



IONA CATHOLIC SECONDARY SCHOOL
2170 SOUTH SHERIDAN WAY
MISSISSAUGA, ON
L5J 2M4
TEL: (905) 823-0136
FAX: (905) 823-0248

Minutes of Iona Catholic Secondary School Council Meeting
Monday September 27, 2021, at 7:00 pm
Virtual Meeting - Zoom

In Attendance: Sharon Kamassah, Liz-Ann Gurowka, Mary Dolban, Andrew Selvam,
Emidio Santroni, Carl Cini, Maria Pallotta.

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

- All in favour

THAT THE AGENDA BE APPROVED

CARRIED

4. Review and Approval of Minutes from May 19, 2021 Meeting

- All in favour

THAT THE MINUTES BE APPROVED

CARRIED

5. Trustee Report
Sharon Hobin sent regrets for the meeting.
6. Election/Assignment of Position of Chair or Co-Chair
No one came forward to fill these positions.
7. Elections/Assignments of Positions
 - a. Treasurer –
 - b. OAPCE Rep –
 - c. Secretary
 - d. Parish Representative – St. Christopher
 - e. Parish Representative – St. Francis of Assisi

No one came forward to fill these positions.

Teacher Report

Back to classes in Quadmaster system. Students taking 2 courses per Quad.

Opening Mass was broadcast on September 21. Due to Covid restrictions the mass was filmed in our chapel and then shown simultaneously in all classes. The mass was presided over by Fr. Joseph Rodrigues from St. Christopher Parish.

We will be holding a food drive during the month of October. Students are asked to bring in 1 food in every week of October.

We are beginning Athletics with Cross Country, Golf, reopening the weight room and Flag Football.

Orange Shirt Day will be commemorated on Thursday, September 30 as part of Truth and Reconciliation week. There was a school art project coordinated by the Chaplaincy Team to honour the survivors and those lost to the Residential School System. Each student was invited to write an intention on an orange paper shirt and put it on the larger display in the foyer. There were reflections all week. It was asked if we were going to have a member of that community be a part of our week to show support. It was recognized that it would be favourable to have the Mississaugas of the Credit present at the school however Covid protocols do not allow visitors and we were unable to secure a virtual speaker. All resources used were provided by the Board who has all resources vetted by our Indigenous Advisory Council.

Principal's Report.

A review of the Covid Protocols was described. One-way hallways, masks, hand sanitizing, physical distancing and limiting student time out of class were all discussed. At lunch, students eating inside would have to sit in designated seats with their period 2 class facing in the same direction. While the weather holds, we are encouraging students to be outside for their lunch period. Outside students can see friends in other classes, remove masks, move around freely and get some fresh air.

Students had a choice to be either in person or virtual. In Person students are expected to at school physically daily. An in-person students will only be able to enter their classes virtually with the permission of the Main Office. Teachers have been instructed to not let in person students in. If a student is too ill to come to school, they should be recovering for their return. Attendance for in person students is treated the same as before Covid.

Classroom visits took place in the second week of school. Topics discussed included Covid Protocols, Attendance, Uniform, behaviour and school supports. The use of bathrooms was also stressed as there is a capacity limit of 3 students at a time. Students were instructed that they must be efficient with their use of the bathrooms and not to meet friends there. Also discussed was the Tik Tok challenge known as "devious licks" where students vandalize the bathrooms.

We have had issues where students are ripping soap dispensers off the walls and either stealing them or putting them in the toilets. We have had to close bathrooms while they are being repaired. An email describing the visits was sent home on September 17. There are more of these trends being posted for each month of the school year. They all involve acts that are considered criminal. Parents are asked to discuss these topics with their children.

This year we have begun an initiative to continue to move Iona to a more inclusive and diverse community. At our first meeting, staff and students met to hear the experiences of our Black, Indigenous, Person of Colour (BIPOC); LGBTQ2A+ and differently abled students. Providing these students a safe space to be heard will allow us to implement initiatives that will improve our school community for all students. At the end of the meeting, we asked students to come up with a name and logo for the group.

Quadmester 1 will end on November 11. The midpoint of Quadmester 1 is October 7.
Quadmester 2, with new courses will begin on November 15.

The Student Activity Fee is being collected this year. Funds collected are used for Retreats, Yearbook, Agenda books and student activities. Parents are asked to pay the fee as soon as possible on School Cash Online.

Picture Day for In Person students will be on October 1.

Meeting Dates

Monday, October 25, 2021

Adjournment

The meeting of the Iona Catholic Secondary Council was adjourned.