

**Divine Mercy School Council Meeting**

Date: October 13, 2020  
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	Nick Gaganiaras	Yara Andraous
Sandra Shehadeh	Gina Ing	Mera Guindy
Angela Trewartha	James Ahn	Karen Chan
Alia Vaz	Johnson Lai	Adriana Anzures
Joanna Zoller	Lucille Shenouda	
Lisa Bitonti-Bengert	Adriana Paniconi	

**Regrets:**

James McLevey

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

S. Wilson led introductions and prayer  
S. Wilson read the Acknowledgment of First Nations Sacred Territory  
\*M. Andrews will act as secretary for this meeting

**2. Election of Council Executive**

Mary Andrews acclaimed as Chair  
Angela Trewartha acclaimed as Treasurer  
Joanna Zoller acclaimed as Parish Rep  
Alia Vaz acclaimed as OAPCE Rep  
Sandra Shehadeh acclaimed as Secretary

**3. Future meeting dates**

Monday November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020 (6:30pm-8pm)  
Monday January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2020 (6:30pm-8pm)  
Monday March 29, 2020 (6:30pm-8pm)

**4. Meeting protocol, responsibilities, bylaws**

All agreed to be put off until next meeting (Nov. 30<sup>th</sup>) in case of updates to CCCSC procedures announced at Oct. 28<sup>th</sup> CCCSC Chairs meeting that M. Andrews will attend and advise.

**5. Approval of the last meeting's minutes**

Approved by N. Gaganiaras and Lisa Bitonti-Bengert

**6. Principal's Report**

Presented by S. Wilson  
Currently approx.. 30% (130) students enrolled in online instruction  
Approx. 300 enrolled in in-class instruction  
With hybrid learning model to start in November, distance learners will be reassigned to their home school;  
teachers will teach students in-class and online

No official plan in place at this time; the results of the survey for parents to change the platform mode will allow for planning  
Hybrid model allows for flexibility to move between in-class & online platforms if students need to self-isolate  
New school Secretary – Guida Fernandes  
Preferred method for contacting the school for questions: phone or [divinemercuryinfo@dpcdsb.org](mailto:divinemercuryinfo@dpcdsb.org). Ms. Fernandes monitors the email inbox  
General school email allows for distribution and receipt of paperwork ex. Student Verification Info with minimal paperwork  
Teachers can now input absences and late arrivals directly into the system; Ms. Fernandes can follow-up on unexplained absences and input advance informed absences  
Many safety protocols put into place – social distancing signs and markers (measured 1m apart, taped off); hand sanitizers throughout school; limits have been set for number of students allowed in the washroom at one time; classes set up in rows; outdoor cohorts separated in yards through painted zones; in-school movement via arrows, dashes, instructed to stay to the right  
Students have been excellent following the protocols  
Extra masks available in the office  
Updates from K. Kilic:  
Fire drills have started – 3 scheduled for the fall, 3 scheduled for the spring; special protocols followed for drills to accommodate social distancing & mask wearing  
Completed in 3 time blocks; 2 completed so far; all gone smoothly  
In a real fire, immediate evacuation is the priority  
S. Wilson:  
Lockdown drills are set to start soon – safety protocols will be followed  
CCAT gifted testing for Grade 4 (in-person) to take place in October; online students will be tested in the Spring  
Halloween – students will be allowed to wear costumes and will participate in in-class activities on October 30<sup>th</sup>; no pumpkins allowed in the school because of allergies

## **7. Treasurer's Report**

Presented by A. Trewartha  
June Report shows our commitments made and paid to that point  
July final balance \$23,054.82  
Budgeted \$2500 for 2019/2020 grad expenses – spent \$1029 so far; medals and awards still need to be purchased/distributed  
Still need to purchase sacrament gifts for gr. 3/gr. 8 from 2019/2020 school year; also consider sacrament gifts for gr. 2/gr. 7 for 2020/2021 school year, and gr. 4 FI students (2020/2021)  
S. Wilson will have the School Generated Funds report showing details of the school's expenses  
A. Anzures – will there be photos taken this year? At this time, there are no plans for yearbooks  
- S. Wilson – not until the Spring

## **8. Teacher Rep**

Presented by D. Letterio  
Expressed thanks to the parent community from the staff for their positivity, and the preparedness, and cooperation from the students that reflect home commitment  
Questions about CCAT can be addressed to D. Letterio; in-class assessment will be Oct 19-21 (Monday, Wednesday, Friday); online student assessment will take place in the Spring  
IEPs will be emailed to homes on October 19; possible revisions once hybrid model takes effect in November  
Progress reports will go home on November 10  
Interviews scheduled for November 12, information to follow

## **9. Goals for 2020-2021 school year**

2019/2020 commitment for blacktop games was set at \$1500; Council unanimously approved raising the amount to \$2000 so that the project could be completed before snowfall  
Kindergartners have been doing yardwork, planting, and moving the butterfly garden  
No current need for outdoor equipment at this time with the cold weather coming  
No current need for classroom air purifiers as ventilation maintenance was completed before school started in September

Mental health resources for students – Board is proactive and prepared resources for teachers  
In first 2 weeks of school, established routines for use in the year; child/youth social worker connected with the school is at their disposal; Mr. W. is at the school half time and with parental consent, is available for private counselling

K. Kilic – even before COVID mental health was at the forefront of the Board's agenda; they've provided resources available on their website; teachers also have resources

Q: kids playing at the playground near the school

A: students have been asked not to congregate in groups after school

Q: any idea of the number of students in the hybrid model?

A: not yet

#### **10. Closing**

S. Wilson – thank you to parents for supporting the school community and dedicating time to serving on School Council

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm