



St. Mary Catholic School Council Minutes

Monday, November 4, 2019 @ 6:30pm

Meeting Location: Library

Agenda Item	Discussion, Decisions and Action Items
Welcome and Opening Prayer	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Karen and Diana welcomed everyone and led the Council in reciting an opening prayer
Council Co-Chairs	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Minutes were approved (Yvette motioned, Tamara seconded)• Sandra and Melissa provided an overview of the Council of Chairs meeting<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ 10.5% of Oakville is living in poverty, an increase (~3600 students)<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Bishop's Dinner will include 4 members from Council plus 6 staff members○ Lost \$1000 in funding for St. Mary's, which was typically used for Family STEM Night; moving forward, \$1750 will be provided to the Loyola family of schools<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Discussions took place around opportunities to align initiatives in common (i.e. mental health, Sara Westbrook, vaping), many targeted to intermediate students▪ We would have to fund Family Math Night on our own• Update on Halloween Dance-a-thon which was successful and received positive feedback from students
Principal's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Karen provided a summary of the 2018-2019 fundraising results which included \$31,481 in revenue and \$27,185.19 in expenses which leaves a remainder of \$2,805.92 for this year<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ A large proportion of expenses related to completing the Innovation Hub which was a key initiative for the school• Proposed budget this year includes an estimated \$30,850 in revenues which are distributed among the following areas: focus on faith, environment, curriculum and parent engagement• While there were many generous donations, the Halloween Dance-a-thon was not as successful as in previous years and did not reach the school's target• Some discussion took place around how to address this given the growth of the school; strategies included:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Clearly articulating where the funds are going and how they are directly impacting the kids (i.e. uniforms for sports teams, smart boards for classroom, yard upgrade)○ Additional fundraising events such as poinsettia sales, breakfast with Santa, Bingo night, family movie night• Council voted in favour of selling poinsettias this year as a way to raise money• St. Mary's will continue with the Angel Tree for St. Vincent de Paul and there was a request for gift cards for stores like Metro, Sobeys, Walmart



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sacrament preparation continues for grade 2 students and grade 7 students as well as Remembrance Day celebration and Rosary Team• School improvement is ongoing• Student-led conferences are taking place on November 21-22• Kids 4 Kids Leadership programs for students will be starting up soon as well as the PALS program• Parking lot safety was discussed as it continues to be a safety concern
Review of School Uniform and Dress Code	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sandra and Melissa demonstrated samples of new optional uniform items that are currently not part of the offerings, including 2 lightweight hoodies (retail ~\$42)• Council supported including the 2 new options to the current offerings• Karen provided an overview of the upcoming Spirit/Civvies Days for a total of 11 which include support of local charities <p>Action(s) Required:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Sandra and Melissa to follow up with ISW regarding the addition of the uniform items to St. Mary's inventory
Committee Breakouts	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Due to timing, Committees did not break out into smaller groups for discussion• Brief updates were provided from each of the Committees which included the following priorities:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Bishop's Dinner (Nov 6, 2019)○ Family STEM Night (Jan 30, 2020)○ Outdoor equipment for students, Buddy Bench, grass seeding○ Gym set up for poinsettia sales in advance of Student-Led conferences (Nov 21, 2019) <p>Action(s) Required:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Council members who are available to help with poinsettia set up and orders on Nov 21-22 to email Sandra/Melissa as soon as possible
Confirm Next Meeting Date	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Karen confirmed the next meeting will be January 13, 2020
Closing Prayer	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Karen and Diana led the Council members in a closing prayer



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Name	Meeting Attendance					
	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)	✓	✓				
Sandra Raposo (Co-Chair)	✓	✓				
Melissa Whalen (Co-Chair)	✓	✓				
Laurie Dolland (Secretary)	✓	✓				
Jennifer Peer (Parish Rep)	✓	✓				
Gysel Matos (Community Rep)	✓	✓				
Natalie Salmastlian (OAPCE Rep)	✓	✓				
MaryLou Sitas (Teacher Rep)	✓	✓				
Tara Herod (Non-Teacher Rep)	✓	✓				
Dina Abboud	✓	✓				
Tamara Adamo	✓	✓				
Haidy Attia	✓	✓				
Dalyce Bergeron	✓	✓				
Natalie Cambone	✓	✓				
Annette Corneil	✓	✓				
Kathleen Fiesta	✓	✓				
Yvette Hall	A	✓				
Andres Masmela	✓	✓				
Cathy Matsos	✓	✓				
Raj Nimako	✓	✓				