



**St. Gabriel School Council Meeting Minutes**  
**Meeting #1**  
**October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019**  
**6:30 pm – School Library**



**Present:** Chris Tilley(Principal), Rose Pomponio (Teaching Rep), Adriana Aguinaga, Cathryn Love, Heather Kuzyk, Tracy Bodley, William Ankomah, Nichole Bertrand, Jamie Arsenault, Carmen Tayler, Michelle Brockie, Sara Csordas, Andria Meskauskas, Sam Lapadat, Sara Sywash, Josette Giacalone

**Guests:** Jen Steifling, Dana Mesenheimer

**Regrets:** Tony Ceelan (VP), Nancy Malloy (Non-Teaching Rep), Helen Biggs

**Meeting Commenced 6:30**

- Opening Prayer
- Introductions of council members, and staff
- Commissioning Ceremony
- Review of Code of Ethics and Catholic School By-Law

**Roles and Responsibilities of Council**

1. Parent Council exists in an advisory capacity to principal
2. Chair/co-chair drive the meetings and defer to Principal/VP
3. Transparency in all things

School Generated Funds are school level initiative

Major Fundraiser-Boogie-A-thon

Major Charitable Fundraiser- Advent Giving Fair

Other minor fundraisers through out the year.

**By-laws discussed:**

1. No more than 6 meetings per year
2. Not more than 90 minutes in length
3. Office ends in June with all financials not to carry over to next school year

Last years financials to be presented at next meeting.

Spring Fling Funds in question from last year. Can they be used this year for STEAM programs as decided last year in contradiction to Regulation 612/00.

Regulation 612/00 will be tabled and revisited, William Ankomah would like wording to be changed to be less harsh “will NOT be revisited the following year” regarding carrying over financials from previous year

Selection of Chair: by-law clarification

1. Must be of Catholic Faith to Co-Chair/Chair
2. Must have two years experience to Chair

Jamie Arsenault and Sara Sywash have stepped forward

Challenges to the by-law of Catholic Faith for a co-chair position have been voiced. Jen Steifling, parent guest, asked Principal Chris Tilley to check if board-wide policy or school level only and whether it can be changed at a school level.

Vote taken as to whether a chair and co-chair would be acceptable to lead this years council as co-chair did not meet the experience requirement.

Motion Carried Jamie Arsenault is Council Chair

Sara Sywash is co-chair under the advisory of Jamie Arsenault

Jen Steifling – member of St. Vincent de Paul has announced St. Gabriel Parish is starting up a St. Vincent de Paul Society. Will suggest a community volunteer for council from the new St. Vincent du Paul

Heather Kuzyk nominated as secretary, seconded by Sarah Csordas, and Jamie Arsenault.  
Motion carried.

We understand that parent council is a commitment. Motion proposed to add to by-law that missing 2 meetings in a row results in a loss of voting rights and council position with exceptions due to emergency situations. Motion tabled.

EQAO Results Recap

**Grade 3**

75% reading at level 3 and above  
62% writing at level 3 and above  
56% in mathematics level 3 and above

**Grade 6**

90% reading at level 3 and above  
85% writing at level 3 and above  
58% at level 3 in mathematics

Mathematics is a focus school wide for improvement

Suggestions for improvement and math engagement

-peer tutoring/mentoring older 7 and 8s

-math night

- something for older students who are struggling
- early intervention for math as per reading program
- use of manipulatives throughout all grade levels
- tabled for discussion at future meetings

#### CUPE updates

- Full withdrawal of services as of Monday
- Decision by Friday October 4<sup>th</sup> at noon one of two scenarios
- admin and teachers will be at school students will be attending
- admin and teacher will be at school students will not be attending

#### **CPIC Council of Chairs:**

First Council of Chair meeting is October 16<sup>th</sup>, at Elizabeth Seaton School in Burlington.

#### **Pizza Day**

Email call-out for volunteer for Pizza Day.

Jamie to put together a spreadsheet of volunteers sending it to Mr. Tilley and Michelle Brockie.

Michelle will put schedule together for pizza day and oversee operations

#### **Floor open to questions and suggestions**

An advance schedule of important dates for whole school year by beginning of November.

Popcorn Thursday-Michelle Brockie to take lead will also

look into alternate Canadian Company as a supplier

Adriana Aguinaga would like to put together a grade 8 grad committee of parents to raise funds for graduation.

Next meeting: Thursday November 7th

End Prayer

8:00 pm