



ST. JOHN CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL

Monday, April 3, 2017 @ 6:45p.m.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

Present: AB, MB, JN, LP, BM, MAW, NS, FP

Absent: SM, FV, FP,

1. Opening Prayer
2. Approval of Agenda LP, MAW
3. Approval of Minutes of Last Meeting January 23, 2017 LP, MAW
4. Administrator's Report

Catholicity – Lenten Kits are a huge success, being delivered tomorrow, close to 95 boxes in total. It was a well organized effort. The Coin Drive for Water was also a success: \$340 was raised – this is preparation to become a Me to We school next year. The Rosary Apostolate is coming in for the May Crowning. Christian Meditation over the announcements every Monday & Friday school wide. The students are enjoying it. Parish Minister Cristian Lecanda and Seminarian John are visiting all grades regularly. Next week is Holy Week, parents are welcome to join the school for Stations of the Cross on Thursday April 13th at 1 pm in the gym. Grade 2 First Communion on Saturday, May 13th at 11:00am at St. Michael's Church.

Curriculum – Mrs. VWB submitting application for ECO School next week. New student teacher from UofT coming in to work with Mrs. Leone for 2-3 weeks. PA day coming at end of month. Gr. 8 visited by HT principal to support transition to high school. Leading Mentally Healthy Classrooms sessions are beginning for a team of staff so that mental health issues can be better addressed in the SIP. EQAO scheduled for May 23rd to June 5th province- wide (in our school May 24th to June 1st). Letters will be going home to inform parents. Catholic education week is the first week of May. Liturgy and Volunteer Tea on Monday May 1st, Tuesday is the May Crowning. The Halton Food for Thought Breakfast Gala will be held on Friday. Communications regarding activities in school will be sent home.

Community building – The Regional Public Speaking Competition was held at St. John's on Wed Mar 29th. Our contestant, Daniela Arabit, won the regional speaking on "Negative Judgments". YMCA programs are still running after school on Mondays and Wednesdays. Hot lunches and milk program are running successfully. Uniqueness Days were held to showcase the uniqueness of students. World Autism Day (Wear Blue), Epilepsy (Wear Purple), Down Syndrome Day (Coloured Socks) – thank you all for supporting these days.

School Board - The Staff thanks Council for providing treats for HCDSB Staff Appreciation Day. HCDSB Student Awards of Excellence evening will be held Monday, April 24th 7:30pm at Jean Vanier CSS. The winner from our school is Jamie McGladrey. The Bomb Threat Drill this month is on April 21st. One of our students is participating in Dreams Take Flight program Wednesday May 3rd. A Child Youth Councillor selected one student to go to Disney – and the student won. New theological theme for the Board, “Do you love me?” will start next year. The new prayer will be launched in September.

Home School Communication – website use encouraged though calendars are still being sent home. Link for reporting absences online is available as an email address found towards bottom of the homepage. Email communications by way of School Updates are sent out once a week.

Parent Involvement - Grade 8 graduation plans starting, the Graduation Ceremony will be on June 22nd. Commemorative Sweatshirts were organized by students and parents.

It was decided that Hero Burgers will be the supplier of the food for the School Barbeque this summer. Research was done for pricing and the cost would be approximately the among all the suppliers. It was decided that it would be beneficial to go with Hero because of their experience at our events.

Committees, Events, and Other Items – A community representative is required for the Council, BM is to speak with the after-school YMCA program employees if they are interested in being involved.

Parish Rep Update – Father asked to include the St. Michael’s Church Holy Week Schedule with school communications. It is also available on the parish website. Altar servers are not required for Holy Week Masses.

Parent engagement – Council decided that a PRO Grant application should be submitted – it was decided that the focus would be on math, racialized communities and indigenous peoples.: Jump Math is already being used in the school for support and intervention. Resources may be available for a Family Math Night to get the parents out with the children. Financial literacy for both parents and students is another idea. Try Centible Students, Dinari Education - they may be available for community evenings. A Math Focus for the PRO Grand would tie into the SIP beautifully. Deadline is May 10th? Game form, kids may take the games home and play as a family.

Boston Pizza Type Event – Council is not interested in proceeding this year. Movie night at film.ca may be an option. NS will follow up with availability and cost.

Transition Committee – The Board of Trustees voted to go ahead with the application to the Ministry of Education for a new school for St. John, St. Michael and Holy Family. They also voted to combine St. John and St. Michael (Plan B) should the application for the new build be denied. The site selected for each of the options is St. Michael. The Provincial Government’s decision for funding will come towards the end of May. The transition process would begin with the establishment of a Transition Committee by September 2107. Should Plan B go ahead, St. John’s students would join St. Michael’s in September 2018. It is time to start the discussions so that our community can have their needs addressed. What will we bring in to the new school? Council should consider ideas to facilitate communication: wish lists, survey results... “Keep the history and essence of school” intact.

7. Wrap Up and Adjournment – AB, MB

NEXT MEETING: Monday May 29th, 2017 at 6:45 pm