

**St. Julia School Council Meeting**

**January 17, 2019 @ 6:30pm**

**St. Julia Catholic School, 6770 Historic Trail, Mississauga, ON**

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Present: Mr. Brian Diogo (Principal), Lina D’lorio (Teacher Representative), Karina Gigante (Co-Chair), Tania Vilarinho (Co-Chair), Christi Chiera (Secretary), Danielle Pereira (OAPCE), Diane Akam (Parent at Large), Nikki Carvalho (Parent at Large), Chris Ferrao (Treasurer), Jennifer Fabrizi (Parent at Large)

Absent: Ms. Rita Davenport (Vice-Principal), Shirley Barrington (Parent at Large), Ashley Medeiros (Parent at Large),

1. Call to Order - The regular meeting was called to order by Mr. Diogo. and a quorum was present.
2. Opening Prayer
3. Welcome and Introductions – Karina Gigante and Tania Vilarinho Co-Chairs, welcomed everyone to the meeting. Mr. Diogo welcomed all persons in attendance
4. Approval of the Agenda – Agenda was approved
5. Approval of the Minutes – Approval of minutes with addition of Chris Ferrao as present
6. New Business

ITEM	NOTES	DECISION	NEXT STEPS & PERSON RESPONSIBLE
<b>Old Business: Skate Day</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• February 23, 2019 from 6:30pm-8:00pm</li> <li>• Iceland Complex</li> <li>• 8 volunteers from high school</li> <li>• \$300 for ice rental</li> <li>• \$200 towards coffee, tea, donuts</li> <li>• bean bags and other ice play items from previous years</li> <li>• pro-grant covers up to \$900</li> <li>• any new items Ms. Corrente can use for recess guardians (Lego, board games)</li> <li>• flyer and save the date to be created and distributed</li> <li>• 3 raffles for prizes to keep track of numbers in attendance</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jennifer Fabrizi to purchase board games, Lego, toys</li> <li>• Karina Gigante to create Save the Date flyer</li> </ul>
<b>New Business: OAPCE</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Danielle Pereira will be attending the 79th summit entitled “Renewing the Promise of Catholic Education” at St. Francis Xavier</li> </ul>		
<b>OLD BUSINESS: Uniform Survey</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• suggested there be a monthly survey distributed to parents with relevant and timely questions</li> <li>• can utilize Survey Monkey of Google Slide</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Uniform Survey to be created</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Danielle Pereira will create survey for distribution to be approved by school council.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• will be distributed via email and printed if required</li> <li>• 75% of family vote required (not per child)</li> <li>• next step just need a viable amount to go ahead with vote</li> <li>• no criteria from this before goes to formal vote</li> <li>• multiple selections for different grades, grade 8 families can vote and will be filtered out</li> <li>• instructions will be in the body of email</li> <li>• parents given one week to respond</li> </ul>		
<p><b>OLD BUSINESS:</b> <b>Breakfast with Santa</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• possibly have earlier in the season next year</li> <li>• no elf for pictures with Santa</li> <li>• the crafts and games were successful</li> <li>• batter and syrup amount can be halved for next year</li> <li>• more coffee required</li> <li>• a significant portion of people stayed the entire time; perhaps next year have two shifts 1.5 hours in duration each, so as to avoid overcrowding</li> <li>• create specific timeslots for pictures</li> <li>• Santa should be more visible and interactive</li> <li>• photographer was great</li> <li>• there should be better prize notification</li> <li>• more volunteers required for next year</li> <li>• more faith based next year, bigger manger, incorporate into decor and crafts, start with a prayer, advent wreath craft with explanation, Christmas carols</li> <li>• keep to St. Julia community</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• November 30, 2019 (advent weekend) date for Breakfast with Santa</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• These suggestions will be considered at the year-end meeting and first meeting of next school year</li> </ul>
<p><b>NEW BUSINESS:</b> <b>BOOGIE-A-THON</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• suggest every family donate \$25 per child instead of the traditional fundraising method</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• These suggestions will be considered at the year-end meeting</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• can use school cash online and people get receipts</li> <li>• it is unequal that only 30% of students donate and everyone dances, there should be incentive</li> <li>• save prizes from boogie-a-thon for the Christmas auction</li> <li>• create a visible way to monitor the donation progress; thermometer at front hall</li> <li>• any class that has 100% participation receives a pizza party</li> <li>• raised \$6600</li> </ul>		
<b>NEW BUSINESS: Budget</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• council has yet to be reimbursed for the \$936 from last year's pro-grant</li> <li>• Nobel Phipps previously handled the forms required to gain copyright for movie night</li> <li>• ice rental cost was assigned to general funding, will move this back to be covered by the pro-grant instead</li> <li>• \$18,000 was the projected expenditures, will likely be \$22,000</li> <li>• Carry forward no more than \$1000 for next year</li> <li>• budget spreadsheet reviewed</li> <li>• funding was based per class this year</li> <li>• teacher list needs to be inputted for auditing purposes</li> </ul>		
<b>NEW BUSINESS: Parish Update</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• with no parish representative on Council, an individual may scan and send bulletin from St. Joseph's Church Sunday to the school</li> </ul>		Parent volunteer Carol Kaminski offered to bring in bulletin with son every Monday
<b>NEW BUSINESS: OAPCE</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• we are looking to create avenue to share information more openly as an OAPCE community</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• possible creation of google classroom for OAPCE</li> </ul>
<b>OLD BUSINESS: Lunch Programs</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• parents have called Palma Pasta on their own to change orders, this must be completed one week in advance</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discuss cutlery options for Palma Pasta</li> <li>• Create survey regarding lunch providers closer to end of 2<sup>nd</sup> term</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Palma Pasta looking to no longer provide cutlery, students will be encouraged to bring their own and the office will buy large amounts of forks (this will not be in effect this term)</li> <li>• June Council meeting the lunch providers will be reviewed</li> <li>• Council may create a survey regarding the lunch providers</li> <li>• More volunteers are needed to distribute the lunches</li> </ul>		
<b>NEW BUSINESS: Spring Dance</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Council is looking to hold a spring dance on a Friday night for Grade 6, 7, 8</li> <li>• Much Music Video Dance Party costs \$800 for 2.5 hours and includes DJ, lights and props</li> <li>• Can be a chargeable event, possible cost of \$10 pp</li> <li>• Tentative date is April 26</li> <li>• Chaperones may be needed</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Diogo to discuss with Ms. Galasso</li> <li>• TBD at February meeting</li> <li>• Canvas students for interest?</li> </ul>
<b>NEW BUSINESS: Graduation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Last year people were displeased with the way Graduation was run</li> <li>• Décor- grade 7 should be involved with helping, can also assist with snacks</li> <li>• Motivational speaker was discussed, handouts were provided, this was not brought forward as the ceremony was already quite long but could be on a separate day to engage all students</li> <li>• It was discussed to possibly move entire Graduation ceremony and reception to the Mississauga Convention Centre</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tania Vilarinho may look for motivational speakers for another day, possibly tie into career day</li> <li>• Ongoing discussion about venue change and role of grade 7 students</li> </ul>
<b>NEW BUSINESS: New activities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Looking to do an Easter Celebration next year</li> <li>• Mother/Father day events planned</li> <li>• Look at mindfulness programming,</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Subcommittee to be formed next year</li> <li>• June meeting make calendar of events for coming year</li> </ul>

