

Divine Mercy School Council Meeting

Date: June 10, 2020
Location: Virtual – Microsoft Teams meeting
Time: 6:05p.m.

Attendees:

Staff/School Representatives:

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

Parent Representatives:

Tracy McGlaughlin	Alia Vaz	Sandra Shehadeh
Karen Chan	Lisa Bitonti-Bengert	Johnson Lai
Nick Gaganiaras	Adriana Paniconi	Brenda Annaert
Paula Mendonca	Angela Trewartha	Joanna Zoller
Yara Andraous	Mary Andrews	

Regrets:
None

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

February 10th 2020 minutes approved by B. Annaert and J. Lai

3. Chair’s Report

No updates to provide

4. Principal’s Report

Navigation to online format – staff learning curve; teachers participated in many in-services and workshops to increase learning capacity
Gr 7-8 able to meet Mayor Crombie virtually in lieu of cancelled trip to City Hall resulting in a great learning experience for students; Continue to encourage students to participate in online learning, recognizing families have different stressors, staff being supportive and flexible; Reaching out to families in need, including through the Parish and Child/Youth workers to ensure support is provided virtually; Transitioned meetings to virtual to ensure progress continues; Access to school protocols available for families to pick up items left at school and drop off books – June 22-23, schedule and details on protocol will be sent out shortly; Distance learning to continue until the 26th; First communion sacrament for current grade 2 to be scheduled in the fall, an email to follow, for current grade 1, it will be scheduled for the spring; Graduation will be virtual with a pre-recorded video from Trustee, Principal, Valedictorian and a viewing party and slide show scheduled for June 21st. Hats to be given to graduates for pictures. The ceremony will occur in the fall when permitted; September school start calendar has not yet been approved; Report cards to be sent electronically with a mark for language and math, while other subjects would have a Covid comment; School generated funds to be posted online, no incoming funds due to cancellations

5. Treasurer's Report

Presented by A. Trewartha

Monthly Statements for March, April and May presented

Updates include costs for Raz kids, Maker space, pizza refunds, Sharelife donations and other pre-committed costs. Funds from online fundraiser partially deposited.

Honoring B. Annaert's last day as part of the Divine Mercy family. Her commitment and contributions to the school council for the past 14 year will be missed.

6. OAPCE Report

Presented by A.Vaz

Virtual parent summit on May 9th with presentation by Education Minister S. Lecce and presentations on Mental Health and Cyber Security; Last region council meeting of the year scheduled for June 18th

7. Parish Report

Presented by J. Zoller

Virtual Mass at 11 am; Parish reviewing how to re-open Worship places and what protocols need to be implemented. 30% capacity required, discussions on need to increase number of masses to ensure all of the congregation can attend

8. Teacher/Non-Teacher Rep Report

Presented by P. Leermakers

Confirmed that yearbook will not be available this year;

Teachers would like to thank the parents for their support during this time

Meeting adjourned at 7:10 pm