

ST. MATTHEW SCHOOL COUNCIL

MINUTES: February 4, 2019

7:00 PM

LIBRARY

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

AGENDA TOPICS

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES <ul style="list-style-type: none">Melissa Carroll moved to approve the November 5, 2018 minutes; Stephanie Galvan seconded	
PRINCIPAL'S REPORT Achieving <ul style="list-style-type: none">SIPSA – Problem of Practice and Theories of ActionNext steps: focus on Math; looking at communication and thinking process (promoting multiple strategies and what works for individual students – solidifying number sense)Term 2 begins soon (report cards home on February 20th)Public Speaking Competitions (February 20th – English @ 1:00pm/February 21st – French @ 9:00)Reading Rocks/Empower/volunteers scheduled to support reading intervention Believing <ul style="list-style-type: none">First Reconciliation on December 8 (Gr. 2s)Confirmation this Friday February 8 (Gr. 7s)Angel TreeRAD Assembly (Gr. 5): Community and the Common Good on Thursday January 31; February RAD (Gr. 4) will be on the 28thPancake Tuesday (March 5th) /Ash Wednesday Mass (March	VINCE CHININEA

<p>6th) – Easter Monday on April 22nd</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lenten Outreach (Lenten Kits for Kids/ Easter Food Drive) • Passion Play – April 17th and 18th (Wednesday and Holy Thursday) <p>Belonging</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safe Schools: Code of Conduct Assemblies (Gr. 1-5/ Officer Brown for Gr. 6-8) • BRAVO program starting for grade 6 students • Black History Month (Daily announcements/ presenter coming beginning of March – message of continuation beyond February) #weallbelong • Basketball/Intermediate Play/ Hockey teams/ Battle of the Books is around the corner • New clubs (games club/ comic book club) • looking towards practicing safe schools procedures with students in term 2 (Lockdown, Bomb Threat and Fire Drills) • Dignity, Kindness & Respect (our daily message continues) 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Question: are speeches optional for grade 7 and 8 students? - >Yes, the competition format is optional; teachers use a variety of activities to assess Oral Communication 	
<p>EXTENDED FRENCH PROGRAM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As per the motion passed by Board Trustees at the January 15, 2019 Board Meeting, the Extended French program move to St. Bernadette will be delayed by one year; the program will move to St. Bernadette for the 2020-2021 school year • Families who registered for the Extended French program in November (during registration period) and were granted a spot for their child will be guaranteed a spot in the program (they can choose between St. Bernadette or St. Matthew) • Registration has re-opened to families from St. Matthew, St. Andrew and St. Theresa who did not register in November; a lottery will be conducted to fill the remaining spots at St. Matthew and St. Bernadette • Enrolment at St. Matthew is currently closed to cross-boundary applicants (applications are reviewed on a case-by-case basis); cross-boundary applications are initially approved by the Superintendent and then approved by the principal every year thereafter 	VINCE CHININEA
<p>CHAIR & CO-CHAIR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Email sent to parent council members regarding the selection criteria for principals - needs to be submitted by February 11; please send in your response ASAP 	MELISSA CARROLL PETER BERTRAND

PARENT PARTNERS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shopping spree went well - surplus of \$300 • Family Skate went well - profit of \$113; thought to use surplus funds to purchase hot chocolate for the event moving forward • Pancake Day - preparations are underway; will approach Sobey's and No Frills for a donation of pancake mix and maple syrup • Uniform Swap; last week of school is non-uniform, and that is the donation period; parents get a ticket for each item that they bring in - they use the ticket to pick an item during the swap event in August 	AMANDA CALLA
SOCIAL JUSTICE & OUTREACH <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advent Angel Christmas Tree was a tremendous success again this year; tree was set up on November 19 and donations were delivered on December 5 to St. Martins Manor Home for Young Mothers in Need and to young mothers in our community • Our next activity will be the Lenten Kits for Kids (shoe boxes) 	MARIA EMILIA SOUSA & EMILIA CAMASTRO
MARKETING/COMMUNICATION <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yearbook Committee met tonight to begin planning the 2018-2019 yearbook • Yearbook Committee will be part of Parent Council's "Marketing and Communication" committee • Need to decide between Edge and Jostens (Edge was used last year, but yearbook was poorer quality than previous years with Jostens; Jostens was difficult to work with - poor communication) • Idea to create a student yearbook committee 	TITSA STAROGIANNIS
EDUCATION & HEALTHY SCHOOLS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$1000 grant for a community involvement event; idea to have a "Games Night" evening event during education week; games set up in classrooms/math focus/BINGO/light refreshments • \$2000 from parent council will be transferred to the Healthy Basket program • Stefania Capelo and Josie Mason will be stepping down from their role as coordinators of the Healthy Basket program; looking for someone to take over (will continue in their role until a replacement has been found) • Idea to use Student Ambassadors to help collect the baskets and clean them 	STEFANIA CAPELO

<p>FINANCE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hot Lunch Program: \$12,800 for pizza (one third of what's budgeted for the year) • Technology: no money has been spent on technology • School Events and Activities: Halloween; classroom celebrations; deposit for June BBQ • School Teams and Clubs: tournament fees, cross country, • School Enhancement: tables 	<p>INKA ELLENBRAND</p>
<p>NEXT COUNCIL MEETING: April 1, 2019</p> <p>MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:10pm</p>	