



# St. Francis Xavier Elementary School

*"Together We Grow in Mind and Spirit."*

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## March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021 School Council Minutes

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03.01.2021 at 6:06 PM | Meeting called to order by Chris French

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### In Attendance

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Arlene Aguilar, Principal	Michelle Walters, Staff Rep	Amy Donnelly
Chris French, Chair/Treasurer	Maureen Baldino, Non Staff Rep	Charissa Arghittu
Catherine Ambrose, Secretary	Renee Crone, Parish Rep	Elizabeth Bowen
Ellen Mastrangelo, Staff Rep	Samantha MacNeill, OAPCE Rep	Melissa French
Geraldine Cabral, Community Rep	Wayne Campbell, Vice Principal	Paula Anderson
		Stefanie Cachia

Regrets: Anna Da Silva, Trustee

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### Welcome and Opening Prayer | 6:07 PM

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### Parish Rep's Report | 6:10 PM

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- Fr. Liborio asked for parents to contact the parish directly for sacraments; Requested that the school start the process with initial reachout, and the process is continued through the parish directly
- Stations of the Cross is available Friday evening at 8pm, virtually via Facebook + YouTube
- Food collection for Knights Table on March 6<sup>th</sup> 10am-12pm + March 7<sup>th</sup> from 12pm-2pm

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### Approval of Minutes from November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Meeting | 6:13 PM

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The minutes from the November meeting were reviewed and approved. Approved by Chris French; second by Maureen Baldino.

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### OAPCE Report | 6:13 PM

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- OAPCE.org has a webinar series every month, and they are saved on the website
  - Medical Officer of Health, Dietician were some speakers from past sessions; many are upcoming
- OAPCE has been very active throughout the pandemic with these very beneficial sessions

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### Treasurer Report | 6:17 PM

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- \$1716.88 is the current balance; will be a great starting point for September new year
- On the school generated funds side, the balance is \$31,559.26
  - Culmination of 2019/2020 budget that should've been spent
  - Allocated for technology and library refresh, literacy and numeracy initiatives
  - Board stopped all spending last March, but allowed for funds to be rolled over into the new year
  - Earmarked for iPads and Chromebooks so that every class can benefit
  - With devices being loaned out to students, they have come back damaged; allocate funds to possibly replace or fix devices that will be returned after this school year

- Can only purchase technology at one point during the year from a board approved vendor; there is also a shortage of inventory and purchasing of technology has been difficult worldwide
- Other potential investments include:
  - New water bottle filling station
  - Recess bins for outdoor learning; one tub per classroom, sanitized by classroom
- No new funds coming in, but current budget will remain intact
- Question was posed if there was anything 'council funds' could cover; options are being looked into

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## Principal's Report | 6:34 PM

### Mental health:

- Focus is everywhere
- Was a big focus as we began COVID restrictions, but now even bigger focus as we see COVID fatigue.
- If there's anything the school can do in terms of mental health support, please do not hesitate to reach out to the school

### Lent:

- Mass is on Thursday, livestreamed by all schools with Fr. Liborio
- Youth Faith Ambassadors focusing on the virtue of Kindness and looking at outreach initiatives

- Already starting to plan for September
- 40 students registered for JK
- Projections are stable
- Currently 69 remote learning, 411 hybrid/in-person, for a total of 480 students
- At 500 students the school goes over the threshold for a full-time VP
- Only accepting in-bound students because school can not event accommodate for those who are within boundaries; currently have four portables

### COVID:

- Continuing to adhere to all COVID protocols; students + staff have risen to the occasion
- Christmas Spirit Week, Bell Let's Talk, Valentine's, March Madness coming up
- Classes are beginning to lead in morning prayer
- There have been closures in the board; if there is a class dismissal the students will continue to engage through Google Meet
- Have deployed every device during the closure; have received most devices back albeit some not in the best condition
- Only grade 7-8 students have 1:1 devices
- Intermediates had the opportunity to join an Indigenous presentation through the Board equity department, as well as the grade 8's attended a session on Black History
- Looking to have the Equity Lead speak to parent council about some of the initiatives being undertaken
- First term reports emailed; thank you to parents for virtual/phone interviews
- Masks now required outdoors, including for parents; staff must now additionally wear face shields
- Getting more strict about sending siblings home, even when only one symptom is reported (ie: tummy ache, headache)
- One symptom requires student go home for 10 days; unless a medical professional evaluates or negative COVID test is provided

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## Round Table Introductions | 6:53 PM

- Teacher Updates:
  - Students becoming accustomed to the routine of staying within their 'bubble'
  - Routines are getting easier
  - 100<sup>th</sup> day of school being celebrated tomorrow, March 2<sup>nd</sup>
  - February 16<sup>th</sup> was the 7<sup>th</sup> "first day" of school

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## Community Rep Report | 7:02 PM

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- Launched Flippgive just before the holidays:
  - Raised just over \$200
  - About 20 active members
  - After reminder email went out last week, increased with 10 new members
  - Proposal to have regular reminder in the Thunder Tracker

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## Other Business | 7:07 PM

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- No items

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## Next Meeting

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May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021 | 6:00 PM via Zoom

Motion to adjourn was made at 7:10 PM and was passed unanimously.