



**John Cabot C.S.S.
School Council Meeting
Monday, May 17, 2021
-Unapproved Minutes-**

Attendance:

Present: Victoria Burazin; Frances Campese; Carolyn Esvelt; Vesna Gandin; Lori Gencarelli; Doreen Giansante; Dorota Jakubowska; Diane Kowalski; Elizabeth McGee; Stefano Pascucci; Mary Jo Ferreira; Cindy Flandes

Regrets: Mark Gandin; Mario Pascucci

The meeting commenced at 6:35 pm.

1. Opening Prayer:

- Ms. Esvelt (Chaplain)

2. Agenda:

- approved with no changes; Lori moved, Elizabeth moved, and Mary Jo seconded

3. Principal Remarks:

- Advantage Program: special ed support; students will graduate within 5 years; intensive numeracy and literacy support; select school in DPCDSB John Cabot one of them; teachers of this program will be trained in the Empower Program from The Hospital for Sick Children which trains teachers on how to bridge gaps in literacy; students need to qualify for program and parents/guardians must accept; future plans to have program offered to more schools and continue in other grades

- Summer school this year will be virtual offered through continuing education

- All DPCDSB preparing for next school year, quad one and two; please refer to community communication sent on April 28, 2021 for further information

- School gym floors to be refinished this summer; and walls repainted; murals on wall will remain all other walls will be modernized new welcome to John Cabot and colt logo will be kept on the other wall, red and black stripe school colours will remain on wall

- Graduation:

- all gowns were received and are being labelled; they will soon be available for pick up between May 31 and June 1, pick up will be by class rather than alphabetical order which will limit the disruption to the classes
- There will be a grad assembly on Wed May 19; grads will have opportunity for head shot, students will be asked to wear anything black such as t shirt, blouse, sweater and to come prepared for picture as there will be no chance to fix hair or makeup on day of photo
- Waiting to hear from Peel Public Health to see what can happen for grads; they will be receiving a gift, composite (pic), gowns. Ceremony is being prepared and will be pre-recorded due to restrictions
- School will be purchasing large picture frame of all graduates, if students paid sitting fee then they will be on the portrait; bookings are open first day being June 14 for professional photos, option to have picture taken at school through specific time slots or at the photo studio

- School received \$12,000 grant money for physical education outdoors; items being purchased for outdoor sports and activities

- Aesthetics and Barber and Hair Course to be offered next school year in grade 10 semester 2. New room to be built in 2022 and supplies currently being ordered

4. School Council Chair:

- Mary Jo attended Parent Inservice Webinars: very informative; great opportunity
- School council is sponsoring grad awards

5. Treasurers Report:

- no new items to report

6. Secretary Report:

- no new items to report

7. Parish Report:

- parish office remains open with limited hours
- Father John will be celebrating his 32 years of presbyter on May 20, spiritual bouquet available so that prayer intentions can be left for him available on website or by calling office
- The Squires' group is hosting Virtual Rosary Friday nights via zoom.

8. OAPSE Report:

- webinars available on their website
- no other items to report

9. Chaplaincy Report:

- highlights of Catholic Education Week: many events including: virtual meetings: Nurturing hope; guest speakers; mass with the Cardinal; staff retreat; assembly Hope Alive chance for students to worship and praise
- Program: Chaplaincy Connect: opportunity for senior students to listen to guest speakers from various universities and their Catholic Programs
- School has received bronze statue of St. Joseph to commemorate the Year dedicated to St. Joseph; it will be displayed in the school chapel

10. Teaching Staff Report:

- Eco Team: has hit GOLD Certified status
- our last campaign Walk & Roll will be later this week
- Black Futures committee has put out survey to student body which once receive will provide more direction to committee for future events for next week
- Staff recently had Inservice: equity and inclusion
- Business Students: JA Titans: May 26-June 9: students have the chance to be a CEO of a company, winning student receives \$500 as prize, JA Stock Market Competition: students get to manage a portfolio and winner gets \$1000 as prize
- Dead Poet Society: doing well, met virtual
- Valedictorian Speech: this year 5 students have self nominated to be valedictorian. At Cabot valedictorian is chosen by the student body it is not based on marks, these self nominated students will be giving speeches on Wednesday at the Grad Assembly, and then graduates will choose.
- Transition Program: 2 programs one for students with increased special needs and the other for incoming grade 9. Survey is being sent out to feeder schools, public schools, and other to see if there is an interest in the get ready program, if the student does have an interest then the survey becomes a registration form, it is still not known what format the program will take as school is awaiting direction from Peel Public Health

11. Student Council Report:

- virtual pep rally was conducted to increase morale among students, was very well received, good feedback from student body
- currently conducting random raffles every Wednesday, random question will be posted, and all students have a chance to answer, prizes are valued at around \$50.00 and winner will also receive a John Cabot hoody
- coming Soon: School Art and Poetry Night will be virtual and is titled: VAMP

12. Trustee Update:

- trustees were adamant that grads have something, so really advocated for photography to happen
- reminder that vaccinations for 12-17 age group will be happening soon this will be for students and their caregivers

- Goal: to have all vaccinated: advocating for teachers
- budget will be finalized and approved soon

Question from participant:

Any chance if restrictions lift to do something socially distanced outside for grads?

Answer:

We are currently waiting for direction from Peel Public Health to see what can or cannot be done, however looking at the logistics of doing something, probably not this year.

Meeting adjourned: 7:40 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.
St. Kateri Tekakwitha, Lily of the mohawks, pray for us.***