations.
3. On Thursday November 11th students from grade 8EFA with Ms. Cvetkovic lead a beautiful Remembrance Day Liturgy – thank you to each class for sharing their message of Peace.
4. Updates from Saint Matthew Parish will be highlighted in the weekly updates.

Belonging: Community / School Culture

1. Our staff have organized various extra-curricular activities that our students from gr. 1-8 can be involved in. Presently, we have Volleyball for Gr. 6-8 and Dance Club for grades 4-8.
2. On Friday, October 29th we held our Halloween Spirit Day. It was a great day with dancing, bingo, pumpkin decorating contest, Halloween treats and a virtual paint session for our intermediate students with Ms. Veronica Racanelli! A very special thank you to our Staff Committee for all their planning and preparations. Congratulations to Mlle Brzek's class on their first-place pumpkin creation and the class pizza prize.
3. Donation Campaign is underway! Approximately 25% of goal met.
4. On November 3rd G. Yana and I attended the Catholic Council of Chairs meeting.
5. We launched our Halton Food for Thought snack bin. All students have access to a healthy snack during the school day once they run out of snacks. Special Thanks to Ms. Lemon for organizing this program for our students.
6. Ms. Lemon has organized Pizza & Cookie Days for our students – session one Thursday, November 11th-January 6. Thank you to Mrs. Yana and the pizza volunteers for a great first pizza and cookie day.
7. On Monday, November 8th both our school board and the Halton District School Board will be involved in a new campaign headed by the Halton Regional Police- "No Hate in Halton" promoting dignity, tolerance and inclusion within our community.
8. During the week of November 15th to November 19th. The theme this year is "One Kind Word". Our School CYC, Ms. Welland, will be organizing Anti-Bullying Week. The week will conclude with Blue Day on Friday November 19th where we will focus on Kindness, Inclusion and Healthy Relationships in our school community.
9. Our School Ambassadors are organizing a Toiletry Drive for the St. Vincent de Paul Society at St. Matthew's Church.
10. School Communication: We are encouraging all our families to access the school web site as a main source of information and communication. Weekly Updates will be posted on the Website. Families will receive a school email on Fridays informing them of upcoming school events and information. We encourage all our families to follow us on Twitter: **@stbernhcdsb**