

ST. MATTHEW SCHOOL COUNCIL

MINUTES: Monday September 30, 2019

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, Titsa Starogiannis, Stephanie Galvan, Noreen George, Theresa MacDonald, Maria Emilia Sousa Guerrero, Liz Polak, Nicole DeFreitas, Tricia Dantes, Sara Baillie, Jonathan Wylde, Giuliana Sam, Sibel Yardimoglu <u>Regrets:</u> Amanda Calla, Inka Ellenbrand, Norela Avila

- **Nomination of Co-Chairs (Melissa Carroll and Peter Bertrand); moved by Vince Chininea - voted in with majority of votes**
- **Giuliana Sam will be working alongside Stefania Capelo on Education/Healthy Schools Committee**

AGENDA TOPICS

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Moved by Melissa Carroll, seconded by Jonathan Wylde and Tricia Dantes	
PRINCIPAL'S REPORT Achieving <ul style="list-style-type: none">● students are settled and into routine – terrific start● continued focus on literacy and numeracy (English and French) in all areas (continued PD in these areas throughout the year)● EQAO results for 2018-2019 have come in<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ our students did very well – primary and junior scores are above board & provincial averages○ scores are available through the “about” section on our website homepage● SIPSA (School Improvement Plan for Student Well-being and Achievement) focus on assessment, moving students forward	VINCE CHINEA

and determining what is needed to do so; building on our work per division

- focus on 21st Century teaching and learning (technology, collaboration, research skills, alternative learning opportunities)
- Math - looking at continuous goals/next steps in our practice
 - MathUP program to review how our students are doing and to allow for teacher moderation/collaborative discussions about math instruction
- STEM initiatives a focus again this year (being encouraged for staff as appropriate)

Believing

- daily prayers/continuation of St. Matthew Prayer
 - students writing prayers; amazed at the quality of the prayers they are writing
- 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 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
 - New parish priests are Fr. Allen and Fr. Joseph
 - first Mass was Friday Sept. 20th
 - first grade level liturgy – grade 8 – Oct. 2nd
- 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 (tentative Liaison Officer– Frank Trasmundi) will speak to the grade 5-8 students about appropriate use of technology/social media (implications on

<p>safety/consequences) in the near future</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● progressive discipline ● promoting BYOD (bring your own device) for <u>grade 6, 7 and 8 students</u> (letter & permission forms) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ devices to be used under strict guidelines during instructional time only ○ no change to our policy as restrictions already reflect provincial government suggested changes ● plan to boost total number of devices (technology) in each classroom; possibility of donation to the school (Dell laptops) ● 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, Kindness and Respect (respecting each other for who we are; appreciating our differences). ● maintain our vision is to create a sense of belonging ● extra-curricular activities are well under way (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 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ website will be updated on a regular basis ○ dedicated emails will be sent as necessary ● Terry Fox Walk last Thursday, September 26th – great success; hopefully will reach our goal to match last year’s donations 	
<p>CHAIR & CO-CHAIR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Confirmation of School Council Meeting dates: November 4, 2019; February 3, 2020; April 6, 2020; June 1, 2020 ● Major fundraiser campaign will begin this week with letter being sent home <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 52% participation in major fundraiser last year (\$15,400 raised) ○ we would like to see this increase ○ we have approximately 350 families at St. Matthew 	<p>MELISSA CARROLL PETER BERTRAND</p>
<p>PARENT PARTNERS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Newcomers’ Night was held on Sept. 12; 5 parents and a number of grade 8 students volunteered to run the event; approximately 20 families attended ● Volunteer “Meet and Greet” was on September 20 with over 	<p>AMANDA CALLA (reported by Melissa Carroll)</p>

<p>40 volunteers attending</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Family Skate will be held on February 23, 2020 from 2-4pm 	
<p>SOCIAL JUSTICE & OUTREACH</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Food Drive and Winter Clothing Drive will begin on Friday November 1; collection will be on Friday November 1, Monday November 4, and Tuesday November 5; delivery will be on Wednesday November 6; will accept candy donations 	<p>MARIA EMILIA SOUSA</p>
<p>MARKETING/COMMUNICATION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Newcomers' Night was held on Thursday September 12, 2019 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ fewer attendees this year due to reduction in Extended French program enrolment ● 2018-2019 Yearbook went home with students last week <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ we will continue to use Edge for our yearbooks ○ huge thank you to Ms. Correia, Sara Baillie and the Yearbook Committee (Grade 7 and 8 students) for doing such a fabulous job with the yearbook! ○ We will begin working on the 2019-2020 yearbook this month; ○ email to parents requesting photos to be sent shortly ● Fundraiser Letter will be sent out this week 	<p>TITSA STAROGIANNIS</p>
<p>EDUCATION & HEALTHY SCHOOLS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Healthy Basket program will begin on October 15 ● Family Games Night (games have already been purchased and stored; need to decide if we want to run the event again <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ cost will be low as we already have the games and would only need to purchase refreshments 	<p>GIULIANA SAM</p>
<p>FINANCE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● ended the year with a healthy carryover of \$4639 ● once fundraiser dollars and pizza funds come in, the finance committee can meet to begin discussing how the funds will be used ● request by administration for Parent Council to help fund a new literacy intervention program called Leveled Literacy Intervention by Fountas and Pinnell <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ approx cost of \$5000/grade level) ○ school would like to purchase two levels - grade 1 and 2 kits (students in Grades 2 and 3 would be using them this year) 	<p>INKA ELLENBRAND (reported by Melissa Carroll)</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ the school has \$7000 to put towards the program purchase - requesting \$3000 from carryover funds to purchase the program○ council voted with all members supporting the purchase	
<p>OTHER BUSINESS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Norela Avila will be the Catholic representative for CPIC this year● Noreen George will be Parish Representative	MELISSA CARROLL
<p>NEXT COUNCIL MEETING: Monday November 4, 2020</p> <p>MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:05pm</p>	