

**ST. MATTHEW SCHOOL COUNCIL**

**MINUTES:** Monday, April 1, 2018

7:00 PM

LIBRARY

<b>MEETING CALLED BY</b>	Peter Bertrand
<b>MINUTES RECORDED BY</b>	Titsa Starogiannis
<b>ATTENDEES</b>	<p>Vince Chininea, Annie Gojmerac, Franca Parsons, Ms. Linse, Peter Bertrand, Amanda Calla, Inka Ellenbrand, Titsa Starogiannis, Maria Emilia Sousa, Jonathan Wylde, John Fuca, Liz Polak</p> <p><u>Regrets:</u> Melissa Carroll, Emilia Camastro, Evelyne Borwankar, Stephanie Galvan, Laura Robinson, Norela Avila, Stefania Capelo, Noreen George, Kelly Maganti, Nicole Defreitas, Jason Tadros, Bridget Sun, Oana Pluta, Tricia Dantes, Michelle Stankiewicz</p>

**AGENDA TOPICS**

<p><b>APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Peter Bertrand moved to approve February 4th minutes; Jonathan Wylde approved and Amanda Calla seconded</li> </ul>	
<p><b>PRINCIPAL’S REPORT</b></p> <p><b>Achieving</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SIPSA – Continued work in each division on assessment and numeracy goals</li> <li>• EQAO between May 21st and June 3rd (Grades 3 and 6)</li> <li>• Public Speaking Competitions completed with representation in English and French</li> <li>• Eric Walters visit on March 19th</li> </ul> <p><b>Believing</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pancake Tuesday (March 5th); Ash Wednesday Mass (March 6th)</li> <li>• Lenten Outreach (Lenten Kits for Kids/ Easter Food Drive) under way; April 11th is packing day</li> <li>• RAD – Promotion of Peace - April RAD on the 26th @9:15 am</li> <li>• Passion Play – April 17th and 18th (Holy Wednesday @ 1:00 &amp; 6:30 pm and Holy Thursday @ 1:00 pm)</li> <li>• St. John’s Bible visit (Gr. 1-6 – illumination art activity; Gr. 7 &amp;</li> </ul>	VINCE CHINEA

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8 – calligraphy activity), based on scriptures – April 8th – 10th</li> <li>● Easter Mass – May 9th</li> <li>● Walk with Jesus at St. Matthew (May 9th in the afternoon)</li> </ul> <p><b>Belonging</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Acts of Kindness Week/Kindness Tree/ Pink for Bullying Awareness (led by our Ambassadors)</li> <li>● Basketball/Hockey/Battle of the Books/Intermediate Play/Games Club/Comic Book Club; Track &amp; Field and Soccer are around the corner</li> <li>● Intermediate Play (Thursday May 16th @ 7:00)</li> <li>● BRAVO completed</li> <li>● Equity and Inclusion speaker on March 4th</li> <li>● Safe Schools procedures will begin soon (3 Fire Drills/ Bomb Threat Drill/ Hold &amp; Secure and Lockdown)</li> <li>● Dignity, Kindness &amp; Respect - our daily message continues</li> </ul>	
<p><b>CHAIR &amp; CO-CHAIR</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Criteria for Principals - responses compiled and report was submitted in February</li> <li>● Year-end report/commentaries for sub-committees to be submitted by end of May</li> </ul>	<p>PETER BERTRAND</p>
<p><b>PARENT PARTNERS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Pancake Breakfast was a huge success; No Frills donated 25 boxes of pancake mix and 8 bottles of maple syrup; a parent has volunteered to donate all items for next year's pancake breakfast</li> <li>● Uniform swap drop-off last week of school; parent volunteers will collect clothing and hand out tickets before school (8:30-9am), after school (2:30-3pm) and one evening; last week of school is non-uniform; swap will be held the week before school starts</li> <li>● Grandparents Day will be on May 13</li> <li>● Staff Appreciation Luncheon will be on June 17</li> <li>● Year-End BBQ will be on Thursday June 6</li> </ul>	<p>AMANDA CALLA</p>
<p><b>SOCIAL JUSTICE &amp; OUTREACH</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Lenten Kits for Kids initiative has undergone a change - families who would like to participate will donate \$10/child; committee is purchasing items to fill 330 boxes; boxes need to be submitted by Friday April 5; students will be decorating their boxes April 8-10</li> <li>● April 11 all items will be laid out in the gym - the children will come and fill their own boxes; volunteers are needed on April 11 @ 9am to help the students fill the boxes and tape them</li> </ul>	<p>MARIA EMILIA SOUSA &amp; EMILIA CAMASTRO</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The boxes will El Salvador, Peru or Africa - will be delivered on Monday April 15</li> </ul>	
<p><b>MARKETING/COMMUNICATION</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Yearbook Committee (comprised of intermediate students, teacher rep - Ms. Correia - and a few parent volunteers) have begun working on this year's yearbook; asking parents to send in photos</li> </ul>	<p>TITSA STAROGIANNIS</p>
<p><b>EDUCATION &amp; HEALTHY SCHOOLS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ms. Stula's grade 7 students (under the direction of Ms. Linse) have taken over the Healthy Basket program</li> <li>Family Games Night "Disconnect to Reconnect" will be held on Wednesday May 8 - through Parent Reaching Out grant that was approved</li> </ul>	<p>STEFANIA CAPELO</p>
<p><b>FINANCE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Increase in pizza sales has generated an increase of funds</li> <li>Technology - the majority of funds will be going toward the purchase of Chromebooks and iPads/apps and miscellaneous repairs</li> <li>Student Recognition remains the same</li> <li>Passion Play and Intermediate Play unchanged</li> <li>School events and activities running to budget</li> <li>School teams and clubs in line with budget</li> <li>School enhancement - purchased tables and will put funds into landscaping</li> <li>approx. \$6000 surplus (\$2000 more than last year); healthy carryover for next year</li> </ul>	<p>INKA ELLENBRAND</p>
<p><b>OTHER BUSINESS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>nothing</li> </ul>	<p>VINCE CHININEA</p>
<p><b>NEXT COUNCIL MEETING:</b> Monday June 3</p> <p>MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:45pm</p>	