



**St. Sofia Byzantine Catholic School Council
General Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, October 7, 2020 - 6:30 PM
Virtual Meeting**

Members in attendance

John Dmytrasz (Principal), Nuno Tome (Vice Principal), Ivanka Iwaniura (Co-Chair), Oksana Voloshyn (Co-Chair), Victoria Kit (Treasurer), Nataliya Shved (Parish Rep.), Oksana Volchuk (Community Rep.), Mariya Mazur (Parent), Olga Doubinska (Parent), Ewa Chalupa (Parent), Yulia Yarema (Parent).

Regrets

Andrea Pinchak (Secretary), Natalia Szpyrka-Dejneka (OAPCE Rep.)

Remarks from Trustee Mario Pascucci.

Mario Pascucci shared greetings on behalf of all trustees. Although, the times we are in are challenging, the board is working hard to ensure that curriculum is being delivered both in school buildings and remotely. He opened the floor to questions that he could bring back to the senior management team.

No questions were asked.

Opening Prayer: The Lord's Prayer

Approval of Agenda – passed M. Mazur, V. Kit

Reports

Welcoming Remarks and Principal's Report (J. Dmytrasz)

Catholicity – *we are called to affirm our Catholic faith in word and action*

- The virtue of the Month for Sept was Faith
- The virtue for the current month of October is Empathy
- Civvies day donations for the month of Sept – To Terry Fox organization
- Thank you to all parents (in both learning platforms) that have made donations for civvies days as these funds support all our charities previously identified with the parent community
- Feast day - Sept 30; Moleben was held over the PA system and led by Father Galadza

- Thanksgiving Moleben on Friday Oct 9th – will be held over the PA system led by Father Galadza
- St. Sofia Thanksgiving Food Drive runs from October 7 to October 14. All donations will be forwarded to the Mississauga Food bank. Thank you for all donations.

Re-organization:

- After re-organization, we have a total of 24 classrooms at our school
- One staff member was deployed to the board's virtual school
- Registrations have stabilized; we now service 605 students
- 540 of our students attend St. Sofia physically, while 65 students attend school using the virtual platform
- The next re-organization process may take place in November 2020

Parent Survey regarding learning platforms:

- A parent survey was sent to all parents from the school board on October 6th which addressed “parents requesting a change in the learning mode” for their child
- The firm deadline to submit a change in learning is Tuesday October 13

Updates/news:

- a) Changes to staffing – Welcome to all!
 - a. Katrusia Lewkowicz (LTO in FDK for Lisa Michalak)
 - b. Nicole Bernad (LTO for Katrusia Tolomiczenko)
 - c. Veronica Furlan (LTO for Mirka Czurylowicz)
 - d. Michael Bugeja (LTO for Natalia Babicky)
 - e. Taras Rosocha (LTO for Rena Istaifan)
 - f. Natalia Biel (LTO for Hanya Ostapiuk)
 - g. Gemma Ciofani (LTO for Christine Solowy)
 - h. Gabriel Venditto (LTO for Myroslav Baran)
 - i. Marta Kulik (LTO DECE)
 - j. Jennifer Rocha (new permanent DECE)
 - k. Ewa Jaskiewicz (new permanent ERW)
 - l. Adriana Bovdis (new permanent FDK teacher)
 - m. Jaroslav Stepanenko (new permanent Grade 7 teacher)

Upcoming Important Dates....

Date	Item
Oct 7-14	Thanksgiving Food Drive
October 9	Moleben for Thanksgiving @ 10:30am (over the PA system)
15	First Holy Confession for Grade 3 students (in school library)
17	First Holy Communion for Grade 3 students at St. Mary's church
21	Bus Driver Appreciation Day
30	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sheptytskyj Moleben (over the PA system)• Civvies day; Orange and Black theme
Nov 10	Progress Reports go home with students
11	Remembrance Day ceremony (done over the PA system)
12	Parent teacher interviews (as needed)
20	Civvies day
27	Panakhya – Holodomor (done over the PA system)

Review and Approval of Minutes (from February 3, 2020) - passed I. Iwaniura, N. Shved.

Financial Report. Review of 2019-20 Financials as of August 31, 2020 (V. Kit)

- **2019-20 Financials** – see attached
 - Most revenue is from pizza sales. However, due to the school closure the pizza fundraiser for Term 2 didn't occur. Money was returned to parents.
 - Total revenue as of August 31, 2020 is \$40 835.60.
 - Council generated \$ 16 000 from pizza sales.
 - Year-end balance-\$11 553. 68
 - \$3500 are allocated to Ukrainian department.

