



# PARENT COUNCIL MEETING

## October 1, 2018

6:30pm  
Library

<b>CHAIR:</b>	R. DeLuca Malette
<b>SECRETARY:</b>	E. Belita
<b>ATTENDEES:</b>	E. Belita, J. Boere, K. Boss, R. DeLuca Malette, S. Grise, L. Guschin, C. McLaughlin, T. McLaughlin, A. Naismith, A. Ricci
<b>REGRETS:</b>	K. Healey, E. Sui
<b>GUESTS:</b>	n/a

### MINUTES

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Agenda Item: **Welcome, opening prayer** Presenter: R. DeLuca Malette

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Agenda Item: **Introductions** All

- Principal: R. DeLuca Malette
- Teaching representative: K. Boss
- Non-teaching representative: S. Grise
- Parent representatives: E. Belita, J. Boere, L. Guschin, C. McLaughlin, T. McLaughlin, A. Naismith, A. Ricci

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Agenda Item: **Commissioning Ceremony** Presenter: R. DeLuca Malette

- Led by R. DeLuca Malette

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Agenda Item: **Approval of Agenda** Presenter: R. DeLuca Malette

- Approved by all

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Agenda Item: **Selection of Chair and Secretary** Presenter: Council Members

Discussion:

- Co-chairs: A. Naismith (nominated by C. McLaughlin) and A. Ricci (nominated by J. Boere)
- Secretary: E. Belita (nominated by C. McLaughlin)
- Council bylaws: Currently states council membership is a maximum of 8. Nine names have been submitted for membership however, no parish/community representation. R. DeLuca Malette proposed bylaw amendment to state that membership is a minimum of 8 to allow diversity in membership and equal primary, junior, and intermediate representation.
- Council of Chairs meetings led by CPIC: Oct. 17<sup>th</sup> (St. Christopher's); Feb. 27<sup>th</sup> (Oakville); May 22<sup>nd</sup> (St. Scholastica)

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Agenda Item: **Principal's Report** Presenter: R. DeLuca Malette

Discussion:

- R. DeLuca Malette highlighted the happenings within the school community over the past month in the areas of Curriculum (Achieving), Catholicity (Believing) and Community and School Culture (Belonging). See report below for details.
- Upcoming key items to note:
  - *Remembering Megan*: School community will wear ribbons and shamrock pins to celebrate Megan's birthday on Nov. 25<sup>th</sup> with

fundraiser to support Megan's family. Plaque is being created which will be blessed and placed in garden during a ceremony in her honour (date to be determined).

- *Christmas Musical* (Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>): Class performances will be split in half this year with a morning and afternoon performance due to large number of classes. Tickets will be \$5. Council to discuss process for ticket scales at Nov. meeting.
- *Father Ray's retirement celebration* (Oct. 28<sup>th</sup> at 11 a.m.): Father Ray will stay on as Emeritus and assist occasionally with events. Any parent who is interested in speaking at retirement celebration to email R. DeLuca Malette.
- *Halton Food for Thought*: Healthy snack program will be run 3 times per week (Tues., Wed. Thurs.)

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Agenda Item: **Student Engagement Information** Presenter: R. DeLuca Malette  
Discussion:

- R. DeLuca Malette shared an update on the student team activities.
- Key activities:
  - Spirit team (new name to be determined): currently leading food drive
  - Student ambassadors: K. Miles (CYC) will be recruiting and working with identified students on different leadership activities

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Agenda Item: **Annual School Generated Funds** Presenter: R. DeLuca Malette  
Discussion:

- R. DeLuca Malette reviewed primary sources of generated funds: 1) Pizza Day (new supplier – Gino's Pizza) and Commissions; 2) Dance-a-thon (one large fundraiser permitted per year); 3) HST Rebate

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Agenda Item: **Parent Engagement** Presenter: R. DeLuca Malette  
Discussion:

- Reminder of several vehicles for communicating with parents:
  - School website
  - School messenger (R. DeLuca Malette and B. McCormick to be in serviced)
  - Twitter
  - Facebook – led by parent community

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Agenda Item: **Proposals: Updates, Submissions, New Business** Presenter: R. DeLuca Malette  
Discussion:

