

ST. MATTHEW SCHOOL COUNCIL

MINUTES: Monday February 3, 2020 7:00 PM

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MEETING CALLED BY	Melissa Carroll
MINUTES RECORDED BY	Titsa Starogiannis
ATTENDEES	Vince Chininea, Martin Simon, Melissa Carroll, Peter Bertrand, Inka Ellenbrand, Titsa Starogiannis, Stephanie Galvan, Amanda Calla, Norela Avila, Noreen George, Maria Emilia Sousa Guerrero, Liz Polak, Nicole DeFreitas, Sara Baillie, Jonathan Wylde, Michelle Stankiewicz <u>Regrets:</u> Tricia Dantes, Giuliana Sam, John Fuca

AGENDA TOPICS

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES <ul style="list-style-type: none">Melissa Carroll moved to approve the November 4, 2019 minutes; Maria Emilia Sousa approved and Liz Polak seconded.	
PRINCIPAL'S REPORT Achieving <ul style="list-style-type: none">SIPSA – Math UP<ul style="list-style-type: none">Martin Simon discussed the MathUP programteachers are continuing to implement the strategiesthe goal of the program is to build numerical flexibilityprogram is used across all divisionstrying to ensure teachers are flexible with the types of questions they ask (mostly ask “end unknown” questions - want to move towards asking “start unknown” and “change unknown” questions)term 2 begins soon (report cards will be sent home on February 19th)public speaking competitions will continue as in past years (dates to be determined shortly)Reading Rocks continues with Grade 8 students reading with younger studentsLLI - volunteers scheduled to support reading interventionGrade 6 intervention once per week for math support	VINCE CHINEA

Believing

- First Reconciliation was on December 7th (Gr. 2s)
- Confirmation last weekend (Gr. 7s)
- Angel Tree and community collection (Sock & Mitten Drive) were a major success – many people helped in our community
- RAD assembly with Grade 5s leading was held last Friday (theme of Community and the Common Good)
 - February 28th RAD will be led by grade 4s
- Pancake Tuesday (February 25th)
- Ash Wednesday Mass (February 26th)
- Easter Mass (April 22nd)
- Lenten Outreach (Lenten Kits for Kids/ Easter Food Drive or fundraiser for gift cards) will begin shortly
 - idea to provide gift cards for families in need during the Lenten period as we did during the Christmas season (in addition to the Food Drive)
- Passion Play will be presented during Holy Week (exact days to be determined)

Belonging

- Safe Schools: Code of Conduct Assemblies (Gr. 1-8 by division)
- Liaison officer will come as needed (spoke with intermediate division just before the Christmas break)
 - discussion surrounding internet safety and navigating the world of social media
 - suggestion to look into Be Internet Awesome program developed by Google (collection of lessons geared towards students in Grades 4-6)
 - Pro Grant money that is offered to each family of schools will be used towards the presentation of the documentary Screenagers
- Black History Month
 - daily announcements
 - Equity and Inclusion presentation last Tuesday (message to be carried on from before and after February)
- Knights of Columbus free throw competition
- Extra-curricular activities continuing: basketball; Intermediate talent show/ Hockey teams/ Model United Nations
- will have an Intermediate Talent Show this year in place of a play
- See the Problem/Be the Solution contest underway
- looking towards practicing safe schools procedures with students in term 2 (lockdown, bomb threat, and fire drills)
- Dignity, Kindness & Respect (our daily message continues)

CHAIR & CO-CHAIR <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School Uniform Consultation form - please complete and submit to Melissa and Peter 	MELISSA CARROLL PETER BERTRAND
PARENT PARTNERS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christmas Shopping Spree was a success; great variety of gifts <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ idea to have older students choose gifts first as there is limited selection by the time their turn comes • Term 2 Pizza Program begins next week <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ 361 orders are in right now ◦ looking to change to Pizza Nova for next year; will charge us \$10/box incl. tax; we will charge \$2.25/slice • Family Skate on February 23 at Glen Abbey • Pancake Tuesday - Sunset Grill will provide the pancake mix; No Frills will provide the maple syrup; Healthy Snacks will provide apple sauce • plans for BBQ underway (June 4) - will have photo booth in place of blow up game 	AMANDA CALLA
SOCIAL JUSTICE & OUTREACH <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • winter clothing and food drive (items went to the Catholic Children's Aid Society and Good Shepherd in Hamilton; St. Vincent de Paul distributed the food to the community in place of sending it to the Food Bank) • Angel Christmas Tree was a huge success; items went directly to families in our community • Lenten Kits for Kids program will run again this year <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ will continue to collect money from families and have a team of volunteers shop as opposed to having families shop for the items 	MARIA EMILIA SOUSA & EMILIA CAMASTRO
MARKETING/COMMUNICATION <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yearbook Committee has been formed and is meeting regularly to work on the yearbook <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ email to parents with instructions on how/where to send photos will be sent out next week 	TITSA STAROGIANNIS
EDUCATION & HEALTHY SCHOOLS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Healthy Baskets is running fairly well • had to make a substitution - snap peas are no longer available; found a cookie substitute on the Ontario Nutrition website 	GIULIANA SAM

<p>FINANCE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Major fundraiser raised \$14,116 • laptops will be ordered (part of the technology budget) • idea to change up the major fundraiser <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ perhaps have basket raffle; can have pizza party incentive for class with the most participation ○ plan to start a fundraising committee 	<p>INKA ELLENBRAND</p>
<p>NEXT COUNCIL MEETING: Monday April 6, 2020</p> <p>MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:10pm</p>	