O. Voloshyn proposed to add this amount as a separate commitment to this year's school budget.

N. Tome proposed to use this amount in different areas of the school's needs.

O. Voloshyn and V. Kit reminded that this amount was promised to be given to the Ukrainian department to purchase Ukrainian textbooks. It was also suggested to discuss this matter with the Ukrainian Teachers and figure it out where the needs for the money are. Perhaps, the money could be partially spent on textbooks and partially on other school needs. N. Tome proposed to allocate a certain amount of money from that sum to purchase St. Nicholas gift bags. This idea was approved by O. Voloshyn and Ewa Chalupa.

Annual Report and Annual Survey are due early 2021. The Board will provide a link in early 2021. No update from the Board is available at this time.

Final Summary Report from Co-Chairs (I. Iwaniura and O. Voloshyn)

I.Iwaniura thanked the last year's parent council and emphasized the great events that happened at the school with the support from the parent council, such as Planetarium Visit, Scientists in School Workshops, Curling Experience, etc

O.Volosyn indicated that 2019-20 school year was a challenging one. She was happy that the parent council was able to support teachers' wish list and various school events. Thanked the school for organizing the virtual graduation celebration for the gr.8 students, for ordering and distributing their graduation gifts. She also acknowledged all the efforts from the admin and teachers during the distance learning. Moreover, she extended her gratitude to the former parent council members and welcomed new parents that joined the council this school year.

J. Dmytrasz thanked the co-chairs for their hard work and dedication.

Dissolution of 2019-2020 Parent Council (J. Dmytrasz)

The 2019-2020 School Council has been dissolved.

Election of 2020-2021 Parent Council.

7 members are allowed to be part of the Catholic School Parent Council and there are 7 people that are interested. The new 2020-2021 council is as follows:

Co-chairs: Victoria Kit and Nataliya Shved

Treasurer: Mariya Mazur

Secretary: Oksana Volchuk

Parish Rep: Olga Meshko-Doubinska

Community Rep: Yuliya Yarema

OAPCE Rep: Ewa Chalupa

Selection of Meeting Dates for 2020-2021.

The following dates have been selected by council for the 2020-2021 School Council meetings:

Wednesday, October 7, 2020-6:30 pm

Monday, November 9, 2020-6:30 pm

Wednesday, January 27, 2021-6:30 pm

Wednesday, February 24, 2021-6:30 pm (tentative if needed)

Wednesday, April 14, 2021-6:30 pm (tentative if needed)

Wednesday, May 12, 2021-6:30 pm

Family of Schools Virtual Meetings Schedule.

CCCSC Calendar for 2020 - 2021

Virtual Regular Scheduled Meetings		
	TIME	LOCATION
Thursday, September 10, 2020 Last meeting of 2019-2020 committee	7:00 p.m.	Virtual
Thursday, November 12, 2020 Election of New CCCSC Executive First meeting of the new committee for 2020-2021	7:00 p.m.	Virtual
Thursday, December 3, 2020	7:00 p.m.	Virtual
Thursday, January 7, 2021	7:00 p.m.	Virtual
Thursday, February 11, 2021	7:00 p.m.	Virtual
Thursday, March 11, 2021	7:00 p.m.	Virtual
Thursday, April 8, 2021	7:00 p.m.	Virtual
Thursday, May 6, 2021	7:00 p.m.	Virtual
Thursday, June 10, 2021 Volunteer of the Year Award Presentation & final meeting of the school year	6:30 p.m.	Virtual
Virtual Events		
TBD Family of Schools Chairs Meetings with Trustees, Superintendents and Principals	5:30 p.m.	Virtual
TBD Training for Catholic School Council Executive Members	8:30 a.m.	Virtual
TBD Conference and Marketplace	8:30 a.m.	Virtual
Virtual Webinars		
Audience	Date	Topic
Open to all community members and all Catholic School Councils	TBD - 7:00 p.m.	Multi-Year Strategic Plan Public Budget Consultation
Event Schedule		Zoom Presentations
Guest Speaker / Workshops: Pro-Grants		
Event	Date	Time
Return to School: Student Health and Well-Being – Dr. Monica Hau	Thursday, September 3, 2020	6:30 p.m.
TBD	TBD	TBD
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Pro grand funding for 2020-2021 is anticipated, but details will be shared shortly.

Other Discussion Items

-St. Nicholas gifts

Ask the UCU and BUCU for donations (submit the donation applications).

Contact Father Galadza and ask if he could help with some contacts in Ukraine to purchase icons or bee wax candles.

Discuss it with the Superintendent if the school can use their school generated funds to purchase items for St. Nicholas gift bags.

Form a committee to discuss important items regarding St. Nicholas gift bags purchases.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Next General Meeting (Virtual) - Monday, November 9, 2020 at 6:30 pm.