

**Divine Mercy School Council Meeting**

Date: November 25, 2019  
Location: School Library  
Time: 6:31 p.m.

**Attendees:**

*Staff/School Representatives:*

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

*Parent Representatives:*

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

**Regrets:**

Sandra Shehadeh  
Jim McLevey  
Percival Pangan  
Mary Thaneswaran

**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**

October 28 minutes approved by D. Letterio and N. Gaganiaras

**3. Chair's Report**

M. Andrews and S. Wilson attended Family of Schools Chairs' meeting  
- CCCSC Executive training session on November 2  
3 Main components to School Council: promote communication and cooperation with parents and school community, act and make decisions, use existing guidelines but with leeway to be compatible to each unique situation  
- Fundraising Survey results  
Four items were commonly chosen: Black top games, STEM Robotics, 3D Math sets, School wide Wellness day  
Can re-evaluate other initiatives once fundraising has been completed. Fundraising initiative will be tentatively scheduled for February  
Voted to replace money allocated for music stands (no longer required as found in school) to storage for makerspace

**4. Principal's Report**

S. Wilson provided a summary of school generated funds. The report will be published on-line  
- Attended 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala Dinner for Board (1969-2019)  
Principal, co-chair S.Shehadeh, were in attendance

- Next PA Day is Nov 15<sup>th</sup>: This is a Faith Day- Retreat day for all staff. Staff from Mississauga North will gather for Mass, then make their way to Gonzaga to listen to a speaker, Dr. Josephine Lombardi.
- Remembrance Day Assembly with Warrant Office Pav Pavlovic (parent) came to speak.
- Allergy presentation for awareness and how it impacts students,
- PALS program for grades 4-5 leaders is up and running
- Volleyball continues for our intermediates
- Students from Gonzaga will be visiting on Friday morning for Jazz band
- Therapy Dog "Toby" visited our school
- Parish visits and support has been great
- Math Mania to take place this week
- In December, an Advent mass is scheduled for December 2 at 9:30AM at Merciful Redeemer
- K-4 will have a Little Red Theatre presentation
- Virtue Assembly on Dec 9
- First cookie day will be Dec 15
- Spirit Week Dec 16-20, Christmas Dance on Dec 18. Students will be asked to bring an unwrapped toy to place under the tree
- In January, FDK registration opens Jan 6, with evening registration on Jan 14<sup>th</sup>
- No feedback from Parish regarding Grad timing on June 17, Graduation is currently scheduled for 5pm
- Ottawa trip has been confirmed -45 students registered to date

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

Presented by A. Trewartha

Monthly Statement, ending October presented

Updates include reserved expenses from LY, addition of Pizza money from Term 1 received

Report already includes \$1,000 budget for school wide activities (e.g. Easter retreat)

School Generated Funds will cover cost of the Christmas dance

School cash online now includes option for external individuals to donate and receive an instant tax receipt

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

Presented by D. Letterio

Equity Lead in-service meeting on Dec 10 \*unsure if it will be geared to students or staff

CCAT for Gr4 completed ("gifted test"), if applicable, parents received a letter

February 14<sup>th</sup> Valentine Dance will be a ShareLife fundraiser

### **7. OAPCE Report**

Presented by A. Vaz

DRAPCE meeting on Oct 30<sup>th</sup>, regarding security: completed for highschoools, looking at initiatives for elementary school; Pro-grants amount to be dictated by board, moved from an application to allocation based funding model

OAPCE online survey regarding parent opinions on current changes to public funded education; parents are encouraged to complete survey

Next DRAPCE meeting November 27 at 7pm

### **8. Parish Report**

Presented by J. Zoller

Parish news now online; Children's Liturgy has begun; Knights of Columbus has several activities for Advent season (Poinsettia Drive and Toy Drive)

Next meeting January 13<sup>th</sup> 2020

Meeting adjourned at 8:10pm

\*correction noted at January 13<sup>th</sup> meeting