

Divine Mercy School Council Meeting

Date: May 10, 2021
 Location: Virtual – Microsoft Teams meeting
 Time: 6:36 p.m.

Attendees:*Staff/School Representatives:*

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

Parent Representatives:

Mary Andrews
 Sandra Shehadeh
 Angela Trewartha
 Alia Vaz
 Elaine Dantas

Johnson Lai
 Lucille Shenouda
 Nick Gaganiaras
 Paula Mendoca

Mera Guindy
 Karen Chan
 Adriana Paniconi
 James McLevey

Regrets:

Yara Andraous (Parent) and Pamela Leermakers (Non-Teacher Rep)
 Joanna Zoller (Parent)

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

No changes were brought up and the minutes were approved by A. Trewartha and A. Paniconi

3. Chair's Report

Presented by M. Andrews

Updates from the March 11th CCCSC Meeting:

- School Boards will be provided with funds to improve their air quality via their current HVAC systems
- Results of the Thought Exchange survey revealed:
 - Parents want the option to continue with online learning after a return to in-person instruction
 - Parents want more school and school board supports for mental health
 - Most wanted an in-person grad, but upon the advice of Peel Public Health it is not possible
- Former DPCDSB student, Bishop Ivan Camilleri has been appointed Auxilliary Bishop for the Archdiocese of Toronto

Parent Engagement webinars:

- Talking to our kids about racism, presented by Mante Molepi (April 26th) – not recorded; resources available here: <https://www.mantemolepo.com/resources-conversations>
- Money Mentors financial literacy workshop (April 29th) – not recorded
- Peel Public Health Covid-19 update (February 25th) – recorded:
https://zoom.us/rec/share/gDNVp4EjKmDPtu9YwIxibpljaU_0mqOCJxruzq-HLO_dGNXAbqinDTzRNxqtJdxk.pwDrEJq2Sed77XAA
- DPCDSB Parents/Guardians Equity Workshop with Father Tony Ricard – recorded:
https://zoom.us/rec/share/SvN2v_j8H-nL09hkXNupeNAURDHMK6u_GLc7VTDuerxaJ9HeZdlosy3wDTs-ufw.78RhXtWjLM_ktgTB
- DPCDSB 2021-22 Public Budget Consultation (recording/presentation/Q&A):
<https://www3.dpcdsb.org/news/2021-22-public-budget-consultation>
- Busy Lives – Restless Souls: Nurturing Hope in Difficult Times (May 12th):
<https://zoom.us/j/99032622660?pwd=aUIZYnJLSjh5K2RMZitLSUJsMXNkQT09>

4. Principal's Report

Presented by S. Wilson

Our school re-opened to our NMNS class following the Spring break

Peel Health is visiting on Wednesday May 12, to provide guidance on safety protocols

Catholic Education Week

- Celebrated the beginning of the week with of liturgy hosted by Mrs. Sass' class
- Wednesday – Provincial Mass for all schools, celebrant Cardinal Collins
- Mrs. Symonds class – celebrated messages of hope created by the Grade 7 remote class
- Mrs. van der Ster/Ms. Reys students- celebrated with prayer boxes that they created
- Mrs. Fernandes/Mrs. D'Onfrio's class celebrated a Mother's Day Tea on Friday
- Virtue Assembly- hosted by Mrs. O'Leary's students- occurred on Friday
- We shared many of these inspirational moments on Twitter by Mrs. Letterio

Grad Updates

- Grad- Monday June 21 @ 5pm, virtual, pre-recorded video
- Awards- will be subject specific only, no athletic awards, a difficult year with students participating both virtually and in person
- Grad hats/gowns have been purchased- 11.99 board price
- Book as a grad gift – purchased @ 8. 49
- Grad photos- tentatively scheduled for June 3, for composites & photos
- Composites will be ready in September
- Grad Banner for outdoor photos has been ordered
- If the budget warrants it, all grad expenses will be covered by Council allocation

Scholastic Book Fair- two week event

- Very successful, schools receives points for book purchases
- Thanks to Ms. Piekny, our librarian for organizing

Sacraments

- Sacraments have been postponed due to stay-at – home order
- Sacrament gifts have been purchased for Grades 2, 3, 7, & 8
- Our 3 & 8s received their sacraments in the Fall

French Immersion

- Je Lis program was purchased and teachers have access to the licence
- Mrs. Kilic will speak to some additional French supports that available to classrooms and families in May and June

