

St. Gabriel Parent Council Meeting – Thursday, November 7th, 2019 – 6:30 pm

Present: Chris Tilley (Principal), Tony Ceelan (VP), Jamie Arseneau (Chair), Heather Kuzyk (Secretary), Carmen Taylor, William Ankomah, Sara Csordas, Michelle Brockie, Nancy Malloy, Nichole Bertrand, Sara Sywash (Co-chair), Josette Giacalone, Andria Meskauskas, Tracy Eade, Cathryn Love

Regrets: Adriana Aguinaga, Rose Pomponio, Sam Lapadat

Commenced 6:30 pm

1. Welcome & Introductions

2. Opening Prayer –Catholic School Council Prayer

3. Approval of Minutes –CSC Meeting #1 -October 3rd, 2019

- William Ankomah moves to approve
- Josette Giacalone seconds

Approved no contest

4. Approval of Agenda –November 7th, 2019

- Helen Biggs Approves
- Heather Kuzyk Seconds

Approved no contest

5. CPIC Council of Chairs Update–

- Jamie Arsenault and Chris Tilley attended the first of 3 meetings
- Discussion- presentation from Mark Claire director of Halton Catholic Children’s Fund. A fund to support families and students in need within our school board. Major Fundraiser for HCCF was Bishops Dinner. St. Gabriel’s had two representatives present at the dinner Jamie Arsenault and Michelle Brockie
- Parent Reach out Grants- changed format to a family of school basis of grants worth 1750.00. 5 schools to share these funds. Our grant will be shared among Notre Dame, St. Mark’s, St. Timothy, and Sacred Heart.
- Discussion took place on how to best use those funds

Tentative date for January 22nd

6. An Evening with Bishop Crosby Event Update–

- Attended by J. Arsenault and M. Brockie
- Evening to support the Halton Catholic Children’s Fund.
- Staff participates raising funds by donating \$50 a school year each to participate in Dress Down Fridays.

7. Administrator’s Report–A. Ceelen and C. Tilley **Insert here**

Highlights

- New Position in School board. Pathways Teacher works with Grade 8 students on “My Blueprint” program. This program is designed to help guide students on what future high school and career options they have and aids in course selections.
- Mathup Sunrise Session-board wide program for Principals and VPs was attended by our administration. Topics discussed were the ideas of Moderated marking: discussing marking as a group. Learning beyond the logarithm,
- Comprehensive intervention opportunities for 60 minutes a day in literacy through Sick Kids
- Mrs. Fredericks and Ms. Saris work on Foundational writing and reading
- Class Act- Grade one and two, focus on phonics
- School has acquired license for Lexia -online program helps with sight words, letter blends etc.
- Potential for a math intervention along the same lines
- Storm Reading program has enlisted 5 volunteers twice a week to help 25 students with reading strategies. The more volunteers we have the more children can be helped. Commitment is 2 days a week for an hour a day.
- Grant approval for a Grade 3 and 6 after school Literacy and Numeracy Program. Tutoring through teachers supplied once or twice a week.
- Zero Garbage produced at Breakfast Club.

Business Arising: Cathryn Love would like to add a Q and A regarding during curriculum night for prospect parents and students interested in the extended French Program.

Business to be revisited: Will Sk Graduation photos occur this year instead of Spring photos or will both be an option

8. Financial Report–A. Ceelen and C. Tilley Insert Here

- School Generated Funds Plan to be shared next meeting.

Break Down of funds:

- Administration funds toward outdoor field trips, distributed evenly among Grades
- Clubs Funds – agendas, club or team funds goes to pay for tournaments
- Charities- monies raised for charities
- Field/Trips and Excursions- monies collect for trips
- Halton Food for Thought- one fundraiser a year for Food for Thought
- Other is HST Rebate used to go to support families, purchase materials, activities

School Fundraising is used to purchase items for school and Special Events

9. Business Arising •Establishment of Sub-Committee to develop CSC By-laws

Establishment of Sub-Committee to revamp and establish the by-laws of St. Gabriel's School Council By-laws

- Sub-Committee members will be Heather Kuzyk, Helen Biggs, Carmen Taylor, Sara Csordas and Jamie Arsenault

Grade 8 Graduation sub-committee

- Tracy Bodley, Adriana Aguinaga, Andria Meskauskas will convene

Update on Boogie-a-thon –Funds raised, feedback on format etc.

- Fell just under the goal of \$15,000
- The format of having the dance the day before was met with approval.
- Cathryn Love made suggestion to consider alternate ways to raise funds other than a pledge form for next year. I.e. bottle drive,

Student Engagement –STEAM Day

- Parent council would like to use funds from last years Spring Fling to provide a School Wide K – 8 Steam Day
- Date to picked out for 2020
- Would like to engage the “Scientists in the School” program
- Sara Csordas to acquire information and cost of the program
- Notre Dame to do STEAM day again this year for grade 6.

Business Arising: Proposal for family engagement night, math night

Overview of Dates for Major Events and “Civvies” or non-uniform days in 2019-2020 School Year

- Calendar has been set with most major dates.
- Tracy Bodley has offered to run movie night. – January 30th

10. New Business

- Call for Volunteers for Parent Council run events AGF, Pancake Day, possibly play day.

Advent Giving Fair –Dates, Volunteers, Donations etc.

- Suggestion made for Left over change to be donated at AGF be donated to Halton Food for Thought or the Breakfast club
- Break down of form for more parental control on how money is to be spent: x amount for gifts, x amount on raffle, x amount for candy.
- A call will go out for parent volunteers to assist our younger shoppers.

•Notre Dame Family of Schools Parents Night In – January 22 – invite will be emailed to all parents and posted on St. Gabriel School Website

Lunch Programs

- Parent council would like the school to consider the Lunch Box Program in addition to pizza day, as a lunch alternative
- **Discussion tabled until next meeting as business arising**
- Sara Csordas to gather information on program to be presented

11. Next/Future Meeting(s): Thursday January 16th, Thursday February 20th

12. Next CPIC Council of Chairs Meeting – Wednesday, February 19th –St. Joan of Arc Catholic School (6:30pm) – Sara Sywash to attend

13. Closing Prayer –Focus on Faith Prayer

14. Adjournment 8:05 pm