

SAINT CATHERINE OF SIENA

2350 Hurontario Street North, Mississauga, Ontario L5B 1N1

UNAPPROVED MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING

Thursday, February. 3rd, 2022

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

Here at St. Catherine of Siena, we would like to thank all those who donated in gift cards to provide those in need during the Christmas holidays. With the grace of God, we also thank St. James School who was able to help us out for this amazing cause. We together were able to donate to a total of 25 families. With the Return to school after the holidays we have been managing relatively well despite the COVID variant still going in our surrounding communities. Here at St. Catherine of Siena continue to take on COVID safety measures and protocols to keep all students and staff safe during difficult time. We thank all parents and guardians for being patience and all those who have continue to follow protocols and pre school screening. Every little thing we do properly helps to keep our families healthy and our classrooms and school open. **Vaccination:** School Based Vaccination Clinic are available for community use at St. Catherine of Siena on Saturdays. **Rapid Antigen Tests:** Kits of two tests each were distributed and will continue to be made available on as needs basis. Please feel free to contact our front office staff for further information. On a up happier note, we are looking into buying two new Basest ball nets for the back of the school, all though this has been quite the challenge. **Graduation:** With Grad right around the corner we are happy to say Graduation Photographs are on the go, and further information will be provided closer too. We are looking a happier, brighter days a head and thank the lord we are able to do this for our grads. Graduation celebrations are still however waiting on further information and guidance due to COVID measures. **Council Meetings:** We 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, May 5th, 202

Appointees For (2021 -2022) School Year:

Chair: Carlesimo, Diana

Treasurer: Shiekh, Arif

Secretary: Teixeira, Kimberley

Principal's Report – CSC

Principal's Update for February 3, 2022

Covid 19 News

- Our absence rate is regularly around 10 percent
- As you may have heard the Ministry will consider closing schools if the staff/student absent rate exceeds 30%
- Current increased capacity limits do not apply to schools at this time, unfortunately we are still unable to invite parents into our buildings or hold assemblies in the gym... hopefully this will change soon.
- A community information bulletin was sent to parents today re: a consent form for upcoming school-based vaccination clinics for 5-11 year old's.
- Our Board is working with Peel Health on planning on when and where to host voluntary school-based vaccination clinics for this age group.
- Originally the thought of consent forms for vaccinations was redundant because we thought parents would be accompanying their children at the time of vaccination. But the Ministry of Education now has mandated that all school boards send consent forms in email and paper copy to parents of students aged 5 to 11 years and to ensure that principals collect the
- To date, I have not been informed that St. Catherine of Siena will be a potential future site for in-school vaccinations. However, that may change if there is enough interest. A clinic held during the school day at a DPCDSB school is open to only children enrolled in the school and the child's family members. Parents will be required to accompany their child to the clinic held in the school during the school day. No child will be vaccinated in a school day clinic without parental accompaniment.
- They ask that parents who agree to volunteer and complete the consent form to return their forms to the school by Feb. 8th.

COVID – notification and letters

- If we have a known case (a child or staff informs us they have COVID) we will send a letter, via email, to the class, community and PPH.
- No class dispersals
- We report daily the percentage of students and staff are away (bums in the building). If we are ever at more than 30 percent, we'd report this to PPH.

COVID Screening Protocol

- Daily parental screening at home before leaving for school is extremely important
- Thank you for signing off the daily verification sheet for each of your children every morning before they come to school
- There have been some line-ups, but getting better

COVID Symptoms/Protocols

The latest guideline from Peel Health:

Students exhibiting any one of the following symptoms is consistent with COVID 19 infection should stay home:

1. Fever of 37.8 C or higher or chills
2. Continuous, more than usual coughing not related to asthma
3. Shortness of breath
4. Decrease or loss of smell/taste

Or 2 or more of the following symptoms:

1. Runny or congested nose
2. Headache
3. Sore Throat
4. Muscle Aches
5. Extreme Fatigue
6. Nausea and/or diarrhea

If student has a confirmed case of COVID The student and household members must isolate

- 5 days of isolation if fully vaccinated or under 12 years of age
- 10 days of isolation if not fully vaccinated and older than 12 years of age

Do you have to re-isolate after you have isolated and are fully vaccinated?

- Not if you were the initial positive case in the household. Yes, if you were not the first to test positive.

Graduation

- Waiting for further information
- Grad photographs still a go

Report Cards

- Term one report cards will continue to be sent electronically to student email addresses again this term.
- You can expect them to be in your child's email as early as Thurs. Feb. 10 or as late as Tues. Feb. 15

Teacher/Parent Interviews

- Will begin after report cards have been delivered to parents
- Traditionally we have held interviews the Thursday evening and during the day the PA Day Friday after they are released.
- Meetings cannot be in-person so staff have been directed to do them over Zoom, Google Meet, TEAMS or over the old-fashioned phone based on parent/teacher comfort level.
- We will send an email to all parents, they can compete on-line, and teachers will notify parents if they want an interview, and confirmation times.

February 22nd Learning Modality Transition Date

- Parents were given the opportunity to decide on the learning modality from Jan 14 to Feb. 22.
- We had 79 students chose the temporary switch to online until Feb. 22
- Parents were given the opportunity to decide on the learning modality for Term Two (Feb. 22 to June 30)

- We four students coming back, and 11 going from in-person to remote.
- As a result, we will not experience re-organization nor collapsing of classes which is great for consistency.

Graphics Around the School

- Had new graphics installed, down each stairwell, graduation wall, No Hate, and several posters.

Weather Related School Closures

- Please check the Dufferin-Peel web page for announcements
- Decisions are posted as early as 6 a.m.
- If transportation is cancelled in zone 1 then St. Catherine of Siena will be closed for the day and learning will switch to online for the day

Equity

- Staff development
- BHM
 - o Using this month to celebrate accomplishments
 - o Saidat Resource (Gr 3/4 to 8 daily activities and Assembly at the end, K to 3 Assembly)
 - o Who Am I - over announcements – based on Trailblazer Book – a little fun
 - o Morning Music – will be that of a black artist's
 - o National Anthem - a version used to celebrate MLK will also play Lift Every Voice once a week.
 - o Virtue Assembly, Morning Prayers
 - o In class activity makes it even more real