



**John Cabot C.S.S.
School Council Meeting
Monday, November 29, 2021 at 6:30 pm
Approved Minutes**

Join Zoom Meeting Link: <https://zoom.us/j/9728889173?pwd=NWUrTVRFUnpYVHF1ZmphZkRGS05vZz09>

Chair - Mary Jo Ferreira	Secretary - Cindy Flandes
Treasurer - Vesna Gandin	Parish Representative - Elizabeth McGee
Community Representative - Diane Kowalski	OAPCE Representative - Mark Gandin
Teacher Representative - Jim Vitale	Student Representative - Gabriel Lam
Non-teaching Representative - Doreen Giansante	School Chaplain - Carolyn Esvelt
Principal - Frances Campese	Vice Principal - Mary Cutrara
Trustee Ward 3 - Mario Pascucci	Trustee Ward 4 - Stefano Pascucci

Regrets: Mary Cutrara, Doreen Giansante, Carolyn Esvelt, Mark Gandin
Meeting started @6:31

1. PRAYER & LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT: Jim Vitale
2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: Vesna and Elizabeth
3. PRINCIPAL REMARKS:
 - school generated funds presentation: any parent can see this, oct 2020-oct 2021: surplus of 80,000; 11 class left that need new projector when they break down, they will be replaced
 - Activity fee: \$65.00/Student total of \$22,422.40
 - Athletic fee did not collect this year; Have \$10000 Cabot has not bought any athletic uniforms since school opened; 2 jerseys are needed to play (home/away), new uniforms will be purchased with time as difficulty in obtaining product; monies in account pay for gas, insurance etc....; athletic awards will be paid for from this account
 - External Charities/Family Donations: \$4282.39: all this monies goes to external charity
 - Trips: \$3328.37: social justice trips yearly/ Nicaragua/ have been no trip for last two years; this money was raised by last group that went.
 - 2021/2022: opening balance: \$138,732.36 closing balance: \$95053.06
 - Helped 12 families in need in Thanksgiving and 15 families in Christmas

- HST Rebate goes into surplus: refrigeration in hospitality having issues: \$5000 for new door or \$24000 for new cube fried (will decide which to spend on soon)
- Monies spent on library carousel: cubical for studying; Other \$5000: Graduation: no monies have been collected for last 2 years; Retreats: happening at school level
- Yearbook: \$15000: big expenditure, communication tech teacher also hair esthetic teacher has gotten awards in past for yearbooks worked on
- Questions:
 - 1. How low do we go before fundraising is needed?
 - A: In secondary school Ms. Campese does not anticipate letting that happen ever. Does not want to dip lower than \$60000
 - PRO Grant this is for parent engagement/education: \$500.00: Four schools Philip Pocock, St. Paul, Father Michael Goetz and John Cabot would like to join to pool funds so that a dynamic guest speaker be booked: topic to be parent centered. This topic will be presented to each of the school councils and voted for approval. Motion to approve Mary Jo. Elizabeth and Vesna seconded. The school board has a list of approved speakers. Mrs. Campese will connect with Mary Jo to finalize choice.
 - Question: Transition to semesters how is this going?
 - Many teachers are happy with transition. Benefits of having 4 courses vs 2 courses; more time to cover material.
 - Most students happy as well especially those in grade 11 and 12.
 - Grade 9, 10 feeling stressed. Plan is in January will have some Gr. 12 students go into grade 9 and 10 classes to talk about benefits of semester and to answer any questions or concerns.
 - Will still have hybrid offered parents/guardians will have to declare preference. Have started the de-streaming of grade 9.
 - Question: Prom?
 - Proms want it to be in person. Have booked venue, with knowledge that it may be cancelled. More info to come as we wait for direction from PPH and School Board.
 - Consideration for anyone interested in running for school council chair next year as current chair Mary Jo's daughter is graduating this year

4. SCHOOL COUNCIL CHAIR UPDATE: No new items

5. TREASURES REPORT: No new items

6. SECRETARY REPORT: No new items

7. PARISH REPORT: Registration for St Patrick, Advent has started, Coming up soon Advent Day of confessions.

8. OAPCE REPORT: No new items

9. CHAPLAINCY REPORT: No new items: Reminder Advent mass Dec 2

10. TEACHING STAFF REPORT: diversity strong topic among staff: staff development working hard with staff to provide workshops and in-services with this regard; focusing on school goals making sure meeting student goals with feedback in a timely manner, better to service students

11. STUDENT REPORT: Gabriel:

- sports: girl varsity basketball cross country, flag football, upcoming sports spring soccer
- received lockers being used by students
- Halloween events were successful
- online presentation prepared for grade 8. We anticipate good registration from outside of feeder school.
- weeklong activities for Christmas such as guess candies in jars, guess Christmas songs, Christmas extravaganza like Christmas concert will perform on-line stream there will be auditions for students or groups next week for auditions, dec 17 live to air.
- 36000 visits in 4 days with IG account; 102.9 DJ former student has reached out as he is impressed with what is being posted through IG, all content is student produced student preformed
- Mascot: COLT athletic name and symbol (school mascot proposal); 'Cross the Colt' potential a generic name; still working out cost; Supplier is Maywell, Cabot has never had mascot in past but this supplier is very reliable used by most other schools process takes time so anticipate that it will be a few months before mascot is available; Costume: may include jewelry necklace with cross and diverse clothing choices including business attire that will be used a various venues including games, open house, other events. Mascot will have a signature dance which will be determined in the future. Student input will occur in new year.

12. Trustee: Stefano

- thank you for your time to everyone on council; any questions/concerns please reach out; we are pressuring PPH/ ministry of education to get our kids back to normal small wins lockers, looking at bussing getting curtesy ridership, no timeline for cafeteria to reopen, Merry Christmas and happy new year.

Questions: 1. Any chance for parent teacher interview: we want this to happen, but no timeline question will be asked at next meeting. Any other questions can be asked through emails: Stefano.pascucci@dpcdsb.org

NEXT MEETING: FEBRUARY

Faith, Hope and Charity