

AGENDA

St. Scholastica Catholic School Council Meeting

May 15, 2019 | 6:30 p.m.

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 Fonseka [(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)]

Item	Owner
Welcome & Opening Prayer	Deepa & Kristina
Minutes Approval	Deepa & Kristina
Principal's Report <ul style="list-style-type: none">Achieving, Believing, Belonging	Erin
Committee Updates	
a) Parish Rep	Deepa
b) Community Rep <ul style="list-style-type: none">Book Drive Summary	Ioana & Lisa
c) Back to School BBQ (Kristina, Lisa, Ioana, Aldrin, Natalia)	Kristina
d) Fall Fundraiser (Deepa, Francine, Elaine)	Deepa
Rowan's Law Update (Concussion Protocol)	Deepa
Catholic School Council Year-End Report	Kristina
Other Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none">Crock a Doodle Paint Night SummaryFun Treat Fridays	Kristina
Future Council Meeting Dates <ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Tuesday, June 18th @ 6:30 p.m. (Catholic School Council Social Dinner)	

Regrets: Deepa, Tammy, Elaine

Welcome Zana Ceko to our meeting!

Principal's Report:

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ACHIEVING

- Registrations are streaming in for next year. As of today, we are looking at a total of 373 (up 19 since last month's meeting) students from K-8.
- Grade 3 and Grade 6 EQAO testing starts next week with our Grade 3's and our Grade 6's will be following during the week of May 27th. I do foresee our scores being low in our first year. Our student body is made up primarily of students coming from different provinces and countries with different education systems and also those coming new to us from other boards. It will give us a good baseline measure though for what we need to be working on with our students. Data from EQAO is used to inform the School Improvement Planning process.
- We are continuing with the same focus areas of making student's thinking more visible and also running reading intervention programs (Grade 1's will be starting in the next week)
- Teachers from Grades 1-8 have administered another Math diagnostic task, which focused on subtraction. They will be receiving time to work with a curriculum coach and assistance in assessing these diagnostics in the coming weeks. This information will help us program for our students as we prepare to transition to the next school year. A subtraction task tells us if our students TRULY understand the additive properties of numbers.
- Kevin Sinclair (Special Education Resource Teacher – SERT) and I will be conducting Student Success meetings for Kindergarten students this week. These meetings are opportunities for Kindergarten teachers to bring up the names of any students who they wish to be monitored more closely as they transition into Grade 1

BELIEVING

- Our official school opening and blessing celebration took place during Catholic Education Week on **Tuesday, May 7th at 10:00am**. It was a TRUE success and a very beautiful event. The day started with a ceremony and liturgy in the gym and then Bishop Crosby (Bishop of the Diocese of Hamilton), Pat Daly (Director of the Board) and myself toured the school and dropped in on three classrooms (one Kindergarten, one Primary, one Junior and one Intermediate). Bishop Crosby enjoyed his face-to-face time with the students. We then treated Bishop Crosby and Pat Daly to a seated lunch where one representative from each classroom (Grades 1-8) was selected to enjoy this special lunch with the Bishop. See the board website for a story on our blessing and some pictures. I also posted and re-tweeted many pictures from this day on our school's Twitter account.

- Grade 2's celebrated the Sacrament of First Holy Communion here in our school's gym on Sunday, May 5th. The Mass was officiated by Father Pierre Caouette, as Father Jim was ill. The gym looked as a Church would and the students did a beautiful job. See Twitter for pictures!
- May 5th-10th was Catholic Education Week in the Province of Ontario. We highlighted what makes our schools distinctly Catholic through our Blessing and Dedication ceremony and the many "open house" visits that we offered to parents during this week. These open house activities are a great way for parents to see students in action and to be a part of classroom life. We will do these annually during Catholic Education Week.
- The HCDSB Walk with Jesus was held on Thursday, May 9th (during Catholic Education Week). Every school in the board sends a group of 15 student walkers and a staff member. The walkers start at Jean Vanier C.S.S. with a liturgy and kick off assembly. They then walk to the Velodrome here in Milton where they have lunch and celebrate Mass together as a whole board community. We decided this year (due to our close proximity to Jean Vanier) to walk our students to the starting point of the walk and to cheer on ALL student walkers from every school as they embarked on their Walk with Jesus. There are many great images on Twitter showing the older students paired with younger walkers and demonstrating our solidarity and support of the walk by conducting our own school wide Walk with Jesus. This will be an annual outing for us moving forward.

