



ST. SCHOLASTICA CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

St Scholastica Catholic School Council Meeting #4 Minutes

Monday March 29th, 2021 @ 7pm

Council Members:

Erin Sweeney-Hurd	Principal
Lisa MacLennan	Vice Principal
Jennifer Leung	Teaching Rep
Tanya Palermo	Co-Chair/Parent Rep
Lisa Paulo-Alberto	Co- Chair/Parent Rep
Natalia Gorska-Anderson	Secretary/Parent Rep
Deepa Dey	Parish Rep/Parent Rep
Elaine Cowan	Community Rep/ Parent Rep
Francine Fonseka	Parent Rep
Kristina Stajduhar	Parent Rep
Justene Thrasher	Parent Rep
Kristina Farris	Parent Rep

Regrets: Kristina Farris, Lisa MacLennan, Jennifer Leung

Agenda:

Agenda Item:	Owner:
Welcome & Opening Prayer	Lisa & Tanya
Minutes Approval	Lisa & Tanya
Principal's Report	Erin
Committee Updates: a. Parish Update b. Community Rep	Deepa Elaine
Virtual Family Disney Night Recap	Natalia, Tanya & Lisa
CIC Update	Tanya
Spring & Year End Fundraising/Engagement Ideas	Lisa & Tanya

Future Council Meeting Dates:

Monday, April 19th @ 7:00pm

June ---?

Minutes approved by Kristina, seconded by Justene

Principal's Report

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ACHIEVING

- Students returned to face to face learning as of February 8th, 2021.
- Remote learning and our virtual school continue to run alongside each other
- Our latest change over date occurred today and this change saw 31 students return to in-class learning and 7 leave to go to virtual
- This increase necessitated a reorganization in our Grade 7 classes and saw the inclusion of one more straight Grade 6 class to an empty classroom upstairs
- In other classes the odd student was added here and there but all classes remain within the class caps
- Face to face learners have gotten back into the swing of being in school and learning in the more typical ways

BELIEVING

- ___ St. Benedict church is now open!
- ___ Our Grade 2 First Reconciliation candidates made their First Reconciliation this past weekend at St. Benedict church.
- ___ Dates have been set for First Communion (current Grade 2's and last year's Grade 2's who are now in Grade 3) and Confirmation (Grade 7)
- ___ This week is Holy Week and our Grade 8's have worked very hard to put together a Stations of the Cross presentation which will be aired to our staff and students via an MS Teams meeting on Thursday at 1:30pm. The link for this presentation will then be shared with parents after it has been shown to the students.
- ___ Our Lenten food drive just wrapped up and Food for Life will be coming to pick up the food drive donations tomorrow (Tuesday, March 30th)
- ___ Catholic Education Week is coming up and will be the week of May 2nd. We are not sure how we will be marking or celebrating this important week yet, but more information will be shared with parents once we have it. The theme of the week is: Nurturing Hope

BELONGING

- We've had four spirit days since our last CSC meeting (Career Day, Marvel Vs DC, Green St. Patrick's Day Spirit and Rainbow Day)
- Tuesday, April 6th we will be having a red and blue day to mark Autism Awareness – teachers were also given teaching packages and stories that could be used in their classrooms to prepare students for this day
- We will be having our Paid Civvies Days happening after Easter on the following dates:
 - Friday, April 9th
 - Friday, April 23rd
 - Friday, April 30th
 - Friday, May 7th
 - Friday, May 14th

A blurb about this will go in the Parent Weekly Website Post and also it will be posted on School Cash Online so that parents can pay \$10 for all 5 dress down days as a fundraiser for our school community.

- A team of six staff members are participating in the 24 Hour Fast to raise money for the Halton Catholic Children's Education Foundation this week from Tuesday at 12:30pm-Wednesday at 12:30pm (30th-31st). If any council members wish to make a donation to our team the donation link is below:
https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/HALTON_CATHOLIC_CHILDRENS_EDUCATION_FOUNDATION/p2p/HCCF-24-Hour-Fast-2021/team/the-st-scholastica-starvers/

All proceeds go to supporting a fund that Principal's can draw from to support student and family needs from a charitable perspective

COVID Re-Opening Protocols

- Increases in required PPE for staff to wear with the presence of COVID-19 variants that are suspected to be more transmissible
- About \$2500 of outdoor equipment has been ordered for each class for DPA

Questions

Lisa: will Sacraments still happen if there is a shut down? Depends on Diocese and their decision.

Natalia: is there a plan to put a fence along the back end of the school yard? So far, no fences in the plans.

Justene: French Immersion wait list for 2022 will be cleared; what will happen for 2021? Mr. Duarte tweeted that there will be no changes for 2021.

Committee Updates

Parish Update: In person Easter mass was scheduled online; it opened yesterday and all tickets are already booked

Community Rep: Easter egg hunt in downtown Milton is virtual this year; maybe we consider another Trivia Night later this year

- winter concern: iciness on the school paths in the winter need to be dealt with
- Milton does not clear these paths, nor does the school board; it's use at your own risk

Virtual Disney Night Recap

- Great turn out this time; things ran better this time

CIC Update

- Webinar parent sessions took place throughout March
- Info given about CPIC elections coming out; one at-large rep position
- Board's plan for equity and inclusion was covered
- Talked about how as local schools we're supporting our local parish: what kind of fundraising is being done, or running fundraising events (selling masks, prayer books)

Spring and Year End Fundraising/Engagement Ideas

- Flyer will go out by Tuesday for paid Civvies days
 - Dance-a-thon fundraiser for June as an outdoor event
 - Volunteers for dance subcommittee: Elaine, Kristina, Francine, Deepa, Tanya, Lisa
 - We'll have an event date plus a rain date
 - Tanya will connect with a DJ for the event
 - Fun treat Fridays are possible, but items need to be left alone for 72 hours; frozen treats, hot meals, fresh meals are not possible
 - Kristina will look into Fun Treat Fridays starting after civvies days
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- Meeting adjourned at 8:00