End of June

- Devices will be collected at the end of June

School Budget

- Additional monies have been allocated to purchase online textbook licenses and chromebooks for September
- Grad expenses - " Be You" book for grads and Grad hats & gowns
Playground Line Painting - the Line painter has been out to the school to determine painting Needs; Cost including painting, equipment, and chalk is \$4,469.10
The school qualifies for an outdoor grant of \$4000.00
The overage \$469.10 is within the budget Council approved previously

School Yard Vests

- Requesting Council to support the purchase of safety vests for staff- personalized by name in lieu of commitment for line painting
- Approx. \$800.00 (40 X \$20.00) - **12 Council Members voted yes to the expense.**

ShareLife Fundraiser Wednesday Pizza Days; Council donation- \$1000.00

Parent Engagement

Budget meeting

CCCSC Event Busy Lives - Restless Souls: Nurturing Hope in Difficult Times 7pm – 8pm May 12

5. Teacher and Non-Teacher Reps' Report

Presented by D. Letterio

Reminder that the school has a Twitter account that parents should join for Board, School and Class info. It's another way the school communicates with parents.

6. Treasurer's Report

Presented by A. Trewartha

We haven't spent any money but are waiting on invoices including items such as:

- agendas
- bank fees (they were low this year because they are mostly incurred from using school cash online)
- graduation
- Raz Kids – we're over because we added the French J'ai Lit which we approved in February and which will be until February 2022
- sacramental support – we're over because we are carrying over last year, i.e. cost includes 2 confirmations and 2 1st Communions
- grade 4 FI books/gifts
- yard games – came below budget

The end of year carry-over balance is between \$10,000 to \$11,000; and the balance as of date is \$23,054.82

7. OAPCE Rep's Report

Presented by A. Vaz

- Next and Final meeting for OAPCE Dufferin Peel representative will be on May 26, 201
- Upcoming Events:
 - Invite to ALL parents from CCCSC. "*Busy Lives - Restless Souls: Nurturing Hope in Difficult times*" with Dr. Anne Jamieson.
 - You do not have to register. Just visit their website in this [link](#) for details and the access code.
 - OAPCE Annual Parent (Virtual) Conference on May 14th and May 15th 2021 [\[link\]](#) - OPEN TO ALL parents/guardians of children in publicly funded Catholic Education
 - Friday evening: pre-recorded webinars from a line up of guest presenters will go live on the OAPCE website; self-select the presentation of your choice
 - Saturday morning: LIVE via Zoom Webinar
 - We will be joined by his Eminence Cardinal Collins for a presentation and Blessing
 - Presentation from Kevin Frankish (Mental Health Advocate) entitled "This Moment"
 - Registered participants that attend all portions of the webinar will get an OAPCE PARENT RESOURCE TOOLKIT which will include copies of the publications by several of the presenters as well as some OAPCE swag.
 - Presentation on Gaming Addiction - May 26, 2021 (register opens on May 17, 2021: [link](#))
- Past Events: For parents who want to rewatch or missed any of the CCCSC webinars, they are posted on their website page. Here you may also link to webinars of Spring 2020 including Dr. Pepler's benefits and challenges of social media. Watch or listen to the recordings at [link](#)

8. Parish Rep's Report

There was no Parish Rep report as J. Zoller was not in attendance

K. Kilic informed Council that Father Tom is leaving the Parish for Wasaga Beach and that Father Abraham will be taking over in June.

9. New Business and/or Questions and Closing

Q: Parent – N. Gaganiaras: Have we received any new info on Grade 4 Virtual CCAT test?

A: S. Wilson: Still waiting for information.

Q: Parent – N. Gaganiaras: What is the new process for the Virtual Students for next year and are they included in the full count of students when planning classrooms next year?

A: S. Wilson: 404 students includes those in virtual learning and we have not received direction yet on the process for the next school year.

Q: Parent – J. Lai: Can we continue doing the Pizza fundraiser in case we do continue with virtual?

A: A. Mary: We will continue with Dominoes the Wednesday ShareLife \$5 donation and reach out to PizzaPizza as our original contract was with them.

M. Andrews – As the last official meeting of the School Council, wanted to thank everyone for their time and commitment and asked S. Wilson, K. Kilic, and D. Letterio to pass on our thanks and appreciation to all teachers.

Meeting adjourned at 7:31 pm