



St. Francis Xavier Elementary School

"Together We Grow in Mind and Spirit."

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May 17th, 2021 School Council Minutes

05.17.2021 at 6:04 PM | Meeting called to order by Chris French

In Attendance

Arlene Aguilar, Principal	Maureen Baldino, Non Staff Rep	Amy Donnelly
Chris French, Chair/Treasurer	Renee Crone, Parish Rep	Charissa Arghittu
Catherine Ambrose, Secretary	Samantha MacNeill, OAPCE Rep	Stefanie Cachia
Ellen Mastrangelo, Staff Rep		
Geraldine Cabral, Community Rep		

Regrets: Anna Da Silva, Trustee; Michelle Walters, Staff Rep; Wayne Campbell, Vice-Principal

Welcome and Opening Prayer | 6:05 PM

Approval of Minutes from March 1st, 2020 Meeting | 6:07 PM

The minutes from the March meeting were reviewed and approved. Approved by Chris French; second by Geraldine Cabral.

Parish Rep's Report | 6:08 PM

- Church is asking for some help for the India COVID outbreak
 - Prayers and any donations would be helpful
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OAPCE Report | 6:09 PM

- OAPCE.org has had their ongoing webinar series and sessions
 - All are available on the website for replays
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Treasurer Report | 6:10 PM

- \$1716.88 is the current balance; nothing has changed since last meeting
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Principal's Report | 6:11 PM

- Lenten food drive was generous
 - Stations of the Cross through Lent, and livestreamed mass continued
 - Pentecost takes place this Sunday
 - May is Asian heritage month
 - Asia is such a huge continent – it is a big celebration of many different cultures
 - Where it's a month or not, we are always to be inclusive
 - The rainbow flag will be flown at the board office during the month of June
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- Not flown at the local schools because the Canadian flag is the only flag that can be flown at the school; there cannot be a second flag on the flagpole
- March virtue of Kindness, children painted kindness rocks, wrote cards to senior citizens; world water week also took place in March
- Sacraments are on hold at the church right now, as ceremonies are still restricted
- Catholic Education Week was celebrated with all the sub-streams
- Virtual Science Trips were enjoyed by all grades in the school
- ShareLife initiative raised \$480
 - There will still be a pie thrown at Mr. Campbell + Mrs. Aguilar's face
 - Winning class has yet to be announced; perhaps teacher of winning classes can throw the pies
- If anyone is interested in being a Lunch Monitor in the Fall, now is the time to begin the process.
- 484 student projection for Fall; estimate due to remote learners (81) and students moving in and out of the community
- Reorganization is likely at many schools
- Received all webcams, speakers, microphones, tripods..
 - Some teachers have taken them home to make the experience better for students
- Last day of school is June 29th
- PA Day is on June 7th
- Lots of things were celebrated virtually: Int. Women's Day, Staff Appreciation Day, rock your socks for autism, and a lot in between.
- Graduation Plans: Communication coming very shortly; board working on particulars around graduation.
 - Parents would like consistency across schools, which is why it's taking a bit longer to operationalize. Gift is in compensation or lieu of the ceremony. Remote students will also take place. Grad photos have been booked, but based on restrictions of Covid – as not an essential service. Composites will be covered by school, but likely not available until the Fall. They will be presenting awards.
- New safe arrival program – so far good uptick. Automated app-avoids Ms. Cameron + Mrs. Baldino to make those calls.
- Live morning announcements – welcomed our student voice as much as possible, and encouraged teachers to do so. Applaud the work of the teachers in that regard. A nice community connection to start their day.

COVID:

- No further reporting of cases
- Health + Safety: new security system - individuals are on a big screen as coming to the school entrance, and viewed at the board also.
- Shout out to the staff. So many challenges and this staff has risen to the occasion. Parents are doing their best – we try as best as parents to reduce screen time, and now we're maximizing. If you need to withdraw your child, then you do that. You are your child's lifelong teacher.

BUDGET:

- For the past year and a half to two years, \$27,000 – it's been spent
- Scientist in the School virtual (\$3K), Ripley's (\$300-500), Recess bags and kits (kindergarten, primary, junior, intermediate – basically items for the children to take outside at recess – basketballs, soccer balls, skiphops, boards, pylons with discs). Also received badminton sets, cricket sets, sit cushions for outdoor education, from a grant. Equipment excited for children to use.
- Third refillable water station
- Library book fair raised ~\$540; typically it would bring in \$1500-2000. For the little amount of work it was, felt it was very successful.
- Whatever is left in terms of the \$27K, iPad is about \$500, Chromebook is \$350 – we've deployed all devised (not iPads). Parents and teachers recognize that if hybrid teaching is to continue, the access to devices is key. We are not 1:1 except in Grad 7-8 through Edwin Project.
- Board opens buying window at limited time. This is the time to order tech. Hopefully it can be fulfilled, as there is a worldwide shortage.
- 10 iPads per classroom for primary; 10 chromebooks per classroom, plus floating chromebooks throughout school

JUNE:

- Coding workshops for parents
- French summer school + literacy camps – for students that are not achieving at grade level
- Talent show coming up
- Any ideas on how we can go out with a virtual bang?
- Four new portables
 - Children have to come inside during high UV days – only library available, no extra classroom space.
 - The new ones will have air conditioning and better air flow.
 - Special funding from the government; evaluated portables and identified those that were outdated
 - Junior students are always the ones outside (Grades 4-5-6)
- Construction + workers around kindergarten yard; up for refresh.

Community Rep Report | 6:47 PM

- Flipgive raised just over \$347 total

Other Business | 6:49 PM

- Thank you everyone for participating this year

Next Meeting

Motion to adjourn was made at 6:51 PM and was passed unanimously.