

St. John's School Council Minutes
First Meeting - 2016 / 2017
October 3, 2016

Council Members Present:

Tami Browne, Jason Crawford, Katerina Frame, Melanie Keogh, Maria Lourenco, Tom Mancini, Susan Petruccelli, Christian Thibault, Dolene Vanderlelie, Chris Wororbec

Council Members Absent:

Dan Francis

6:30: Welcome, Commissioning Services and Social Distribution of Council Binders

6:50: Council Roles

- Maria Lourenco - Chairperson
- Jason Crawford - Vice Chairperson
- Dan Francis - Secretary
- Mel Keogh - OAPCE Rep
- Tom Mancini – Parish Rep
- Dolene Vanderlelie - Community Rep
- Susan Petruccelli - Teacher Rep
- Katerina Frame – Non-teaching Rep
- Mary-Jo Lambert – Treasurer

Christian Thibault acted as Secretary for this meeting

Proposed Council Meetings

- November 7, 2016
- January 9, 2017
- February 6, 2017
- April 3, 2017
- May 1, 2017

Discussion Items

1. Parent Engagement
 - a. \$1,000 grant received to engage parents in math literacy
 - b. Council to include entry in monthly school newsletter to increase awareness and engagement
2. Treasurer's Report
 - a. All classrooms will have SMART boards once JK / K rooms are equipped
 - b. Mini iPads for K classes
3. School Uniforms
 - a. Council to be provided Board Policy on November 7

- b. Annual review of uniform dress code to be conducted at future Council meeting as per Board Policy

4. Indigo/Chapters Foundation
 - a. Donation through Adopt a School program
 - b. Funds donated at stores - \$2,700 to October 3

Principal's Report

Catholicity

1. Weekly masses on Thursdays
2. First Mass (Thanksgiving Mass) grade 3s - October 12th at 9:00 am.
3. Grade 7 parent Confirmation meeting - Wednesday October 19th at 7:00 pm.
4. Grade 7 Confirmation Retreat - Friday November 4th - 9:30am - 2:30 -pm.
5. Grade 7 Confirmation - Tuesday November 29th, 7:00 pm

Curriculum

1. Grade 3 and 6 EQAO results shared with Council
2. Tell Them From Me survey results shared with Council
3. Response to Intervention (RTI) preparations have begun
4. Empower Program
5. Pathways/transitions between elementary and secondary
6. L2L pilot school - new initiative
7. All new interactive white boards for each classroom.

Community / School Culture

1. First week of school - very smooth start up - Thank You
2. Code of Conduct / Divisional Assemblies - Friday September 9th
3. First fire drill successful - Friday September 16th
4. ECO initiatives up and running.
5. Cross Country thank you to our staff
6. Curriculum Night and welcome back BBQ - Mon. Sept. 19th
7. WE Day is October 19 -- 10 students and Mrs. Verardo
8. Constable Mary Repta will begin the BRAVO program with grade 6. There are grade 7 and 8 components as well called BRAVO Encore. Replaces DARE program
9. Pizza and sub days dates have been sent out

Other

1. Discussed setting up a Council e-mail account to further encourage parent engagement and involvement

Catholic Council of Chairs Meetings

October 19, 2016 - Sacred Heart

February 22, 2017 - Queen of Heaven, Milton

May 17, 2017 - St. Gregory, Oakville

Other Dates

Jubilee of Families - October 15, 2016

Evening with Bishop Crosby - November 2, 2106

7:40 Closing prayer