- PRO Grant: application submitted for family Drum Fit – funding decision still to be announced
- Beautification: to begin in next few months
- Outside pavement games: painting to be completed soon by board facilities dept.
- New business:
  - Council discussed potential of community sponsorship for specific school events or projects. Can provide advertisement of sponsors. Cost considerations may require tendering for special projects.
  - Council discussed idea of selling multi-coloured t-shirts that can be used throughout the year for designated 'shirt' days (e.g. Pink t-shirt day) with school year labelled.
  - Goal-setting for the year: council goals targetting 'Focus on Faith' and "Student Achievement"

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Agenda Item: **Future meeting dates** Presenter: R. DeLuca Malette

- Nov. 5, Jan. 28, Feb. 25, April 1, May 13
- All begin at 6:30 p.m. in library

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Agenda item: **Action Items Recap**

- Council members to peruse bylaw document and provide feedback on amendment at next meeting
- R. DeLuca Malette to bring forward discussion re: process for amendment at next council meeting
- Council members to bring forward names of potential community representatives to R. DeLuca Malette
- R. DeLuca Malette will provide school generated funds document at next council meeting
- A. Naismith and A. Ricci to develop council goals for success for 2018-2019 term and bring forward to next meeting
- A. Naismith to explore costs for multi-coloured t-shirts

## **Principal's Report – October 1**

### **Achieving - Curriculum**

1. Staff prepared for back to school
2. Transition to school meetings August 29, 2018
3. Welcoming our Kindergarten students new to school
4. Welcome Back BBQ and Meet & Greet - September 18, 2018
5. Staff meeting – high priority policies and procedures reviewed
6. PA Day - September 17 – School Improvement Planning
7. Teachers are completing diagnostics in reading, writing and mathematics
8. Staff attended coaching in services for cross country and volleyball
9. Auditory Processing Workshop for resource staff and grade teachers
10. Pathways Itinerant Teacher visits to intermediate classes and supports intermediate staff
11. Cross Panel (Grades 7-10) in-service for intermediate teachers and principals
12. Consultant and Itinerant staff visit - an overview of school improvement planning
13. Grade five in-service on the new religious education resource
14. Emergency Response Plan shared - Fire Drill, Lockdown, Evacuation and Bomb Threat
15. Special Education Resource Teachers attended resource meeting - year start up information
16. Individual Education Plan - Parent consultation meetings in progress
17. EQAO results – info on website and individual reports sent home
18. Licensed to Learn (L2L) Program start up – Intermediates trained to tutor grade 2-4 students - thank you Mrs. Langdon, Mrs. DiFabio and Mrs. Eskit
19. EMPOWER program continues this year
20. Math Project – Mrs. Boss and Mrs. Schroeder participating
21. Christmas Musical – Kindergarten to Grade 8 participating – save the date – December 7, 2018
22. Halton Water Festival participation by grades 3 and 4 students
23. Child Youth Counselors In-Service – Mrs. Miles
24. Teacher in Charge Workshop – Mrs. Boss
25. Instructional Rounds Workshop – Administrators invited

### **Believing - Catholicity**

1. Opening Memorial Liturgy – Remembering Megan Teepell and praying for Patti Teepell
2. Visits by Monsignor Ray Modeski, Father Godwin Pinto and Mrs. Tessari - BBQ and visit to grade 2 and 7 students
3. Opening School Mass - September 13 – thank you grade 7 students and Mrs. Boss
4. Meetings with Mary Tessari re: Retirement Celebration for Father Ray, community events at St. Patrick Church and announcements
5. School Pastoral Animator In-service
6. Upcoming Thanksgiving Liturgy - thank you grade 3 students and staff

7. Upcoming Faith Day – continuing the theme “Do You Love Me?”
8. Diocesan Mass – September 20, 2018 – Georgetown, ON

**Belonging - Community and School Culture**

1. Safe School/Code of Conduct meetings with each division – Giraffes Can't Dance by Giles Andreae – positive/growth mindset – things we can't do yet!
2. Welcome Back BBQ and Meet & Greet - thank you Mrs. Ferguson and Mrs. Naismith
3. Grief Support Session – St. Patrick Church – thank you Mrs. Tessari
4. Assumption CSS students visit to share info re: AP pathways and basketball sports program for grades 3-7
5. Pizza and Lunch Basket - lunch programs beginning – weekly
6. Halton Food for Thought - Snack Program – Food Handling Workshop hosted at St. Patrick CES
7. Cross Country and Volleyball teams start up
8. Spirit Team start up – grade 7 & 8 students – thank you intermediate teachers
9. Terry Fox Walk- thank you Ms. Repa and Mrs. Langdon
10. Orange Shirt Day
11. Grade 7 & 8s attended Assumption CSS football game