

Catholic School Advisory Council Meeting
September 30, 2020 @ 6:30pm
Microsoft Teams Meeting

Attendance

Vesna Zovko (Non Teaching rep)
Samantha Welch (Parent at Large / voting member)
Tosin Duru (Parent at Large / voting member)
Marisa Gentile (Fundraising Chair)
Vanessa Menszies (OAPSE Rep)
Zenon Rodrigues (Parent at Large / voting member)
Rachael DiClemente (Parent at Large / voting member)
Jennifer Tran (Parent at Large / voting member)
Moya Marr (Chair)
Angela Longerich (Treasurer)
Jeff Daly (Vice principal)
Dion Marchand (Principal)
Carm Moody (Teacher rep)
Denise Osagie (Parent at Large / voting member)

Absent / Regrets

Jennifer Ciccone: Regrets (Parent at Large / voting member)
Matthew Trudwell: Regrets (Parent at Large / voting member)
George Ling: Regrets (Parent at Large / voting member)
Loida Adugayan: Absent

Opening Prayer

Approval of agenda by Mrs. Menszies, seconded by Mrs. Gentile
Approval of minutes by Mrs. Longerich, seconded by Mrs. Gentile

Update from Chair

- Cheque from Kidssentials from last part of school year (February and first part of March) has been received
- There will be no Kidssentials or Pita Pit or Pizza orders so we won't be able to generate money from those sources this year
- We have a tradition of recognizing staff on their birthday and Moya has continued it. She would like to make it a priority to continue this tradition as it is meaningful to staff. Approved by Mrs. Gentile.

Treasurer

- End of year balance is \$19,273.83
- This balance was the same on July 31, 2020
- Mr. Daly confirmed that the August and September statements are available

OAPCE

- Today was the first meeting but it conflicted with our CSAC meeting
- Nothing to report

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT September 2020

Academics / Athletics / Faith / School items

- First day of school was September 8th, 2020.

Updates:

- Restructuring: We were projected to have 466 students, but we had 140 go online and now we have 326 presently in the school. We had 5 teachers go to teach online We recently hired a grade 8 teacher (Mr. Hicks) and a .4PT teacher. Our class structure is as follows: FDK full and one-half class, Gr. 1, Gr. 1/2 split, (2) Gr. 2/3 split classes. Gr. 3/4 Split, (2) Gr. 4/5 Split classes, (2) Grade 6 classes, Gr. 7 Class, Grade 7/8 split and (2) Grade 8 classes.
- Next time parents can switch to online or come back to in class teaching is November 1st.
- Fire Drills and Lockdowns: We are waiting directions from the Board to see what those drills will look like but in the meantime, teachers are reviewing with students the verbal directives of a lockdown and fire drill.
- Our masses will be virtual this year.
- There has been some communication from the Parish to all parents of grade 2 and 3 students regarding First Communion and all Grade 7 and 8 parents regarding the Confirmation. We sent out letters via School Messenger from the Parish updating these sacraments. Please contact the church directly if you need clarification on First Holy Communion and Confirmation if you missed it last year or are scheduled to have it this year.
- No Food programs this year for the school (Pizza, Lunch Lady or Pita Pit)
- Athletics will be postponed until further notice
- Assemblies will not take place, but we will have some virtual events using the SMART BOARDS. Such as mass, stations of the cross, etc.
- Virtues: Done in the class with the distribution of medals and certificates within the classroom.
- Recess: We are currently working on getting students out for lunch for a 20-minute break. We are in the process of hiring student monitors and many parents have applied. This will take several weeks to put in place because we are waiting for criminal reference checks.
- Photo Day is on hold until further notice
- See and Hear testing cancelled until further notice
- No Details about HPV and Hep B vaccines yet
- Oct. 12th Thanksgiving no school
- Oct. 19th-21st CCAT testing for grade 4 students

Question from Moya: Mr. Marchand asked to speak to graduation for last year's Grade 8 students.

- Mr. Marchand reported that it is highly unlikely that there will be a ceremony
- The trustees are in discussions around this issue
- Mr. Marchand is waiting for direction from the Board to tell us how to distribute diplomas and awards

Comment from Mrs. Longerich: Thank you to Mr. Marchand for implementing the protocols that are in place at St. Sebastian School to keep the children and staff safe.

Report from Sharon Hobin

- Greetings and thanks to all participating on council and all staff
- Congratulations to students for following rules and protocols
- This year, Dufferin Peel has a lower enrolment (coming from the Kinder area)
- When enrolment is down, funding is down and the Board was already in a 2 year deficit
- The Board has received many grants from the government for PPE, custodians, technology, hiring retired principals to administer online learning platform
- The federal monies were given to the provincial government to distribute
- One of the biggest challenges that the Board is facing is providing access to technology (8,000 online secondary students and 15,000 online elementary students)
- Only today were all online students settled
- There is a shortage of teachers in Dufferin Peel
- At the end of August, the Ministry asked the Boards to come up with 3 scenarios for school
 - One of Dufferin Peel's scenarios was to end the school day 40 mins early so teachers could have their planning time
 - This model was rejected by the ministry so we have the current model
- Peel Public Health has recently released the following: children with symptoms have to be tested or a doctor's note is required to return to school
- We do have covid in the schools and for the most part we can trace it back to the community

Dissolution of Council

- Motion to dissolve council by Mrs. Gentile
- Seconded by Mrs. Welch

2020/2021 Council:

Chair: Mrs. Marr

Treasurer: Mrs. Longerich

OAPCE: Mrs. Menzies

Secretary: TBD

Parish Rep: Dion to liaise

Chair of Fundraising: Mrs. Gentile

- Moya asked Mr. Marchand to clarify what is the role of a voting parent at large
- Mr. Marchand posted and reviewed by-laws

Future Meeting Dates:

Wednesday, November 4, 2020 @ 6:30 pm

Wednesday, January 20, 2021 @ 6:30 pm

Wednesday, March 10, 2021 @ 6:30 pm

Wednesday, April 28, 2021 @ 6:30 pm

Wednesday, June 9, 2021 @ 6:30 pm