

Divine Mercy School Council Meeting

Date: February 22, 2021
Location: Virtual – Microsoft Teams meeting
Time: 6:30p.m.

Attendees:

Staff/School Representatives:

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

Parent Representatives:

Mary Andrews	Johnson Lai	Joanna Zoller
Sandra Shehadeh	Lucille Shenouda	Yara Andraous
Angela Trewartha	Nick Gaganiaras	Adriana Paniconi
Alia Vaz	Paula Mendoca	James McLevey
Elaine Dantes	Adriana Anzures	

Regrets:

Karen Chan

1. Welcome, Opening Prayers and Introductions

M. Andrews led introductions and prayer
M. Andrews read the Acknowledgment of First Nations Sacred Territory

2. Approval of the last meeting's minutes

Mary noted that there was a typo for the cost of Je Lis, i.e. \$1,000 not \$10000.
Approved by N. Gaganiaras and A. Trewartha

3. Chair's Report

Presented by M. Andrews
No new items to report.

4. Principal's Report

Presented by S. Wilson
No issues with being back to in person school other than the first day back being a snow day!
Reminded students of basics when it comes to Covid protocol of physical distancing, mask wearing and now wearing masks while outdoors.
February's Virtue of Respect was virtually presented by Mrs. O'Leary's on February 5th
Ash Wednesday was done virtually by Madame Makoudjou and Madame Costanzo at 1:30 pm and students watched the Merciful Redeemer mass either at 7:30 a.m. or noon.
Tomorrow grade 7 going to Confession at school. Monsignor and his two associate priests are coming to hear confessions. Monsignor and priests will wear masks and visors and use the library as it provides a big space and privacy.
Reached out to line painting companies right after our previous meeting to do the 1st assessment, which will be done soon.
Je Lis Program – both fiction and non-fiction read aloud books that model the Ontario Curriculum; functionality includes speeding up or down the audio; a 12 month program with 1 license per class; license can be transferred if teachers change; different prices for up to 5 (@ \$199.95) and over 5 licenses (@ 149.95) with 8% taxes; The quote we received for 6 licenses was \$973.02; if we decide to include the 2 remote classes 4/5 and 5/6 splits we will need an additional 2 licenses @ \$387 more; 8 licenses will cost approximately \$1,360. The French consultants endorsed this program and its benefits. Council members voted on this expenditure after A. Trewartha informed us that there are available funds and that this cost

will benefit students for the remainder of this year as well as during the next school year up to the end of Term 1. Before renewing, we will consult with the FI teachers, if the program was beneficial. 12 parents voted **YES** to the expenditure.

Spirit Wear Sale - our school's delivery of spirit wear (t-shirts and hoodies) arrived and was distributed to the teachers' boxes. One parent noted that they have not received the order they made and S. Wilson said she would look into it.

Q: Parent – J. Lai: Will there be another opportunity to order Spirit Wear?

A: S. Wilson: new orders will happen next school year

Q: Parent: What is the criteria to cancel the buses in case there is a snow storm?

A: S. Wilson: The Board in consultation with STOPR -bus company decides. Environment Canada helps inform decision-making

5. Treasurer's Report

Presented by A. Trewartha

No financial reports as there were no transactions since our meeting in November; we spent no money and made no money

6. Teacher and Non-Teacher Reps' Report

Presented by D. Letterio

March break date shifted to April.

7. OAPCE Rep's Report

Presented by A. Vaz

OAPCE newsletter is available this month, which includes highlights and events.

8. Parish Rep's Report

Presented by J. Zoller

Attended the second Parish Rep church meeting discussing Monsignor's two ideas: 1) Help kids come back to church community after the lockdown is over and 2) if there is a need for any emotional or spiritual support, a phone call or personal visit, please let him or the priests know and they will do their best to comfort families while respecting physical distancing protocols.

Ash Wednesday was shortened but provided over 3 days similar to communion services

Tax receipts will be mailed out soon

2021 envelopes boxes in the foyer

For anyone who needs support – the church community is there to support.

Communion services continue on Saturday 5 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and from 5 to 7:30 p.m. in ten minute intervals; registration is mandatory.

Every Friday at 7PM on parish youtube channel is livestream of stations of the cross.

Next Edge meeting for Grades 6 to 8 are set for March 7th from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m.; registration is mandatory.

S. Wilson offered to include this information in the school's newsletter.

9. New Business and/or Questions and Closing

Q: Parent – E. Dantas: Please remind parents to put masks on in school premises.

A: S. Wilson: K. Kilic will include this reminder in the newsletter and Tweets to community.

M. Andrews – suggested to have one last meeting closer to the end of the school year. S. Shehadeh suggested we not hold the March 29th meeting as it is too soon after this one and there isn't much to communicate and rather have the last meeting be in April or May. May 10th was selected and there were no objections with 14 parents voting yes to May 10th.

Meeting adjourned at 7:10 pm