



**John Cabot C.S.S.
School Council Meeting
Monday, December 5, 2022
-Minutes-**

Chair: Elizabeth McGee Treasurer: Vesna Gandin Community Rep: Diane Kowalski Teacher Rep: Jim Vitale Non-Teaching Rep: Doreen Giansante Principal: (acting) Pat Romero	Secretary: Cindy Flandes Parish Rep: Sue Borges, Joanne Cicheti OPACE Rep: Mark Gandin Student Rep: Evelyn Rajanayagam School Chaplain: Carolyn Esvelt Vice Principal: Mary Cutrara
Trustee Wards 1 & 3: Mario Pascucci	Trustee Ward 4: Stefano Pascucci

1. **Prayer and Land Acknowledgement**
Led by Chaplain
2. **Approval of the minutes**
Vesna moved, Diane seconded to approve minutes
3. **Student Rep Report:**
 - Semi-formal was a success; students loved the vibe and sense of community post-COVID; looking forward to hosting more events like this in the future
 - Sports: students are very excited about return of sports; currently have junior and senior boys' basketball; girls' volleyball; hockey
 - Upcoming Christmas events – Christmas week activities
 - Planning to keep morale high during exam periods; biggest thing on everyone's plate right now
 - Trying something new: swag days on Wednesdays showcase productivity and different experiences of Cabot kids
4. **SCHOOL COUNCIL CHAIR UPDATE:**
 - school survey was submitted as required
 - elected positions were reviewed to ensure correctness
 - future meetings were discussed: Feb 13 (now Feb 6) and April 24 (a minimum of 4 are required)
 - Diane spoke of attending School Chairs meeting where she has been elected Chair of Chairs
5. **TREASURER'S REPORT:**
 - anticipate grant this year, this money is not allowed to be spent for graduation (FYI), could consider partnering with family of schools; need to identify potential parent engagement (to

be discussed at next meeting)

- ideas mentioned at meeting were: something to help with COVID; exam stress; study habits; school has approved list of former coaches?

6. SECRETARY REPORT:

- No updates

7. PARISH REPORT:

- Parish Rep shared mass and confession schedule

8. OAPCE REPORT:

- n/a

9. CHAPLAINCY REPORT:

- Chaplain reviewed events

10. TEACHING STAFF REPORT:

- had a great transition night for grade 8s

- hosted grade 9 night in – helps the students be at ease

- OSSLT flash marking – used as a diagnostic for fringe students

- exams – maximum 20% of final mark for grade 12s, may be higher for lower grades; CPTs are worth 10% of final grade

11. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

- hosting “popcorn & prep” and providing info sheets for exams by grade

- Thursday have “therapy dogs”

- also hosting “cocoas and cram”

- consideration being given to hosting a luncheon for the honour roll students (will be surveying the students)

Meeting was adjourned

NEXT MEETING – Monday February 6, at 6:30 pm Office Conference Room