

ST. MATTHEW SCHOOL COUNCIL

MINUTES: Monday, September 24, 2018

7:00 PM

LIBRARY

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

Vince motioned to approve the appointment of Melissa Carroll and Peter Bertrand as co-chairs. Everyone seconded.

INTRODUCTION OF ATTENDEES

AGENDA TOPICS

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES <ul style="list-style-type: none">Melissa Carroll motioned to approve minutes from June: Peter Bertrand approved, Tricia Dantes seconded	MELISSA CARROLL
PRINCIPAL'S REPORT <p>Thank you to the parental community!</p> <p>Some further improvements/renovations: added rooms and conference room</p> <p>Achieving:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Students are settled and into routineContinued focus on literacy and numeracy (English and French) in all areas (continued PD in these areas throughout the year)EQAO – did very well – primary and junior scores are above board & provincial averages. Gr. 3 R-92/W-94/M-92 Gr. 6 R-90/W-97/M-76SIPSA (School Improvement Plan for Student Well-being and	VINCE CHINEA

Achievement) focus on assessment, moving students forward and determine what is needed to do so

- A focus on 21st Century teaching and learning (technology, collaboration, research skills, alternative learning opportunities)
- Math (looking at continuous goals/next steps in our practice)
- STEM initiatives a focus again this year

Believing:

- Daily Prayers/ continuation of St. Matthew Prayer (students writing prayers)
- Board's theological theme is continuing (Do You Love Me?); each grade level will continue with their grade level Focus on Faith theme and essential questions (presented at the RAD assemblies)
- Religion/Family Life will continue to be part of the everyday program (in isolation and integrated across the curriculum); no change in the Fully Alive program (different from the public board)
- Graduate Expectations also a focus in each classroom through the learning skills/instruction across all areas (Discerning believer/ Effective communicator/ Reflective, Creative & holistic thinker/ Self-directed, responsible, lifelong learner/ Collaborative contributor/Caring family member/ Responsible citizen)
- Liturgical celebrations' calendar has been released (opening liturgy on Sept. 13th; Fr. Tim/Fr. David First Mass was last Friday Sept. 21; first grade level liturgy - grade 8 on October 3)
- Christian meditation to continue this year (class level/ whole school)

Belonging:

- Classroom visits; morning announcements; divisional assemblies (to review code of conduct, expectations and routines); our Liaison officer (once confirmed – Officer Hatanaka retired) will speak to the grade 5-8 students about appropriate use of technology/social media (implications on safety/consequences).
- Progressive discipline
- Promoting bring your own device for grade 7 and 8 students (letter & permission forms)
- Code of conduct in the agenda
- Daily announcements on appropriate play on the playground (Health & Safety reminders)
- Consistent message to treat each other with **Dignity**,

<p>Kindness and Respect (respecting each other for who we are, appreciating our differences)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain our vision to create a sense of belonging • Extra-curricular activities are well underway (Eco Club, Choir, Volleyball, Cross-Country, Student ambassadors) • Fire Drills will start (3/term); Lockdown & Bomb threat will be happening once per term • Communication: Weekly updates have started and will be sent out each Sunday; website will be updated on a regular basis; dedicated emails will be sent as necessary • School Messenger absence reporting to start soon 	
<p>CHAIR & CO-CHAIR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcomed everyone to our first Parent Council meeting 	<p>MELISSA CARROLL PETER BERTRAND</p>
<p>PARENT PARTNERS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Newcomer's Night was a great success with 44 families and 122 people attending • First pizza lunch will be on October 4, 2018 and will run every Thursday; orders due at midnight tonight 	<p>AMANDA CALLA</p>
<p>SOCIAL JUSTICE & OUTREACH</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • November 1 & 2: Winter Clothing and Food Drive; need parent volunteers to collect items at the Kiss & Ride • Christmas Angel Tree; collect donations/gifts for mothers and children in need • Lenten Kits for Kids at Easter 	<p>MARIA EMILIA SOUSA & EMILIA CAMASTRO</p>
<p>MARKETING/COMMUNICATION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Newcomers' Night was held on Thursday September 13, 2018 and was very well attended (44 new families); thank you Bridget Sun for all your help! • Fundraising Letter has been finalized and approved; will go home first week of October • Grade 8 students will create a promotional video to accompany fundraising letter 	<p>TITSA STAROGIANNIS</p>
<p>EDUCATION & HEALTHY SCHOOLS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Healthy Baskets program will begin next week or the week after (depending on volunteers) • Healthy Snack program will not run regularly this year (to save funds, decrease waste); may run 4-5 snacks/year around holidays 	<p>STEFANIA CAPELO</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pro Grant - should receive notification by the 2nd week of October 	
FINANCE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carryover of approximately \$3500 (as of May 31, 2018) • Idea to replace outside sign with a new digital sign; Melissa to contact Jerry Electric on Speers • Idea to put surplus money towards subsidizing the cost of grad 	MELISSA CARROLL (for INKA ELLENBRAND)
COMMITTEE MEMBERS SIGN UP <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Committee sign-up sheet went around; attendees signed up to be part of at least one committee 	MELISSA CARROLL
OTHER BUSINESS Upcoming Parent Council meetings (7:00pm): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monday November 5 • Monday February 4 • Monday April 1 • Monday June 3 	MELISSA CARROLL
NEXT COUNCIL MEETING: Monday November 5 MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:52pm	