



**School Council Meeting
Monday, October 19, 2020
-Minutes-**

We would like to begin by acknowledging that the land on which we gather is part of the Treaty Lands and Territory of the Mississaugas of the Credit.

Attendance:

France Campese	Carolyn Esvelt	Stefano Pascucci
Dorota Jakubowska	Mary Jo Ferreira	Mario Pascucci
Doreen Giansante	Terry Wilczura	Elizabeth McGee
Lori Gencarelli	Maysa Martins	Mike Weckauf
Mark Gandin	Vesna Gandin	Reem Abu Rous
Diane Kowalski	Cindy Flandes	

The meeting commenced at 6:32 p.m.

1. **Opening Prayer:** Carolyn (Chaplain)
2. **March 2020 Minutes:** Approved: Motion by Mary Jo Seconded: Mark Gandin

No New Agenda Items to Add

3. PRINCIPAL REMARKS & INTRODUCTION OF NEW COUNCIL MEMBERS:

- All new council members presented:

Chair – Mary Jo Ferreira (acclaimed)

Secretary – Cindy Flandes (acclaimed)

Treasurer – Vesna Gandin (acclaimed)

Parish Representative – Elizabeth McGee (appointed)

Community Representative – Diane Kowalski (appointed)

OAPCE representative – Mark Gandin (*without contest)

Council Member – Reem Abu Rous

Vice Principal – Dorota Jakubowska

Non-teaching Representative – Doreen Giansante

Teacher Representative – Lori Gencarelli

School Chaplain – Carolyn Esvelt

Student Representative – TBA

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- Quadmester two: all online students will be reattached to school and to teachers at John Cabot. There will no longer be a morning study hall. In the DPCDSB Remote School, as per Ministry direction, students will engage in 60 minutes for each 75-minute class period or 225 minutes per day for a full course schedule (whichever is higher)The remainder of the 300 minutes, students will engage in asynchronous learning, where they will work on follow-up activities or assignments provided during the live learning portion of their day.
- John Cabot piloting new teaching tool: XP Pen which is a tablet with stylus pen; it is the size of an iPad and works like a white board where the teacher can write on it and it will project immediately on screen; also piloting web cams, currently majority of teachers using cameras on laptops, chrome books but school board is piloting higher quality ones more info to come.
- COVID 19 Update: First case at John Cabot. Letter to school community sent via email. Call out to parents/guardians in affected cohort. Staff meeting and letter sent to all staff. Protocol Peel Public Health informs school board which in turn informs school re: next steps. Peel Health begins investigation and then determines whether affected individuals need to self isolate how long, return to school and/or go for covid 19 testing. **Question: how does isolation protocol affect the class in terms of content delivery?** Right now, until second quadmester cohort sent home and learns with online cohort and afternoon continues. Starting in quadmester two will not matter because learning will be synchronized with the online cohort.
- Awards night ceremony: awaiting to hear from school board re: final decisions. Awards have been ordered. It will not be live in person. Will be broadcasted via in school TV. Probable date in late November.
- Yearbooks: all in person given out. Cohort C which are the virtual students still many have not picked up their yearbooks, confusion could be that virtual students not aware they are called cohort C. Message sent out to remind all students to pick up yearbooks, this can only be done in person and only during the hours that other students are not in school. Last years grads have not received yearbooks as they will be distributed along with diplomas, which are still being arranged.
- Question re: winter weather and students lining up outside school in mornings. Ms. Campese recognizes that the weather is getting colder and winter is soon approaching. Several ideas have been expressed such as tents outside, volunteer staff monitoring students in hallway however cannot have students in school unsupervised, and there is currently no area to house students as cafeteria is closed and school does not have a foyer. Teachers need to be in class by 8:02 and the doors open at 8:05. With winter approaching and no locker access boots and coats will be brought into class. Extra carpets will be placed in high traffic area.

4. GREETINGS FROM CATHOLIC SCHOOL TRUSTEES: Stefano and Mario Pascucci joined up this evening to send greetings to our school council committee. Stefano: welcome back everyone, busing this year so far has not been an issue, have been receiving calls over reorganization. Reminder that trustees always available to answer questions/concerns. Reminder that the Central Committee for Catholic School Councils will be offering an online presentation to the DPCDSB Parent /Guardian community. Topic Human Trafficking. It will take place on November 18, 2020 @ 7:00 pm. Presented by Peel Police. Link will be sent to all with zoom link. Tuesday October 27th School Board will be having meeting. Please consider joining in to listen, if have any questions please contact Mario Pascucci or send them to Ms. Campese who will then send them to Mario before the 27th.

5. **SCHOOL COUNCIL CHAIRS UPDATE:** no updates
6. **TREASURES REPORT:** nothing to report
7. **SECRETARY REPORT:** nothing to report
8. **PARISH REPORT:** St. Patrick Church is managing well with its preregistration for all masses. Preregistration opens on Monday mornings and usually fills up by end of day. COVID 19 protocols are being managed. Most events at the parish are not occurring although parish did have food drive and is having chocolate sales after mass, this Sunday Oct. 25 will be last day for sales.
9. **STUDENT COUNCIL REPORT:** student council rep elected this week, will be joining us for next meeting. Food Drive done at school highly successful: raised \$1000.00 in donations which were all done via online cash. Many committees have begun meeting at John Cabot including: ECO Team; HOSA; Black Futures Committee; Student Council; FBLA all meeting is occurring virtually. Youth worker is available at John Cabot, appointments are currently being scheduled for students needing them. Make sure to join John Cabot via Instagram handle: johncabotcss or through Twitter **John Cabot Catholic SS @CabotCatholic**
10. **TEACHING STAFF REPORT:** Chaplaincy Initiative: Carolyn has done meet and greet with all grade 9. Liturgy conducted one cohort/day in order to have time to sanitize between classes. Just finished first live stream mass to entire school. Pastor care available, QR code has been created in order to students to be able to book appointment via phone or in person. Chaplaincy has seen an increase uptake to pastoral care, lot of students looking for help during this difficult time. First virtual living rosary being created. Having many staff and students come into the chapel to pray a decade of the rosary in their own language, this will then be part of the virtual rosary.
11. **ADJOURNMENT:** Meeting ended at 7:55pm Next Meeting on November 30, 2020 @ 6:30 pm

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.
Amen***

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