

SAINT CATHERINE OF SIENA

2350 Hurontario Street North, Mississauga, Ontario L5B 1N1

UNAPPROVED MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING

Thursday, October, 7th @ 7:00pm

Attendance: Mr. Scicluna (Principal), Mrs. Pompili Bosco (Vice Principal), Mrs. Carlesimo (Chair), Mrs. Teixeira (Secretary), Mr. Shiekh (Treasurer).

St. Catherine of Siena, would like to welcome back Mr. Scicluna our new Principal. We had the pleasure of having his guidance and support for our school before he was reassigned. He has now returned and we welcome him with open arms and look forward to his leadership and guidance for both staff and students. At St. Catherine of Siena, we always welcome all Parents / guardians to join our council meetings. Council meetings are put into an effect to improve student achievement, well being and surrounding community. A Catholic School Council's primary purpose is to make recommendations to the principal of the school and the board established in the council. We promote the values and sacraments of the Catholic vision and Dufferin Peel Catholic District School Board. Meetings will be taken place on days and times listed below. These meetings are done via ZOOM. If you would like to join our meetings, please feel free to contact the school for further information.

Up Coming Council Meeting Dates:

Thursday, November. 4th, 2021

Thursday, February. 3rd, 2022

Thursday, May 5th, 2022

Appointees For (2021 -2022) School Year:

Chair: Carlesimo, Diana

Treasurer: Shiekh, Arif

Secretary: Teixeira, Kimberley

Principal's Report – CSC

Re-Organization:

- We've had two re-organizations this opening school year one on August. 30th and the other on September. 20th.
- On August. 30th – we learned that over 47 students would be remaining on-line. With this being said our student count went from 490 students to approximately 440 in the school. Leaving us with 18 classes instead of 21.
- 3.6 teachers were re-assigned to other schools.
- On September. 30th, we had to re-organize once again due to the results of a loss of another class (18-17), and another 1.2 staff members.
- This school year there is no (*Hybrid learning*). Students are asked to either be on-line or in-school. In February another survey will take place. Parents/ guardians and students are asked to fill this survey out to recap the options of student status for on-line or in-school learning. With this being said it is possible for another re-organization at that time.

Covid Protocols:

- **Self Assessment tool:** Before coming to school, parents / guardians are expected to screen their child(ren) daily for any symptoms using the Self-Assessment tool developed by the Province of Ontario.
- Green Approval tags can be printed or shown on a device. The school will also provide students with laminated Green Tags that can be hung off their backpacks.
- **Expectations for Lunch:** All Students are to arrive to school with a lunch, snacks and reusable water bottle (filled).
- If a student falls ill at school and has a sibling in another class who also attends St. Catherine of Siena, **students will be sent home with their siblings.** We kindly ask when doing your Self assessment screening at home if one child is ill, or has any symptoms please keep all siblings at home until screening is cleared.
- **Morning announcements:** Every Morning a friendly reminder to all staff and students about covid safety.
 - **CORE** - Hand Washing, Distancing, Mask Wearing and Daily Screening
 - **Washroom** – Signing in and out, no more than two students at a time.
 - Directional walking in the hallways
 - Proper use of water fountains
 - Rules and regulations for Indoor recess breaks
- **Outdoor Time (60-70 minutes a day) (School Map)**
- **Outdoor Learning Blocks – 40 Minutes** - Outdoor Learning Breaks for students are provided by the classroom teacher, during instructional time. Students have access to the outdoors for 40 minutes. This will ensure that all students are provided with appropriate outdoor time while

maintaining physical distancing in the school yard. Outdoor times provide students with breaks from wearing masks, within their cohorts, when physical distancing can be observed. Whenever possible, teachers are encouraged to take advantage of other opportunities for outdoor learning, maintaining physical distancing requirements. Sample learning opportunities that can occur during these outdoor instructional times include but are not limited to: Physical education, DPA, Independent Reading, Science Exploration, The Arts, etc.

- **Recess: 15- and 20-minute blocks outdoors daily.**

Lanyards: Our School has purchased St. Catherine of Siena Lanyards and agendas for every child at St. Catherine of Siena, including those on-line. These Lanyards can be used to hold your child's mask while at school. Those attending in-school learning have already received their agendas and are waiting on the arrival of their lanyards. For students learning on-line will be able to come to the school and pick up an agenda and lanyard.

Outdoor Learning Phys. Ed Equipment: St. Catherine of Siena Purchased and distributed to every class Phys. Ed Equipment for all students to enjoy within their cohorts.

1st Communion/Confirmation: A information Email has been sent to Grade. 2 and 7 parents / guardians from the school/church on October 4th. If you have not received this email, please kindly check your junk folder.

Sensory Path and Staff PD Focus: A Sensory path was will in place for all students use. This will be set up during the month of October. At St. Catherina of Siena Our main focus is the safety and well being of all students and Equity. During these difficult times we want our students to feel heard and most importantly safe when in school or on-line.

School Photography (Picture Day): We are so excited to announce picture day will happen with safety protocols and measures. School Photo Day is set for Tuesday, November 16th. However, with that being said there will be no "class group photos" to follow covid protocols on social distancing's.

Fundraising: Our Council is working on ideas for school fundraising and are open to any ideas fellow parents/ guardians may have. If so, please feel free to contact the school. All fundraising ideas will be brought forward in our next council meeting.