



**John Cabot C.S.S.
School Council Meeting
Monday, February 28, 2022
-Approved Minutes-**

Chair - Mary Jo Ferreira
Treasurer - Vesna Gandin
Community Representative - Diane Kowalski
Teacher Representative - Jim Vitale
Non-teaching Representative - Doreen Giansante
Principal - Frances Campese
Trustee Ward 3 - Mario Pascucci

Secretary - Cindy Flandes
Parish Representative - Elizabeth McGee
OAPCE Representative - Mark Gandin
Student Representative - Gabriel Lam
School Chaplain - Carolyn Esvelt
Vice Principal - Mary Cutrara
Trustee Ward 4 - Stefano Pascucci

Meeting started AT 6:34PM

Regrets: Mark Gandin

1. Prayer:

- Carolyn Esvelt

2. Approval of the minutes

- Minutes approved by Vesna Gandin and second by Elizabeth McGee

3. PRINCIPAL REMARKS:

- Mental health speakers to create a panel, will invite parent council members to attend. No set dates. Will be open to all parents in school community. There will be open time for questions and answers.
- Ukraine and Russia conflict has had a big impact on school community. There is a large Ukrainian community at John Cabot as well as a large Russian community. The chapel has been open and available for prayer, library has been open as well. Messaging shared with students that there is support available if needed. There has been solidarity between students. Then you have new students from the middle east who have escaped war very recently and all these recent events have affected them as well. We have done lots of sensitive guided prayer and reflection activities to bring whole school community together.
- John Cabot has booked venue for graduation and prom, cancellation policies are in effect, school has ben collecting gown sizes and talk has been occurring re: graduation awards

- Guest speaker: Thursday May 12 @8pm: Paul Davis: social media safety, spam account on IG our own IG school account hacked. All parents will be invited. Parent geared. Tips will be shared on how to deal with social media and your child. (this is part of school grant money)
- Paul Davis will also be brought into school community to speak to Grade 9 and 10 about social media safety.
- Mascot has been ordered and will be here sometime in May.

4. SCHOOL COUNCIL CHAIR UPDATE:

- Mary Jo was asked to bring forward issues that school council has been encountering at the school level.
- Issues include team building, communication, group work, conflict resolution, lack of ability to talk it out resorting to physical aggression, violence, human trafficking, healthy dating

5. TREASURES REPORT:

- No updates although did want to ask if we have any monies left over, can they be used for grad awards. Yes, vote passed in council.

6. SECRETARY REPORT:

- No updates

7. PARISH REPORT:

- St. Patrick is open without restrictions. Via Crucis will be held on Fridays.

8. CHAPLAINCY REPORT:

- Providing support to students during this difficult time

9. TEACHING STAFF REPORT:

- Robotics club back and running
- Club 304 productions: doing great job and producing morning announcements live

10. Trustee Report:

- Mario and Stefano Pascucci:
- Graduation topic of conversation for board. Frances is part of board; we will see what decisions come from next meeting.

- Mario and Stefano will bring issue of mask wearing and prom/graduations to meeting and obtain update
- Trustees want to be at graduations, tired of making virtual videos however still waiting for direction from PPH and Board of Education
- Any parents who have concerns/issues best to reach out to local MPP
- Conversations with students has been positive, they are open to continue mask wearing; however, students are asking questions about graduation and prom
- HPV vaccine: PPH reaching out to parents early March, PPH will be sending out letters to parents re: students who are missing vaccinations
- Questions from council:
 - Does the school notify parents that their child isn't updated with regular vaccines?
 - No PPH does this they send 3-4 letters of notification to parents. After second notification office helps by bringing student down to office and checks demographics and sends reminder home.

Next council meeting

THURSDAY MAY 12, 2022 @ 6:30PM. Location TBD

John Cabot Catholic Secondary School Prayer

***Gracious and holy Father, please give me:
 Intellect to understand You, Reason to discern you,
 Diligence to seek you, wisdom to find you,
 A spirit to know you, a heart to meditate upon you,
 Ears to hear you, eyes to see you, a tongue to proclaim you,
 A way of life pleasing to you, patience to wait for you
 And perseverance to look for you, grant me a perfect end,
 Your holy presence, a blessed resurrection and life everlasting.***

St. Kateri Tekakwitha, Lily of the mohawks, pray for us.