

ST. MATTHEW SCHOOL COUNCIL

MINUTES: Monday November 5, 2018 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, Norela Avila, Titsa Starogiannis, Jonathan Wylde, Maria Emilia Sousa, Stephanie Galvan, Liz Polak, Noreen George, Franca Parsons, John Fuca, Oana Pluta, Michelle Stankiewicz <u>Regrets:</u> Emilia Camastro, Bridget Sun, Stefania Capelo, Kelly Maganti,, Nicole Defreitas, Jason Tadros

AGENDA TOPICS

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Melissa motioned to approve, Peter Bertrand seconded 	MELISSA CARROLL
PRINCIPAL'S REPORT Achieving <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SIP Team meeting each month to review data (goals will be revisited for each - Achieving, Believing, Belonging) SIP focus on Assessment For and As Learning and moving students along the cycle of self-assessment Implementing intervention strategies as a staff to assist struggling students in grades 1-3 and 1-8 as a whole (learning support for students in grade 3 and 6; junior math club; math help potentially coming soon for grade 7 and 8s; Reading Rocks; Empower Program) Math Up Program Preparing for our progress reports (go home next Tuesday) & parent/teacher conferences happening Nov. 22 and 23 Believing	VINCE CHINEA

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● RAD Assemblies (first assembly last month on Solidarity, this month is Human Dignity) ● Daily prayers continue (each grade Focus on Faith theme); Christian Meditation is being implemented in some classes ● Rosary program starting next month and will continue next week for their visit ● Confirmation Parent Meeting this Thursday, November 8th (as well as Gr. 7 reconciliation – Nov. 14th) ● Food & Clothing Drive/Candy collection was a success ● Advent is approaching – will be starting our next outreach programs (Angel Tree) ● School Mass (fall celebration) tomorrow, November 12th ● Grade 2 Church tour November 29th ● Reconciliation on December 8th @ 9:30am <p>Belonging</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Remembrance Day Celebration (grade 5s) ● Bullying Prevention and Awareness Week – third week of November (Grade 8s to run the “sticky note” initiative; Diversity Day; Board Bullying Launch – See the Problem/Be the Solution – twitter hashtag #weallbelong); Ambassadors will lead events ● Lockdown/ Bomb Threat Drills in the near future ● Social Media discussion with gr. 6-8 students (with Officer Brown) ● Continue with morning announcements: Dignity, Kindness, Respect and playground reminders of appropriate play...great success so far ● Cross-country top placement for Oakville! 	
<p>EXTENDED FRENCH CHANGE IMPACT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Extended French program will be moving to St. Bernadette for 2019-2020 school year ● Current St. Matthew Extended French students will be grandfathered to end of Grade 8 ● Difficult for school to process this change as it will have a significant impact on our school (will lose seasoned French teachers; decrease to school population; split families; decrease in number of Extended French Immersion spots for students in our area) ● Multi-tiered reasoning for this decision: facilities (5 portables at St. Matthew while other schools have open classrooms); planning (projected enrolment); aligning program with family of schools 	<p>MELISSA CARROLL</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Question: will there be 4 classes at St. Bernadette to accommodate increase of students? ->no, there will continue to be two classes operating at 28-29 students/class ● Question: what have you [Mr. Chininea] expressed to the Superintendent? ->we have shared our displeasure with the Superintendent ● Question: why didn't the Superintendent decline cross-boundary applications 3-4 years ago when our numbers began to increase? ->admin isn't sure as cross-boundary applications are approved by the Superintendent 	
<p>CHAIR & CO-CHAIR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Major Fundraiser had 47% participation, raising approximately \$14,000 ● LED sign board; received a quote from "About Signs" (\$8000-\$12,000 original estimate - now increase to approximately \$20,000); need to get 3 quotes total as this is over \$5000 expenditure; Vince and Annie will contact the board and see what they offer ● Council of Chairs meeting was October 17; focus on uniqueness of Catholic Education compared to public education; relationships and theological experience in our schools; "Renewing the Promise: A Pastoral Letter for Catholic Education" = relationship between our school community and God and how we can strengthen and renew our promises as students, teachers, parents; SEAC spoke to Special Education in our board - next meeting November 12 	<p>MELISSA CARROLL PETER BERTRAND</p>
<p>PARENT PARTNERS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Pizza program running well with many volunteers ● Christmas Shopping Spree will begin soon - Dec 18 ● BBQ June 6 	<p>AMANDA CALLA</p>
<p>SOCIAL JUSTICE & OUTREACH</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● "We Scare Hunger" campaign run by Student Ambassadors - food was donated to the Fair Share Food Bank ● Clothing Donations = Catholic Children's Aid Society of Hamilton (kids' clothes and candy); Good Shepherd Centre in Hamilton (adult clothes) ● Christmas Angel Wreath: gift donations will go to St. Martins Manor Young Parent, Infant, and Children's Centre in Hamilton; donations delivered to church on Dec. 6 (donations due December 4); tree will be up on November 20, in time for parent-teacher interviews; will place one box/classroom to collect donations ● National Mitten Tree Day is December 6; flyer and announcement will go out to school community on December 5; new socks and mittens donations (by December 14); 	<p>MARIA EMILIA SOUSA & EMILIA CAMASTRO</p>

<p>socks/mittens will do to the Catholic Children's Aid Society</p>	
<p>MARKETING/COMMUNICATION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Nothing to report 	<p>TITSA STAROGIANNIS</p>
<p>EDUCATION & HEALTHY SCHOOLS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Healthy Baskets program is running well; Sarah Baillie and Josie Mason manage the shopping and Stefania Capelo organizes the volunteers ● Handwashing Program: Sheridan College nursing students came in the past, but was difficult to coordinate; will have teachers show handwashing videos in the classroom ● Board Game Night; thinking of attaching a numeracy focus to this event with Board staff coming to present; look into company in Burlington that may donate loot bags for the kids; event will likely run in February 	<p>STEFANIA CAPELO</p>
<p>FINANCE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Recreation cost more; yearbook brought back into the budget ● Divided the hot lunch program into revenues and expenditures ● Pizza program continues to bring in steady funds ● Allocate funds equally ● Took everything that was in Parent Partners and assigned it to "School Events and Activities" ● \$4000 for technologies as per our 3 year plan to purchase a new LED sign; may need to be revised ● laptop/chromebooks and tech repairs ● School performances - grade 7/8 intermediate plan; X-Movement last year - possibility of them coming back to compensate for error with community night event last year; will look into bringing something else ● \$2000-3000 for school enhancement (library shelving) 	<p>INKA ELLENBRAND</p>
<p>OTHER BUSINESS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Yearbook Committee will be formed (4 parents along with a teacher representative - possibly Mme. Campese) to help control quality and final product 	<p>VINCE CHININEA</p>
<p>NEXT COUNCIL MEETING: February 4, 2019</p> <p>MEETING ADJURNED AT 8:08pm</p>	

