



**John Cabot C.S.S.
School Council Meeting
Monday, November 30, 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.

Present:

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

Regrets:

Doreen Giansante

The meeting commenced at 6:32 p.m.

1. **Opening Prayer:** Carolyn (Chaplain)

2. **Last Meeting Minutes:** Approved: Motion by Mary Jo Seconded: Elizabeth McGee

No New Agenda Items to Add

3. **Welcome and Update:** By Stefano and Mario Pascucci

- 20% of students doing online learning
- winter bus notification and cancellation letter sent out
- online human trafficking presentation was well attended ~600 people attended
- Question by attendee: what will happen upon return from Christmas break? Answer: right now, it will be business as usual students returning January 4th.

4. **PRINCIPAL REMARKS:**

- There are currently no active covid 19 cases or closures of classes in school
- Welcome to student rep Victoria Burazin
- Ms. Campese has gone to all classes and cohorts to welcome everyone
- Q: what is being done for grade 12 to complete volunteer hours before graduation? Minister of Education has said that all accommodations will be done to allow students to graduate. Hours of volunteer can also come from babysitting/walking siblings to school. Letter was sent earlier in the year re: this issue. If a student is concerned can contact guidance counsellor. Letter can be found on school website.
- Bus cancellation policy due to being unable to congregate students at school, no supervision available especially with bad weather, if teachers delayed then no supervision or area to congregate
- School Generated Funds: Expenses: \$66,204 we were in deficit however \$96,000 surplus from previous years therefore surplus remains healthy
- Monies from roll over where used to fix refrigeration system over the summer and used for reno of library
- Library completion goal is Spring 2021 pending any delays
- Yearbooks are a go for this school year 2020-2021, more to come on ideas how to populate pages

5. **Student Council Report:**

- Council started mid October
- Halloween dress up successful
- Kahoot with prizes
- Future events: candy gram for Christmas; for grade 9 pen pal system to meet peers very close to starting; other ideas are virtual movie night, virtual coffee house music/poetry; for Feb/March design your own mask every month different theme which will be approved by principal and best will win prize
- Q: how to join clubs? Codes provided on Instagram, in study hall classroom, and rolling announcements.
- Q: is there any members of council from the online learning cohort? Yes, the minister of special events is one.

6. **School council chair update:**

- No update

7. Treasures Report:

- No updates

8. Secretary Report:

- No update

9. Parish Report:

- no updates

10. Chaplaincy Report:

- advent started yesterday
- halls of John Cabot were decorated with Christmas decorations
- Nativity has been set up
- wreaths have been hung in every classroom
- Instagram has daily reflections
- Possible livestream Mass or video tape mass at St. Patrick's and shared with feeder schools
- Staff: faith and nourishment; through Lecto Divina, mass,
- Christmas basket campaign; school will be starting another campaign Spread Kindness Angels these will be posted throughout the school; Banner of kindness and windows with 'stain' glass designs by students will be posted on all windows facing front of school; Virtues Sept/Oct faith and empathy students received DPCDSB lanyard students names also announced via PA and IG; this month virtue Conscience; Retreats this quadmester nurturing hope liturgy, prayer, reflection.
- OAPCE webinar parenting during a pandemic; tomorrow they will also be hosting a game night: coding Minecraft theme

11. Teaching staff report:

- New club Chino Cook Club: hosted by hospitality teacher, recipe sharing, will be having virtual cookie contest; will be judged based on quality of what is being presented
- Remembrance Day virtual ceremony went well
- Black Futures Committee: Google meet
- Staff Meeting: Colonization: video will be presented

- Cabot Eco Team: 1. Goose campaign: to use both sides of paper, bins were distributed 2. EZ Wastage Collection: students asked to donate any old electronics cell phones, keyboards etc.... Min. Goal is to reach Platinum Status Collection will occur from November 30-December 11
- HOSA: future healthcare virtual conference Dec 6-12; 14 participants from Cabot attending
- Future Business Leaders Meet monthly
- awards ceremony/ recognition/ virtual Date TBD: Mid December, waiting for medals to arrive
- grad diplomas and year books sent out (~20 left)

Meeting adjourned: 8:32 pm

NEXT MEETING FEBRUARY 27, 2021.

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.***