



St. Marcellinus Secondary School

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St. Marcellinus Secondary School Council Meeting Minutes of Monday, March 1, 2021 via Zoom

In Attendance: Jennifer Cazabon, *Chair*; Tara Merritt, *Secretary*; Carnisa Vincent, *Co-Treasurer*; Augustine Lawrence, *Parish Representative*; Nobel Phipps, *Co-Parish Representative*; Tara Ryan-Gaube, *OAPCE Representative*; Silvia Rinaldi, *Parent Member*; Susan Laughton, *Parent Member*; Tina Rizzuto Willan, *Parent Member*; Annibale Iarossi, *Principal*; Daniella Gizzi, *Vice Principal*; Olivera Glasford, *Vice Principal*; Sheena Agius, *Vice Principal*; Jessica Turi, *Teacher Representative*; Luz del Rosario, *Catholic School Board Trustee*; Alesha Koylass, *Student Representative*; A.J. Hilario; Marta Andrzejewski; Anna Morgado; Hanson [full name unknown]; Kalpana [full name unknown].

Regrets: Colleen-Tracie Mexner, *Vice Chair*; Chris Ferrao, *Treasurer*; Daliah Solomon-Smith, *Parent Member*.

A. Routine Matters

1. Acknowledgement of First Nations Sacred Territory
D. Gizzi acknowledged and thanked the Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation for being stewards of the sacred territory within which St. Marcellinus SS exists.
2. Opening Prayer
D. Gizzi led everyone in the opening prayer.
3. Welcome and Introductions
J. Cazabon called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone to the meeting.
4. Review and Approval of Minutes of January 11, 2021
Moved by Augustine Lawrence and seconded by Silvia Rinaldi

THAT THE MINUTES BE APPROVED

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5. Business arising from the Minutes

- Updated language for policy 4.01 to accommodate conducting business virtually shared - to be included in revised version of by-laws template. Updated wording is being sent to the Board for approval but hasn't yet. Luz confirmed each council can update their by-laws based on this updated wording now.

Moved by Jennifer Cazabon and seconded by Tara Merritt

**THAT THE ST. MARCELLINUS CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL BY-LAWS
BE AMENDED TO REFLECT THE UPDATED LANGUAGE PER POLICY 4.01
AND BE APPLIED RETROACTIVELY TO THE START OF THE 2020-2021
SCHOOL YEAR**

CARRIED

6. Review and Approval of Meeting Agenda

- Amendments required:
 - Date to be corrected to January 11, 2021
 - Board Trustee to provide update after Student Report

Moved by Tina Rizzuto Willan and seconded by Silvia Rinaldi

THAT THE AMENDED AGENDA BE APPROVED

CARRIED

B. Business Matters

1. Annual Review of Catholic School Council By-laws
 - See above in Business arising from the Minutes.

Commented [TMM1]: Jenn – do you have the wording that we could include here?



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C. Reports

1. Student Report – Alesha Koylass, Deputy Prime Minister of Student Council
 - Planning another game night – first game night (Minecraft) was very successful, so planning another one where students will play Among Us
 - Planning for St. Patrick’s Day and Easter – students are more engaged when the event can be done with friends, or there is a prize. St. Patrick’s Day event will be on March 17. Easter event will be before or after Holy Week. Nothing finalized yet
 - Announcements on Student Council activities will be posted on InstaGram and Twitter. Students can also contact via email: marcyscouncil@gmail.com.
2. Trustee Report – Luz del Rosario
 - Happy to be with us again
 - At the last Board meeting it was agreed that Council funds can be carried into next year (as expected very little is being spent this year).
 - Graduation – CCAC has given input, input from other groups received so expected Board guidance/report soon (maybe this week). Board has convened a Grad committee to ensure consistency between schools.
 - Grad photos – not hygienic to share gown and cap – traditionally gown and cap is part of grad fee (approx. \$20 of the fee) so maybe students can use their own.
 - 64 nurses from Peel Health assigned to region to help with contact tracing, reviewing COVID procedures and precautions but not helping with asymptomatic testing.
 - SMSS will be an asymptomatic testing site – not sure when that will start. LifeLabs will administer.
 - March’s virtue is kindness.
 - March Break deferred to week of April 12.
3. Teacher Report – Jessica Turi
 - Not a lot to update in terms of extra-curricula activities
 - Black History Month wrapped up – different guest speakers, access to seminars posted in class sights, students did morning reflections
 - Yearbook looking for photos – only 600 students have submitted their yearbook photo. Parents asked to encourage their kids and friends
 - Grad yearbook – baby photo and quote due March 6
 - Athletes who are going to post-secondary for their sport are encouraged to send in any photos



