

## ST. MATTHEW SCHOOL COUNCIL

**MINUTES:** Monday November 4, 2019

7:00 PM

LIBRARY

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

## AGENDA TOPICS

<b>APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Melissa Carroll moved to approve the minutes from September 30, 2019 meeting; Sara Baillie and Norela Avila seconded</li></ul>	
<b>PRINCIPAL'S REPORT</b> <p><b>Achieving</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>SIP Team meeting each month to review data (goals will be revisited for each, Achieving, Believing, Belonging)</li><li>SIP focus on Assessment For and As Learning and moving students along the cycle of self-assessment</li><li>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; homework club coming soon for grade 7 and 8s; Reading Rocks; LLI Program)</li><li>Math Up Program<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Martin Simon spoke about the MathUP program that is being implemented</li><li>program includes professional resources for teachers</li><li>school-wide common task was given to students (subtraction questions as this gives teachers more feedback in terms of what strategies the students use)</li><li>students are presented with three questions to choose</li></ul></li></ul>	VINCE CHINEA

from - noticing that some students are choosing the easiest of the three questions to answer - wondering why this is the case

- students tend to use strategies that they are comfortable with; presents teaching opportunities for staff to introduce other strategies
- preparing for our progress reports (go home Nov. 20<sup>th</sup>) & parent/teacher conferences happening Nov. 21 and 22

### **Believing**

- RAD Assemblies (last month was the first assembly with a focus on Solidarity; this month's focus is Human Dignity)
- daily prayers continue (each grade Focus on Faith theme); Christian Meditation is being implemented in some classes
- rosary program started last month and will continue throughout the year
- Confirmation Parent Meeting this Thursday, November 7<sup>th</sup> (as well as Gr. 7 reconciliation – Nov. 14<sup>th</sup>)
- Food & Clothing Drive/ Candy collection was a success
- advent is approaching; we will be starting our next outreach program (Angel Tree) on December 1
- School Mass Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> (Advent Mass - 10:00am)
- Grade 2 Church tour November 20<sup>th</sup>
- Reconciliation on November 7<sup>th</sup> @ 1:00-2:00 pm

### **Belonging**

- Remembrance Day Celebration on November 11 (Grade 5s & 5/6s)
- Bullying Prevention and Awareness Week (November 17-23)
  - Grade 8s to run initiatives; Diversity Day; Board Bullying Launch – See the Problem/Be the Solution – twitter hashtags #weallbelong, #spreadkindness
  - ambassadors will lead events
  - speaker for all students – Sara Westbrook
- Loyola Leadership students (intramurals program starting soon)
- Indigenous Education Awareness Month (classroom focus as appropriate)
- Safe schools/ Equity & Inclusion Committee (School

<p>staff, Council chairs, students)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• School Climate Survey (gr. 4 – 8s)</li> <li>• lockdown/bomb threat drills in the near future</li> <li>• continue with athletics programs; robotics to get started (skills challenge)</li> <li>• Board's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary – will notice some events happening connecting the board's anniversary <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ liturgy in each school to take place in February.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
<p><b>CHAIR &amp; CO-CHAIR</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• October 16, Peter and Vince attended the Council of Chairs meeting (there are three/year)</li> <li>• pro-grant that we usually get will see some changes this year (last year \$ was spent on Games Night); a reduced amount of \$1700 will be given to each family of schools (8 schools are in our family of schools)</li> </ul>	<p>MELISSA CARROLL PETER BERTRAND</p>
<p><b>PARENT PARTNERS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Christmas Shopping Spree will be held on December 17, 2019; parents can make payment on School Cash Online; \$4.00/gift</li> </ul>	<p>AMANDA CALLA</p>
<p><b>SOCIAL JUSTICE &amp; OUTREACH</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Good Shepherd Centre</li> <li>• Advent Christmas Angel Tree - St. Vincent de Paul sent list and we will be supporting local families this year; November 18 tree will be set up; Nov 18-Dec 3</li> <li>• Dec 6-13 donations for Mitten Tree; Mitten Tree Day is December 6; would be nice for it to coincide with Christmas concert</li> </ul>	<p>MARIA EMILIA SOUSA &amp; EMILIA CAMASTRO</p>
<p><b>MARKETING/COMMUNICATION</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• student-led Yearbook Committee has been created and will begin working on the 2019-2020 yearbook (Mrs. Correia will lead this group)</li> </ul>	<p>TITSA STAROGIANNIS</p>
<p><b>EDUCATION &amp; HEALTHY SCHOOLS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Healthy basket program is running well</li> </ul>	<p>GIULIANA SAM</p>

<p><b>FINANCE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Major fundraiser - we are currently at 40% participation; \$12,981 has been raised so far</li> <li>• Pizza Program - slight reduction compared to last year; (perhaps due to lower student population; complaints from students that the pizza is cold; many families chose to opt out this year due to the quality; idea to survey the students as to options; possibility of having pizza delivered to FDK students first and then 1-8 pizza delivered later)</li> <li>• \$14,000 going towards technology (interactive whiteboard repairs; maintenance of current technology; laptop purchases)</li> <li>• \$2000 for graduation and \$200 for First Communion</li> <li>• \$3500 for speakers e.g., bullying prevention week speaker</li> <li>• School Enhancement - \$1200 for exterior/yard clean-up (the school used \$2000 from HST rebate money towards stones near bike racks)</li> <li>• \$2000 healthy snack program</li> <li>• Finance committee meeting was earlier tonight - low participation for the major fundraiser - how can we increase participation? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ idea to raffle gift baskets - one ticket for every \$10 donated; issue of confidentiality; other idea is students can purchase tickets for the gift baskets; perhaps have a prize for the class that has the highest participation; idea to have students share with their families what \$ will be used for</li> </ul> </li> <li>• donation of 40 restored laptops from Mr. Vaduva and his company Fundex Investments - the laptops will be reimaged and will go directly to classrooms for student use</li> </ul>	<p>INKA ELLENBRAND</p>
<p><b>OTHER BUSINESS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mitten Tree - December 6-13; new socks and mittens/gloves can be donated</li> <li>• Oakville Speaker Series - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ ministry funds provided to family of high schools (Loyola, STA and HT)</li> <li>◦ the schools pooled the money together to put on three presentations for HCDSB parents</li> <li>◦ Nov. 21 @ Holy Trinity (Social Media); Nov. 28 @ St. Thomas Aquinas (vaping and cannabis); Dec. 5 @ Loyola (post-secondary transition)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
<p><b>NEXT COUNCIL MEETING:</b> February 3, 2020</p> <p>MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:11pm</p>	