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**Minutes of Iona Catholic Secondary School Council Meeting**

**Monday, April 26th, 2021.**

**7:00 p.m.**

**Virtual Meeting - Zoom**

Attendance:

Carl Cini, Maria Pallotta, Sharon Kamassah, Mary Dolban, Emidio Santroni, Dana Yamada, Ruby Dominic.

1. Opening Prayer
2. Welcome and Introductions
3. Acknowledgement of S. Hobin, School Trustee's attendance
4. Review and Approval of today's agenda
  - All in favour
5. Review and Approval of February Minutes
  - All in favour

## **Trustee Report**

S. Hobin

Weekly Minister of Education calls and meetings are held.

Some of the key topics have been as follows:

- \* Asymptomatic testing trials;
- \*shortage of teachers amongst the province and the need to raise this with the Education Minister as schools resume back to normal or with higher class sizes;
- \*allocation and access for students to chromebooks;
- \*budget for maintenance and repair of some schools, many of which are old, have partial or no air conditioning. There are 151 schools in our board;
- \*investment in student mental health and the Kids Help Phone
- \*addressing learning gaps amongst students;
- \*with the recent news of a young student in Peel who passed away from Covid, there has been no decision to vaccinate children but there is an emphasis to vaccinate teachers, admin staff, etc.

## **Treasurer's Report**

M. Dolban

3 cheques have been withdrawn for the alumni awards.

There is a balance of \$1,735.73

## **Parish Reports**

R. Dominic

### **SUNDAY COMMUNION SERVICES**

Mass continues to be live-streamed every Sunday at 10am and every Wednesday at 7pm preceded by the Rosary.

There is a new initiative called 'Formed', a free online platform that offers a selection of movies, audio dramas, catholic studies, e-books and cartoons, material that is professional produced

<https://signupformed.org>

### **OAPCE Report**

N. Morgado

Newsletter attached.

May 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> provincial conference

The first speaker is His Eminence Cardinal Collins. See website for registration.

### **Chair's Report**

S. Kamassah

Central Committee for Catholic School Councils (CCCSC)

No new updates.

### **Teachers' Report**

E. Santroni

Catholic Education week: Theme is 'nurturing hope'.

The importance of hope is reinforced as is our trust in God.

Plans to share videos put on by students and teachers and what people are going through.

Wellness Wednesday meditations

May 5<sup>th</sup>: Mass by Cardinal Collins

Closing Mass on June 9<sup>th</sup>, Feast of our Patron Saint, Saint Columbo

Virtual Mass, blessing for all graduating students and thanking them for their service and learning and a way for a nice send off. It is also a blessing for teachers.

Relay for Life: cancer research

Student Council have been doing a phenomenal job and are planning some great events, eg. talent show and sporting event.

Students are really missing these activities. Staff are committed to bringing together these events.

Virtual Grad Mass: Similar format as last year with 5-6 students and staff participating. This will be shown in the evening.

## **Principal's Report**

C. Cini

The Public Budget Consultation for the 2021-2022 Budget remains open until next week. Please find the links below to the pre-recorded presentation providing information regarding the budget development process. There is an opportunity to provide feedback through the *ThoughtExchange* platform.

Pre-recorded Presentation:

<https://youtu.be/kKNmdzuORzE>

Link to *ThoughtExchange*:

<https://my.thoughtexchange.com/609468425>

Uniform change. McCarthy's are producing the golf shirts.

Hoodies are part of the new Iona school uniform and were purchased for the Grade 9's.

The hoodies will be distributed either on or before textbook collection.

School Foyer: There have been some changes, new artwork and it has been repainted with a new scripture quote around the rim of the chapel.

6 flags will be kept. Canada, Ontario, People flag, Mississauga of the Credit, Mississauga and Pride flag.

Yearbook: Last submissions were made.

Mr. Tingle and his team put together a 146-page yearbook the students will receive by the end of the school year rather than leave this for the Fall. This includes photo of the students and teachers who took a picture of themselves during Zoom classes.

Graduation Ceremony: A video ceremony will be posted on June 28<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m.

Grad Mass: more details to follow.

Check Google classroom for updates.

June 29<sup>th</sup>: In lieu of a graduation mass, students and their families will be invited to pick up diplomas, awards, etc. Fortunately, the physical site for Iona allows for social distancing.

Students are encouraged to attend in their caps and gowns and photo opportunities will be made available.

Grad photos can be booked the week of June 21<sup>st</sup>.

Athletic Letters: graduating students will be asked sign this as they make their way through.

Discussions were held with the Grade 12 students back in March with suggestions about what to do for graduation.

School Valedictorian: There were 4 candidates, the winner has not yet been announced.

Quad 3: Report cards for Quad 3 are available on April 30<sup>th</sup> and are found in the board email.

Quad 4: Mid-Quad 4 marks will be posted on May 20<sup>th</sup>.

Quad 4 CPT's are due June 18<sup>th</sup>.

Textbooks are being distributed for Quad 4, pick up location has been moved outside.

Importance of ensuring that all textbooks and materials that were distributed are returned.

Graduate Awards: students self-nominate.

Google Classroom for the graduating students. Check this site.

Last year and in previous years, school council has sponsored some awards

\$100 scholarship and two-\$200 awards for those students who had some difficulty throughout the year

Total of \$500

Agreement by Council to have the school sponsor these named Alumni awards.

Important reminder to all students and parents:

\*check board emails regularly for important updates and community bulletins

\*follow us on Twitter and Instagram or both

Last council meeting is May 19<sup>th</sup>.

## **New Business**

No Report

## **Adjournment**

The meeting of Iona Catholic Secondary School was adjourned.

**Next meeting Date:** Wednesday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 7 p.m.


## OAPCE update for April 26, 2021


- the upcoming OAPCE provincial conference will take place May 14 & 15th 2021. First speaker will be his Eminence Cardinal Collins. Visit <https://www.oapce.org/conference-2021/> for registration and further information
- The next and final meeting for **OAPCE Dufferin Peel representatives** will be on May 26, 2021
- The April edition of *The Parents 4 Parents Press* OAPCE newsletter is now available, you can view it at: [https://drive.google.com/file/d/1csT-COThkE4C\\_-UxqPoTFxifc-NfKOtg/view](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1csT-COThkE4C_-UxqPoTFxifc-NfKOtg/view)

The Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board's Special Education Advisory Committee invites parents/guardian of students with diverse learning needs to attend the following virtual Parents' Reaching Out Event:

# Money Mentors Financial Literacy Virtual Workshop

The session will highlight practical ways to teach about finances at home. Tips will be shared through examples of day to day activities to engage students in learning about money, its value and how to manage it well.

 **Thursday, April 29, 2021.**  
**7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.**  
Pre-registration is required



Please use this link or QR code to register:  
<https://forms.gle/Ya1m9vuzw8o2mqPa9>  
Questions regarding the event may be directed to Erin Pagnello at [erin.pagnello@dpcdsb.org](mailto:erin.pagnello@dpcdsb.org) or 890-1221 ext 24011 by **April 10, 2021**.  
A Zoom meeting link will be forwarded to participants upon registration.

