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**Minutes of Iona Catholic Secondary School Council meeting
Tuesday April 23, at 7:00pm
Library**

In Attendance: Julie Kowalski, Joan Lanza-Santos, Betty Chong, Suzanne Pinto, Mary Dolban, Rudy Cuzzetto

School Administrators: Carl Cini, Maria Pallotta

1. Opening Prayer
2. Welcome and Introduction
3. Review and Approval of Meeting Agenda

- All in favor

THAT THE AGENDA BE APPROVED

CARRIED

4. Review and Approval of Minutes from February, 2019

- All in favor

- Minutes approved by Joan Santos and seconded by Julie Kowalski.

Discussion:

Discussion was held regarding student numbers and the fact some students are choosing Lorne Park over Iona. Iona has 740 students enrolled this year and we are projecting 680 for next year. Reasons identified include generations wishing to return to Lorne Park, football, and the fact St. Luke students are choosing Lorne Park as they can walk there instead of taking the bus.

C. Cini plans to promote Iona more through the church; by ensuring students have a positive experience, and through word of mouth in the community. Discussion was held regarding government changes. Several programs have been cancelled, and if some classes go down to 24 students, it means others may have to go up to 31 to offset numbers. There have been minor changes to the visual arts and dance programmes and some classes will be combined. The Grade 8 Open House will be held in October, and the plan is to have all of the next year's dates confirmed by the first week of May to facilitate better planning.

5. Budget Presentation

The committee listened to the DPCDSB Budget Presentation. Details can be accessed on the Iona website. The following link can be accessed for the next week where people can visit and upload their comments <https://mythoughtexchange.com/#299671078>

The committee provided input to C. Cini as to items they would like to learn more about with respect to impacts on the budget which included students with special needs, absenteeism, and technology/online courses.

5. Teacher's Representative Report: Delivered by Maria Pallotta

UPCOMING IMPORTANT EVENTS:

Gr. 12 Religion retreats this week on Thursday and Friday

School Council elections – Friday, April 26

Catholic Education Week – first week of May (a variety of activities including Joe Sax Day, play, etc.)

Resiliency Committee trip to the Science Centre to learn about the “Science of Anxiety” – Tuesday, May 14

Gr.12 Prom – Friday, May 17

Gr. 10 OSSLT results – mid-May

Gr.12 Graduation – Wednesday, June 26

ATHLETICS:

Girls Slo-Pitch Softball team was recently picked for start of season

Boys Baseball team under way

Varsity Girls soccer and Sr. and Jr. Boys soccer are under way

Badminton wrapping up – Sr. mixed doubles came in first place and Sr. boys singles came in second place in ROPSSA qualifying tournament; they played today to try to qualify for OFSSAA

AA Boys hockey team made it to OFSSAA last month and sadly lost in a shoot out.

CLUBS AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS:

White Pine Book club field trip May 14 to The Festival of Trees at Harbour Front Centre

Eco club had a metal bottle sales event this week to encourage students to stop using plastic bottles – metal bottle was designed by one of our students, produces and then sold during this week.

Yearbook committee – hard at work to produce this year's yearbook

7. Treasurer's Report

Delivered by Mary Dolban

Balance is \$3,319.53 – microwaves cost \$288 and bank fees were \$4.95.

6. Principal Report: Delivered by Carl Cini

C. Cini requested a total of \$400.00 for Graduation Rewards. The Iona Award of Merit (\$200) and the Rebecca Borg and Dwayne Walsh Achievement Award (\$100 each). Voting on this was tabled until next meeting when we have a quorum.

C. Cini asked the committee to consider two recommendations he is making.

The first is with respect to the Prom Date which he is proposing take place the last Monday of June.

The second is for the Graduation Ceremony which is currently held at Lakeshore Convention Centre. Downfalls to this venue include parking and guest limitations. He is asking for input regarding holding it at Sixteen Mile Sports Complex in Oakville which would facilitate improved parking and access, unlimited guests, and provide cost benefits (as we would be sharing decorations expense with St. Aloysius Gonzaga, Joan of Arc and Craig Kielburger). We are considering 1pm on a Wednesday.

7. Parish Report:

No report. Bulletin was made available.

8. OAPCE

Information was provided regarding the conference held on April 5th and 6th. It will be uploaded to the website.

9. Next Meeting Date:

Monday May 27, 2018 6:30pm

10. Adjournment

The meeting of the Iona Catholic Secondary Council was adjourned.