

**Divine Mercy School Council Meeting**

Date: January 13, 2020  
Location: School Library  
Time: 6:32p.m.

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**Attendees:**

*Staff/School Representatives:*

Susan Wilson (Principal)  
Karen Kilic (Vice-Principal)  
Daniela Letterio (Teacher Rep)  
Pamela Leermakers (Non-Teacher Rep)  
Marcelle Casciaro

*Parent Representatives:*

Yara Andraous	Adriana Paniconi	
Alia Vaz	Angela Trewartha	Paula Mendonca
Lisa Bitonti-Bengert	Mary Andrews	

Regrets:

Sandra Shehadeh	Jim McLevey	Percival Pangan
Mary Thanewaran	Johnson Lai	Brenda Annaert
Tracy McGlaughlin	Nick Gaganiaras	Mera Guindy
Joanna Zoller	Karen Chan	

**1. Welcome, Opening Prayers and Introductions**

M. Andrews read the Acknowledgment of First Nations Sacred Territory:

“We would like to acknowledge that the lands on which we gather are part of the sacred territory of the Mississaugas of the Credit and we would like to thank the Mississaugas of the Credit for continuing to share their ancestral lands with us”

M. Andrews led introductions and prayer

**2. Past minutes approval**

November 25 2019 minutes approved by P. Leermakers and A. Trewartha

\*Clarification to Item 6: Waiting for clarification on whether the equity team lead will be at the student or staff level

**3. Guest Presentation**

M. Casciaro would like to run a library fundraiser to allow students to donate a pre-purchased book to the library:

- Student will have a name plate inside the cover of the book and be the first to borrow the book from the library
- Suggestion of \$5 for softcover and \$10 for hardcover book
- Suggestion to run for Catholic Education Week (May 4-10)
- School Council was in support of this fundraiser

**4. Chair's Report**

M. Andrews presented the following:

Trustee Newsletter from January 6 2020 summary:

- Chair of the Board trustee acclaimed Sharon Hobin (Ward 2 & 8)
- Vice-Chair of the Board trustee acclaimed Thomas Thomas (Ward 5)
- Chair of DPCDSB Contract and Negotiations Committee Trustee Luz del Rosario
- Chair of DPCBSB Administration and Finance Committee Trustee Brea Corbet

- Congratulations to our elected trustees as they continue into the next year in their leadership roles
- Newsletter laid out the Catholic Board Improvement Learning Cycle
- The Multi-year Strategic Plan for 2019-2023
- The Nasa Project, with a new partnership with NASA to explore Indigenous knowledge in mathematical and scientific concepts
- Mental Health Guiding Framework

#### **4. Principal's Report**

S. Wilson provided explanations of the upcoming boundary changes to expand the DM boundary to 6 properties on the south side of Eglinton Ave. for up to 39 additional students. An open house for these families will occur on Wednesday January 15 from 6-7:30pm and will include a slide show to showcase school events, sports teams, etc. along with an opportunity for potential families to tour the school. The Planning Dept. will be on site to answer any questions. Mrs. Kilic suggested the possibility of orientation buddies to assist with the transition. Possibly School Council consider some sort of welcome to new families during Open House.

Mississauga Steelheads offering free tickets to their January 31<sup>st</sup> game at the Paramount Arena. The school will be sending home an order form to all families interested in receiving tickets to the game. Mrs. Wilson listed the numerous activities that are currently occurring at Divine Mercy:

- Kindergarten registration on January 14;
- Sports: Jr. Basketball
- Gr. 7-8 co-ed volleyball team recently won their tournament at St. Joan of Arc
- Speech contest to be held on February 20
- Forrest of Reading club, Chess Club, Lego Club and Robotics Club have all begun
- Dance club auditions being held, with the competition on April 23
- French Carnival planned for February 21

#### **5. Treasurer's Report**

Presented by A. Trewartha

- Monthly Statement, ending December presented
- Updates include expenses for November and December: Pizza, Artists in the School, Forest of Reading and other uncleared cheques
- January deposits to include Term 2 Pizza funds and estimated expenses for February to June
- Funds allocated for school activities to include sponsoring of Valentine's Dance

#### **6. Teacher/Non-Teacher Rep Report**

Presented by D. Letterio

- Cookie Sales for Term 1 were a success, net proceeds will be donated to ShareLife
- Next cookie sale dates are January 24, February 14
- January 20 is the next PA Day
- February 14 is the Individual Education Plans (IEPs) go home

#### **7. OAPCE Report**

Presented by M. Andrews on behalf of J.Lai

DRAPCE meeting on Nov 27<sup>th</sup>, discussions:

- only half of schools have an OAPCE representative
- A review of the year-end report and financials were provided
- Chuck Farmer was elected as the new Chair
- An invitation to visit [www.drapce.com](http://www.drapce.com) website for many resources for Catholic topics including guest speakers, rosary, First Communion information
- Goals for 2020 to include 6 regional meetings, add 2 more parent presentations
- Special Needs Director to speak at meeting
- After school EQAO tutoring will be offered for both secondary and elementary schools, more details to follow
- Board will be receiving a specified amount of PRO-Grant funds, distribution will follow. Discussion involved topics to consider for PRO-Grant monies: mental health, bullying, vaping, gaming, human trafficking, Special Education

- Next DRAPCE meeting January 29 at 7pm at John Cabot SS – Lecture Hall Rm 107

### **8. Parish Report**

Presented by M. Andrews on behalf of J. Zoller

- First Communion Parents meeting regarding Reconciliation Sacrament to be held on Wed January 15
- at 7 pm
- Letters of reference for Catholic Teachers Applications will only be issued after consultation with Msgr. Owen or Fr. Rick. In order to receive one, you must attend Mass regularly and participate in Parish Ministry
- For all Dads, Knights of Columbus meets every 1<sup>st</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month, all dads are welcome to join and help support the Parish Events such as Parish BBQ, Thanksgiving and Lent Food Drives, etc.

### **9. Fundraiser**

- Council determined that they would like to proceed with a one –time cash donation fundraiser. Susan to share sample letters. Members of council will gather and review ideas for the letter.
- To be discussed during next School Council meeting

### **10. Miscellaneous**

Angela Trewartha shared news that Mississauga City Hall offering tours for schools for free, transportation not included. Asked that this information be shared with teachers.

Meeting adjourned at 7:10pm