

# AGENDA

St. Scholastica Catholic School Council Meeting

April 17, 2019 | 6:30 p.m.

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## Council Members:

Erin Sweeney-Hurd [(Principal)], Andrea Catalano [(Teaching Rep)], Tammy McNabb [(Non-Teaching Rep)], Aldrin Uy [(Parent Rep)], Anita Benic [(Parent Rep)], Deepa Dey [(Co-Chair, Parent Rep, Parish Rep)], Elaine Cowan [(Parent Rep)], Francine Fonseca [(Parent Rep)], Ioana Mintcheva-Dixon [(Parent Rep & Community Rep)], Kristina Stajduhar [(Co-Chair, Parent Rep)], Lisa Paulo-Alberto [(Secretary, Parent Rep)], Natalia Gorska-Anderson [(Parent Rep)]

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Item	Owner
<b>Welcome &amp; Opening Prayer</b>	Deepa & Kristina
<b>Minutes Approval</b>	Deepa & Kristina
<b>Principal's Report</b>	Erin
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Achieving, Believing, Belonging</li><li>Food for Thought Program Update</li></ul>	
<b>Committee Updates</b>	
a) Parish Rep	Deepa
b) Community Rep <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Book Drive Update</li></ul>	Ioana & Lisa
c) Back to School BBQ <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Vendors &amp; Committee</li></ul>	Kristina
d) Fall Fundraiser <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Ideas &amp; Committee</li></ul>	Kristina
<b>Rowan's Law Update (Concussion Protocol)</b>	Deepa
<b>Upcoming Events</b>	Kristina
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Crock a Doodle Paint Night</li><li>Fun Treat Fridays</li></ul>	
<b>Future Council Meeting Dates</b>	
✓ Wednesday, May 15th @ 6:30 p.m.	
✓ Wednesday, June 12th @ 6:30 p.m. (Catholic School Council Social Dinner)	

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**In Attendance:**

**Regrets:** Andrea Catalano (Teaching Rep)

Minutes Approval: Ioana and Francine approved minutes

Principal's Report:

## **Principal's Report**

### **Catholic School Council Meeting #5 – April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

#### **ACHIEVING**

- Registrations are streaming in for next year. As of today, we are looking at a total of 354 (9 since last month's meeting) students from K-8. This is a stark contrast to where we started in September at approximately 220 students. I do foresee many new registrations between now and the first week of September though and feel that our number will likely be closer to 400 in September.
- Grade 3 and Grade 6 EQAO is approaching in May of this year. Our Grade 3 students will write the primary assessment over three days during the week of May 21<sup>st</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> and our Grade 6 students will write the junior assessment over three days during the week of May 27<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>.
- Continuing with same focus areas of making student's thinking more visible and also running reading intervention programs (finishing with the second group of Grade 2's)
- Teachers participated in Professional Development this past Friday centered around Fractions and teaching this concept to students in more developmentally appropriate ways

#### **BELIEVING**

- Our Lenten Food Drive supporting "Food for Life" has wrapped up and the food donations will be picked up tomorrow. We thank Mrs. Pavelic and Mrs. McNabb's Kindergarten class, along with our Grade 8 Student Ambassadors for helping us to organize this for our school. We have asked "Food for Life" to distribute the food here in our own Milton community.
- On April 3<sup>rd</sup>, students in Grades 3-8 participated in Lenten confessions here in our school gym. Father Jim and four associate priests were here to assist
- Our Grade 7 and 8 students will be putting on a "Stations of the Cross" presentation tomorrow in our school gym at 1:30pm. All families are welcome to attend.
- Our official school opening and blessing celebration will also be taking place during Catholic Education Week on **Tuesday, May 7<sup>th</sup> at 10:00AM**. Please mark this date, as all

Catholic School Council members will be receiving a formal invitation to this event. Please join us if you can arrange to be present. Bishop Crosby will be coming to bless our classroom crosses and school areas.

### **BELONGING**

- This area is still our main area of focus
- Leadership students from the Grade 12 Leadership program at Jean Vanier have started working with us on Tuesdays and Thursdays. On Tuesdays, they lead Daily Physical Activities (DPA) for twenty minutes in all Grade 1-8 rooms (just before lunch) and on Thursdays they run an intramural sports/games program for our Grade 7 and 8 students in the gym.
- Our Snack Bin program funded by a grant from Halton Food for Thought began the week of April 8<sup>th</sup>. It is going very well and has been well received by the students. We are managing the running of this program without the help of volunteers at this time. Mrs. Ceko (our Secretary) has had no problems finding time on Mondays to load the bins and on Fridays to take stock and clean them.
- We had our first of two lock down drills on April 9<sup>th</sup>. The students did a tremendous job and a few deficiencies were noted and have been rectified. Our next drill will take place before May 1<sup>st</sup>. Parents are ALWAYS sent an email to inform them that the event was a DRILL.
- A staff member from Halton Region came to do a waste presentation with our students on April 11<sup>th</sup>. She provided information to students on what items could be considered for the green cart, blue bin and/or garbage.
- Catholic Education Week is fast approaching. It is the week of May 6<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> and the theme for this year is "Living as Joyful Disciples." A brochure will be coming home in the next week to advertise to parents an "Open House" time that they can feel free to drop into their child's class to take part in an activity.

### **Committee Updates:**

#### **Parish Rep:**

**No Updates to report at this time**

#### **Community Rep**

- Book Drive Update Easter resend flyer- Erin
- Lisa put together an Announcement for the Book Drive
- Lisa will support the prize- Special Treat for the class
- Back to School BBQ- "Scooters"- School BBQ- \$7 Combo chips and drink- 15% goes back to the school- council approved vendor- Back to School BBQ- welcoming for new families to the school community
- Kristina looking for council members BBQ Committee for support

### **Fall Fundraiser-**

- goal to raise \$8000 to sustain needs of the teachers throughout the year
- Halloween Dance a thon
- Card Boxes Fundraisers-
  - \$33/box and kickback to the school would be \$11 from each box sold
  - Hallmark- Aldrin has a connection and will look into this
  - Create a Committee- volunteer if interested and come up with some ideas on a good fundraiser
  - October date is best
  - Obtaining prizes from community
  - Mabel's Labels Fundraiser with the uniforms coming for this Spring
  - Notify/Email Deepa and Kristina if interested

**Rowan's Law Update (Concussion Protocol)-** deferred to next meeting

### **Upcoming Events**

#### **Crock a Doodle Paint Night-**

- 49 purchased so far- Families would like to order additional
- Sell popcorn and cookies during Crock a Doodle Night

#### **Fun treat Fridays-**

- 164 cookies sold so far

Future Council Night- June 12<sup>th</sup>- Golf Tournament occurring that same night- proposed change to June 18<sup>th</sup>- Council Members are in accordance- June Council Meeting June 18<sup>th</sup>

Meeting adjourned at 7:12pm- Next Meeting is May 15th