BELONGING

- This area is still our main area of focus
- We've had many trips in the last month....Grade 7 and 8 students went to the Royal Botanical Gardens to study water and sustainability and our Grade 5 and 6 students went for a tour of Halton Region where they learned all of the different departments that go into assisting in our region.
- Our Book Drive was a HUGE success (Lisa and Ioana will be speaking to this later in the meeting)
- Our Kindergarten Information Night was held on Thursday, April 25th and was VERY well attended with approximately 120 parents present. The Kindergarten team shared information on the Kindergarten program and then parents had an opportunity to tour the Kindergarten classrooms
- Our Grade 8 Student Ambassadors have been busy organizing Spirit Fridays since the end of Lent. We have had Crazy Hat/Hair day and Sports Jersey day. This Friday will be "Flashback Friday!"
- The HCDSB Student Awards of Excellence were held on Monday, April 29th. Our first ever recipient was Amaya Harris in Grade 8. Amaya won this award for her dedication to her academics, her friendly and helpful nature around our school and her acts of service whenever required.
- We had our final lock down drill of this year on May 2nd. The students again did a tremendous job. Yet again, an email was sent to parents to let them know that the lock down drill was JUST a drill. We will be moving into practicing our fire evacuation procedures in June and we will have three fire drill practices during that month.
- Our Crock-a-Doodle Paint Night community building activity occurred on May 2nd (Kristina will be speaking to this later in the meeting).
- Our Yearbook team is busy preparing the yearbooks. Yearbooks will be available for order on School Cash Online shortly. An email will go home letting parents know when they are ready to be ordered. Approximate cost is \$25.
- Preparations for our first ever Grade 8 Graduation are underway. Grade 8 Graduation will take place on Thursday, June 20th, 2019 here at our school (gym and library).
- On May 10th we recognized HCDSB Staff Appreciation Day. This is a day where staff are celebrated throughout the board, regardless of role or department. The board gives each school \$100 to buy

treats for their school teams. As our staff had had an extremely busy week with the preparations for Catholic Education Week and our Blessing and Dedication ceremony, I decided to treat the staff to a catered lunch on this day. I used the \$100 that the board provided and then added \$100 from our pizza day profits to provide catered sandwiches, salads and dessert treats. This money from pizza profits can be considered as a gift from the Catholic School Council to our staff in honour of this recognition day.

- Our school will be hosting the board's Council of Chairs meeting next Wednesday, May 22nd. This meeting is organized by the board's Catholic Parent Involvement Committee (CPIC). Each Catholic School Council sends an administrator (P or VP) along with the chair of their CSC to each of these meetings. They are held three times a year. For our hosting responsibilities, CPIC is taking care of assisting with the organization so there will be no need for our own CSC to do any preparations.

Minutes and Approval: Approval will be done through email

Committee Update:

Parish Update- Deepa absent

Community Update:

Book Drive-

- Over 800 quality books were donated- very successful
 - 6 boxes donated to the library
 - Teachers were able to pick some books for their classroom as well
 - Remaining books were donated to MCRC
 - Winning Class- Ms. Esperanca's Classroom- They have asked for a Sundae Party!
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- Great turn Out Rate for Catholic Education Week and great feedback received
 - Kindergarten Night also a big success, great turn out and great feedback received

Community BBQ:

- Going with Scooters
- Thursday September 12th will be the date- 5:30pm- 7:00pm
- \$7 for a combo
- Add on items will be available- Scooters will organize the sales of all items
- Ensure all items are allergen free- Peanuts and tree nuts specifically
- Face Painting- Carnival Games- no inflatables, bubbles, tattoos
- Grade 8 students to come back to support an activity perhaps?
- Clean up crew
- DJ? Students with a playlist?
- Connect with JV Counselors to invite students- community hours

Fall Fundraiser:

- We can only have 1 big fundraiser yearly
- Big Box- Cards \$33 per box and 11 dollars is the profit per box
- Sample box of cards- goes home with every family

- Chocolate Fundraiser- Laura Secord- higher return on profit- \$60 profit per box- council made the decision to go with Chocolate fundraiser due to higher profit
- Have chocolates go out first Friday of the school year to avoid fundraiser competition- end it right after Thanksgiving Weekend!
- Do another fundraiser throughout the year- small like Dance with raffles perhaps?

Rowans Report- Deepa Absent

Catholic School Council Year End Report:

- Kristina is submitting our Council Year End Report!!! We should be very proud of what we have done in our first year of council! Here is what we have accomplished:
 - **Sub Committees / Initiatives:**
 - Hot Lunch Programs
 - Milk Program
 - Chocolate Fundraiser
 - Uniform Vote
 - Chapters/Indigo Night
 - By-Law Formation
 - Food-for-Thought Program
 - Book Drive
 - Shrove Tuesday Pancake Breakfast
 - Terra Cotta/Kernels “Fun Treat Fridays”
 - Croc-a-Doodle Paint Night
- Our Objectives for the Catholic School Council for the School Year 2018-2019:

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| 1. Develop By-Laws
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| 2. Implement Uniform Vote
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| 3. Fundraising
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School Lunch Programs Update:

- \$550 chq received for profit from Pita Pit
- Pizza is a big hit at our school
- Kidssentials also very popular

Crock a doodle Paint Night:

- 59 orders
- Those that didn't come can go to the store directly to paint their item
- Easy and simple to run
- Should do it again
- 1 ½ hour duration for the event in total

- Profit- \$90 for snacks

Fun Treat Friday:

- Cookies did well
- 230 popcorn bags sold- did better than cookies
- Ice Dogs doing well- worried about freezer space within the school and minimum order required
- Can sell to staff if they are interested on day of- cannot do through Cash Online

Next Council Meeting June 18th - where do we want to go for dinner? Council decided Rad Brothers- Erin to make reservation

Meeting adjourned at 7:56pm