



| Agenda Item | Discussion, Decisions and Action Items |
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| Welcome and Opening Prayer | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Karen and Diana welcomed everyone and led the Council in reciting an opening prayer |
| Review Roles and Responsibilities | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Roles and responsibilities were reviewed for all Council members• The following individuals were nominated and selected for the various Council positions:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Co-Chairs – Sandra Raposo/Melissa Whalen○ Secretary – Laurie Dolland○ Parish Rep – Jennifer Peer○ Community Rep – Gysel Matsos○ OAPCE Rep – Natalie Salmastlian |
| Establishment of Council Meeting Dates for the Year | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Council meeting dates for the 2019/2020 school year were shared with Council members:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ October 7, 2019○ November 4, 2019○ January 13, 2020○ February 3, 2020○ April 6, 2020○ May 11, 2020 |
| Establishment of Committees of Council | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The following individuals were nominated and selected for the various Committee Chair positions:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Focus on Faith – Jennifer Peer○ School Improvement – Andres Masmela○ Environment – Sandra Raposo○ Parent Engagement – Tamara Adamo• Council members selected which Committees they wanted to join; discussions from the breakout groups are summarized below:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Focus on Faith<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Students will continue using meditation kits▪ Proposed new idea of stained glass (film on windows)○ School Improvement<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Family math night to include STEAM in partnership with The Learning Tree that also showcase the Innovation Hub▪ Curriculum Corner to be included in the weekly update to all parents to create a sustainable way of supporting parents with resources and strategies to encourage math |



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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Suggestion to host Math Week to better engages grade 7 and 8 students in math (ie. Teaching math to younger students, buddying up strong students to help peers)○ Environmental<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Consider a jungle gym for the senior students (not feasible due liability issues)▪ Grass seeding suggested to take place in Nov if possible▪ New mulch and flowering needed in the front▪ Baby evergreens around the fence to provide greenery○ Parent Engagement<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Halloween Dance-a-Thon, DJ is booked, looking into a non-food treat and finalizing details leading up to the date▪ Council decided to incorporate fundraising as part of the Halloween Dance-A-Thon (motioned by Andres, seconded by Melissa)▪ Council decided to book the DJ at the end of this year for next year (motioned by Sandra, seconded by Andres) |
| Principal's Report | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The school is currently at 770 students and growing• 8th portable to open mid-November to be used by grade 5 students who are currently in the Innovation Hub• Portable classes are selected based on the needs of the students in each class• There are two main goals for the school: student achievement and faith formation. Key activities in these areas include:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Sept 13 school liturgy at school○ Sept 26 school mass at St. Matthew○ St. Matthew Rosary Team, volunteers come first Friday every month to teach the rosary to the classes○ Each month we focus on one of our Catholic Graduate Expectations and recognize students who model the Catholic Graduate Expectations in their daily actions through our Weekly Shining Stars program○ Uniform Takeaway event took place in the gym○ EQAO scores were sent home and overall the leadership team was pleased (will bring back results for the next meeting)○ Student parliament will be elected○ PALS program (32 students from grade 6-7) running games and activities for primary students○ 8 students went to WE Day in downtown Toronto○ Boys and girls volleyball season started |



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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Cross country will start in the spring due to job action○ Orange shirt day was a success● Parent engagement is important, weekly updates and school calendar to continue● Volunteer orientation taking place Oct 10● Parking lot safety is important, open to volunteers to help● Some parents suggested that it would be helpful to know when tryouts were taking place so that they could encourage their children to participate● There are a number of parents interested in being involved in sports and clubs, how can we engage them? <p><u>Action(s) Required:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ The school has a lot of teachers to coach teams but will look into opportunities for parents to be more involved |
| Bishop's Dinner | <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Last year, the school purchased 2 tables for the dinner● Proceeds go to tables and proceeds go to the Halton Catholic Children's Foundation● With the potential job action and a desire to donate more directly to kids in need, the Council decided to purchase 1 table this year and donate the \$750 for a second table directly to the charity (motioned by Sandra, seconded by Tamara) <p><u>Action(s) Required:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Interested and available Council members are asked to contact Sandra Raposo if they would like to attend the dinner on Nov 6, 2019 |
| Confirm Next Meeting Date | <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Karen indicated that not all School Councils were meeting this week in light of the potential job action● School Commissioning Mass may change depending on whether or not other schools had their School Council meetings this week● Our Co-Chairs will attend the School Council Chairs meeting on Oct 16 <p><u>Action(s) Required:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Karen to inform Council members of any changes to the date of the School Commissioning Mass |



St. Mary Catholic School Council Minutes
Monday, October 7, 2019 @ 6:30pm
Meeting Location: Library

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| Liturgy of Commissioning – Closing Prayer | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Karen and Diana led the Council members in an interactive candle ceremony and closing prayer |

| Name | Meeting Attendance | | | | | |
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| | Oct 7, 2019 | Nov 4, 2019 | Jan 13, 2020 | Feb 3, 2020 | Apr 6, 2020 | May 11, 2020 |
| Karen Dobbie (Principal) | ✓ | | | | | |
| Diana Comito (Vice Principal) | ✓ | | | | | |
| Dina Abboud | ✓ | | | | | |
| Tamara Adamo | ✓ | | | | | |
| Haidy Attia | ✓ | | | | | |
| Dalyce Bergeron | ✓ | | | | | |
| Natalie Cambone | ✓ | | | | | |
| Annette Corneil | ✓ | | | | | |
| Laurie Dolland | ✓ | | | | | |
| Kathleen Fiesta | ✓ | | | | | |
| Yvette Hall | A | | | | | |
| Andres Masmela | ✓ | | | | | |
| Gysel Matos | ✓ | | | | | |
| Cathy Matsos | ✓ | | | | | |
| Raj Nimako | A | | | | | |
| Jennifer Peer | ✓ | | | | | |
| Sandra Raposo | ✓ | | | | | |
| Natalie Salmastlian | ✓ | | | | | |
| Melissa Whalen | ✓ | | | | | |
| Mary Lou Sitas (Teacher Rep) | ✓ | | | | | |
| Tara Herod (Non-Teacher Rep) | ✓ | | | | | |