	empowerment project, yoga, Happiness Day <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• discuss implementation into classroom, buddy system, parent engagement, orientation nights, survey</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• More visibility of council at open house</li> </ul>
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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

- Primary Christmas Concert went very well, positive feedback from attendees
- Breakfast with Santa was a success
- Cash online continues to go well with lunch providers - data will be collected later in year to decide which providers will carry on next year
- Junior girls and boy's basketball are running
- Crochet, Lego and Beyblade clubs continue
- Chess is starting up, 18 boards were ordered, Wednesday and Friday will be running; it was noted that other schools have pro-chess instructors attend
- Recess Guardians continues - during inclement days will buddy up
- Youth Faith Ambassadors continue
- Student Council continues to work on activities
- Winter Activity Club has started
- February 13 St. Augustine will be holding a Cannabis education session for half an hour starting at 6:30pm, 15 schools in attendance, there will be student led sessions around stem, 4-5 kids will be presenting the green screen with Ms. Kerrigan, there will be 13 sessions people can choose from, students can go during the day and bring information back to the classrooms, parents can attend in the evening
- June 5 Paul Davis will be presenting in the day and evening surrounding Social Networking Safety; this is for the entire school
- May 7-9 Aussie X will be attending St. Julia to present on empowerment, self-esteem session; this is done through dance, cricket, footie - parents can attend in the evening on May 9; this is funded by the Outdoor Education Grant
- May 10 Mother's Day event; funding \$1000
- June 14 Father's Day Event; funding \$1000; may ask Conservatory Group for funding for both
- The \$600 per classroom was well-received and went towards science in school, games, crafts, furniture; it was empowering for teachers
- Intermediate trips are going ahead; Grade 7 going to Muskoka Woods for Winter Camping, end of February, 3 nights, will discuss confirmation, kindness, \$300 per student; Grade 8 Quebec City, 4 nights, taking a coach bus, \$800 per child; 90% of students going
- Confirmation Retreat is February 26
- Graduation Mass is June 19 with the other schools
- Graduation Luncheon and Dance is June 24, reception of Mississauga Convention Centre
- EQAO- Grade 3 is May 21-24; Grade 6 is May 27-30
- May 28 end of year Mass
- March 6 is Ash Wednesday; teachers will give ashes to students
- Lentin Mass is April 3 at school
- The school runs the possibility of losing 40 students next year, total school population is 400, may lose 2 teachers; seniority based
- In the next 5 years the school could get as small as 270 kids due to declining enrollment
- Ms. Pace will be off for 2 months; replacement hired
- Video was shown regarding student run parent teacher interviews which will be in some classrooms; interviews are February 7 and 8
- March 5 is Shrove Tuesday

Meeting adjourned at 9:20pm

Meeting Minutes prepared by:

C. Chiera. \_\_\_\_\_ (Signature)

Approved by:

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