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- Wellness Scoop starting (student initiative) – poster that teachers will post in their classroom on Fridays to help students keep their mental health in check.
4. Treasurer Report – Daniella Gizzi on behalf of Chris Ferrao
 - No update – current balance of \$661 is unchanged from the last report
 - Council expecting to receive annual grant of \$500
 5. Parish Report – Augustine Lawrence
 - Reached out to St. Joseph and St. Francis Xavier re: community outreach – Jenn shared via email.
 - St. Joseph doing gift card drive – overwhelming response.
 - Both parishes are running “bundle Sundays” where they will collect gently used items – St. Francis Xavier is on the weekend of May 1-2; St. Joseph is on the weekend of May 17-18.
 - All youth activities cancelled for now.
 6. OAPCE Report – Tara Ryan-Gaube
 - OAPCE website (www.droapce.com) has lots of information including upcoming meetings, recordings of webinars (e.g., Sarah Westbrook re: bringing anxiety levels down), and so on.
 - Updates/information will be sent to council via email when it is received
 - Attendance at meetings/webinars has been good – parents are encouraged to attend.
 7. Chair Report – J. Cazabon
 - 3 questions from Board regarding Graduation were sent to Council via email – thank you to those who responded. Lots of ideas, feedback has been shared with board. An update should be available on Thursday at CCAC meeting. Board is working very hard to ensure there is equity across schools for graduates – focusing on ensuring something is done, better than last year. Any additional ideas or input can be sent to Jenn.



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- Dismantling racism, sexism, homophobia, etc. within board and within community.
 - There will be presentations on these topics so we can all learn.
 - There will be resources for our students.
 - Working on decolonizing the curriculum and how certain topics are taught.
 - Courses specifically focused on Indigenous students, programs that involved Indigenous and Black students and families.
 - Jenn will share info when available – parents encouraged to attend with their student.

- 8. Principal's Report – A. Iarossi
 - Follow-up on last point in Chair Report – our school has got student group together to talk about and provide support for students – Marcellinus Alliance for Diversity and Equity (MADE). Students from grades 9-12 are working on this. They are also consulting on a mural so students can see themselves in the school.
 - Mental Health Group for Students – recently introduced, offers student support for some of the challenges we are facing during COVID. Details to be shared with students soon.
 - Clubs:
 - More and more students asking for groups to be started – one request was “pre-med group” – will be advertised soon.
 - Yearbook group active.
 - Student Council active.
 - In early stages of scheduling for 2021-2022 for semester system and then will have to adjust on the fly if anything changes (easier to pivot from semester to quad not vice versa). Still accepting registrations for Grade 9s and 10s.
 - Auto Shop teacher posting is being re-posted.
 - OSSLT info is out – only for students who are attending in person. More info to come. Will likely be broken up into a series of days and will be all online. If you pass you get credit, if you fail you can retry next year.



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- Guidance update:
 - March 23 - Guidance hosting a college degree panel for Grades 10 and 11. Watch Twitter for details.
 - Grad list posted – ensure name is on list and spelling is correct
 - Scholarship opportunities on Grade 12 Google class
 - 2021-2022 course selections completed – working with students to review and finalize choices in coming weeks.

9. Other Business

1. Concerns Raised to Council:

- Q: Any discussion on what to do with the “leftover day” on Q3 due to push on March Break?
A: No – school calendar remains as published other than March Break change
- Q: Is it possible to let students into the school earlier on inclement weather days?
A: As of now, the 15-mins before is what has to be followed as teachers are only on duty 15-mins before in class. The school cannot have kids gathering. No further update/changes received from the Board.
- Q: When are grad hoodies being delivered?
A: The grad hoodies are expected later this week. Pick-up will be coordinated (likely by alphabet) – details will be announced to students.
- Q: Have all textbook shortages been resolved?
A: Yes to the best of the knowledge of the school administration. If any students still do not have their textbook, please contact Ms. Gizzi.
- Q: Is Grade 9 Math EQAO happening this year?
A: Unsure. It was planned for January but didn’t materialize. Have not received an updated from the Ministry since re-opening – so not sure if it will be written in Quadmester 3 or 4. More to come. Students will be advised in their classroom if it is going to happen.

10. Agenda items for next meeting

- None



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11. **Closing Prayer**

D. Gizzi led everyone in the closing prayer.

12. **Adjournment**

The meeting of the St. Marcellinus Secondary School Council was adjourned at 8:04pm

13. **Future Meetings - via Zoom until further notice**

Monday, May 3, 2021

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