

Divine Mercy School Council Meeting

Date: September 30, 2019
Location: School Library
Time: 6:30 p.m.

Attendees:

Susan Wilson (Principal)		
Karen Kilic (Vice-Principal)		
Daniela Letterio (Teacher Rep)		
Johnson Lai	Karen Chan	Nick *Gagianaras
Percival Pangan	Brenda Annaert	Mary Andrews
Paula Mendonca	Tracy McGlaughlin	Mera Guindy
Sandra Shehadeh	Lisa Bitonti-Bengert	Dinah Langley (Outgoing Chair)
Yara Andraous	Adriana Paniconi	
Alia Vaz	Angela Trewartha	
Mary Thanesarwan	Jim McLevey	

***Regrets:** Pamela Leermakers, Joanna Zoller

Special Guests:

Brea Corbet

1. Welcome, Land Acknowledgement Opening Prayers and Introductions

S. Wilson led introductions and prayer

2. New Council Elections

S. Wilson described School Council positions, and presented nominations. All Positions were acclaimed.

Elected positions:

- Co-chairs: Mary Andrews and Sandra Shehadeh
- Treasurer: Angela Trewartha
- Secretary: Yara Andraous
- Parish Rep: Joanna Zoller (acclaimed in absentia)
- OAPCE Rep: none (S. Wilson will send follow-up info on commitments for anyone interested)

3. Past minutes approval

May 30 minutes approved by D. Letterio and Y. Andraous
June 7 minutes approved by D. Letterio and Y. Andraous
*additional note on June 7th minutes: Thanks to School Council for the funds approved for last minute purchases

4. Principal's Report

Welcome to Mrs. Kilic, she is .5 VP at Divine Mercy and .5 VP at St. Teresa of Avila
Smooth start to 1st day of school
Our numbers have decreased, currently at 444 students
Had to re-organize both staff and students; we lost 1.2 teachers – this affected a total of 2 teachers
Our grade 2 and grade 3 classes became 2/3 splits and we lost our ½ FDK class. Our 15 FDK were merged into the 2 existing FDK classes
Celebrated Orange Shirt day today
Events to date:
Pizza days – up and running, thank you to our parent volunteers; thanks to School Council for the Free Pizza day

Volleyball for boys and girls junior teams
Cross country and chess are up and running
Grade 7s went to Silvercreek
Grade 5s went to Queen's Park today to learn about the Legislature Process
Photo day was September 26; Retake day is November 7
Terry Fox day – thank you to Mrs. van der Ster for organizing
Confirmation parent meeting occurred September 18 for grade 7 parents
School Mass – September 27th – a big thank you to Ms. de Lima, Ms. Cenedese, Ms. Mezgec
- We welcomed Father Suresh to our school community, he celebrated our first mass of the year
Open House received positive response
Scientist in the School – enjoyed by grade 2 French Immersion
Peel Police Presentation for grade 4s – occurring on October 15; October 16 – Youth and the law – grades 7&8; Intro. to Social Media – grade 6; Personal safety – grade 4
Parish visits begin October 8th, grades 6-8
Bus patroller training – October 10
Grade 4 students write the CCAT during the week of October 21st
Next PA Day – October 11
Book Fair raised over \$6000

5. Treasurer's Report

Presented by B. Annaert (previous year's Treasurer)
June – August statements
Need discussion on how to carry balance forward based on last year's commitments not yet taken out
In order to continue with previous year's commitments, we will need to fundraise
Need to share extent of fundraising with the parent community
Defer budget discussion until next meeting

6. Trustee Presentation

Presented by B. Corbet
Approx. \$16 million in cuts across the Board
Goal is to continue to advocate Catholic Education through newsletters, social media and website
Board meetings are every Tuesday and are open to the public; minutes are posted on the Board website
Project Now raised \$3 million for suicide awareness and prevention; \$3 million matched by Ontario government
Every school experienced re-organization
Goal is to "Protect the classroom"
No updates on Pro-Grants – plan is to continue for 2019/2020 school year, but no info yet on funding
Parents want events where kids can come along => strengthen parent engagement
Students want more "Creative Strategy Games"
"Walk to School" program – a free program that will present to School Council members to discuss
OAPCE online survey – provide input on government changes

7. Previous Chair's closing

D. Langley (previous year's Chair)
Attended closing CCCSC meeting – September 5
Upcoming meeting dates:
Thursday November 7 – New CCCSC Council Election 7pm
Thursday December 12 – 7pm
Thursday January 9, 2020 – 7pm
Thursday February 6, 2020 – 7pm
Thursday March 5, 2020 – 7pm
Thursday April 2, 2020 – 7pm
Thursday May 7, 2020 – 7pm
Thursday June 11, 2020 – 7pm (Volunteer of the year award presentation)
Upcoming events:
Wednesday October 23 – Family of Schools Chairs Meetings with Trustees, Superintendents and Principals – 5:30pm at St. Francis Xavier SS
Saturday November 2 – Training for Catholic School Council Executive Members – 8:30am at St. Joseph SS

Wednesday April 15, 2020 - Mississauga North Family Spring Event – 7pm at St. Joan of Arc SS
Saturday April 18, 2020 – Conference and Marketplace – 8:30am at St. Joseph SS
Monday April 20, 2020 - Multi-Year Strategic Plan Public Budget Consultation webinar 7pm

8. Pizza Program

Presented by B. Annaert

Last year earned \$23599 after expenses

This year, 308 enrolled, only 5 paid by cash or cheque – all others paid through School Cash Online

9. Future Council meeting dates:

Monday October 21st at 6:30pm

Monday November 18th at 6:30pm

Monday January 13th at 6:30pm

Monday February 10th at 6:30pm

Wednesday April 15th at 6pm at St. Joan of Arc SS

Monday May 25th at 6:30pm

Meeting adjourned at 8:19pm

*corrections made after review at October 28th, 2019 meeting