



**2020-2021 Catholic School Council**

**MINUTES**

**Date: February 22, 2021- Virtual Meeting**

**Present:**

Angelo Minardi  
Sonia Dodge  
Renuka Sookhoo  
Kamaldeep Chowlia

Jen Millson  
Renu Isac  
Catherine Lindsay  
Gurjit Bajwa

Diana Speranza  
Vincenzo Angaran  
Nana Prempeh

Karen Dancy  
Caroline Storace  
Shawn Xaviour

	<b>NOTES:</b>
<b>Prayer &amp; Welcome Approval of Minutes</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Meeting began at 7:03pm and Karen welcomed us with the land acknowledgment</li> <li>Mr. Minardi led us in prayer</li> <li>Approval of Agenda by Diana, seconded by Caroline</li> <li>Approval of December 2020 minutes by Jen, seconded by Diana</li> </ul>
<b>Chair's Report Karen Dancy</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Board meeting tomorrow (Feb 23) at 7pm; call in to listen, details on website; two members of Ambrozic community will be remembered</li> <li>February is Black History Month. There are lots of resources on the Board website. <a href="https://www3.dpcdsb.org/news/events/black-history-month">https://www3.dpcdsb.org/news/events/black-history-month</a></li> <li>It is also Psychology Month: Please check board emails and follow DPCDSB's Psychology Department on Twitter at @PsychDPCDSB to learn more about school psychology practices and considerations during COVID-19, supports for teachers and parents during virtual learning, and tips for how to keep students safe and healthy online.</li> <li>Today is Human Trafficking Awareness Day</li> <li>The Central Committee for Catholic School Councils is proud to present a parent engagement event on Thursday, February 25, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. for all to attend. CCCSC will welcome Dr. Monica Hau from Peel Public Health, who will provide parents/guardians with a Peel COVID-19 update, followed by a presentation by the Canadian Blood Services. Please see the flyer attached for details and the Zoom link to participate in this event.</li> <li>Regarding graduation, the Board has formed a committee for graduation during Covid. There were discrepancies between how schools handled graduation. Some kids were given bigger gifts, like gym bags and lawn signs with more of celebration while other schools kept it simple; there needs to be equity across the board.</li> </ul>
<b>Treasurer's Report Caroline Storace</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Balance is \$232</li> <li>Awards reimbursement of \$200 (it was \$100 for each student and not \$200 as discussed at last meeting) and fundraiser for \$45 (Domino's Pizza); we had a deficit of about \$13 last update with no other activity since December</li> <li>Still waiting for board-wide approval for Flip Give</li> </ul>
<b>Student Council Updates Nana Prempeh &amp; Kamaldeep Chowlia</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>January was different due to CPTs instead of exams</li> <li>Working with Dr. Bajwa to send videos to Etobicoke General where he will present them to front line workers</li> <li>For March, yearbook submission deadline has been moved to March 5<sup>th</sup> where students are encouraged to take pictures of themselves</li> <li>Students will submit dad jokes via Google Form and will be said by Mr. Minardi during the morning announcements with voting system to see which joke was voted best and can be published into yearbook</li> <li>Create virtual and actual mental health posters to post on social media accounts and around the school as a helpful resource</li> <li>Mental health campaign in March to involve all cohorts to raise spirits</li> <li>Create playlists that boost student spirits and students will submit choices and</li> </ul>

	<p>attach this to yearbook or post in Google Classroom to share uplifting music and this can also be done in the morning to change student moods</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• March dress down day: Cohort A March 9<sup>th</sup> &amp; Cohort B March 11<sup>th</sup> awaiting approval</li> <li>• April virtual raffle giveaway; all proceeds will be donated to ShareLife, \$300 of council budget used for prizes: 1<sup>st</sup> prize \$100 Amazon card, 2<sup>nd</sup> prize Walmart card \$50x2, 3<sup>rd</sup> prize Tim's card \$20x5; the more tickets you buy, the cheaper it is</li> <li>• On April 6<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> wear bunny ears; can be bought through school cash online to send photos for yearbook</li> </ul>
<p><b>Principal's Message and Updates</b> Diana Speranza</p>	<p>Acting Principal Speranza</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All groups are very active (Brave, Anti-Bullying, Mental Health...)</li> <li>• Cohort C increased; 1012 kids are remote; remaining 450 are split between cohort A &amp; B; about 230-250 students any given day</li> <li>• Black History month group-campaign on social media celebrating black excellence going through the decades and into the present</li> <li>• Run a campaign called Hear Us where students take personal stories and exhibit to staff with film and voiceover and eventually for the community</li> <li>• CORE ran anti-black racism campaign</li> <li>• Equity committee will have full-day conference; still being organized</li> <li>• Usually a demand for the school greater than what we can hold</li> <li>• Caps are set to 378 students per grade-feeder school students come in first and then outside students apply through online process; a random selection of student names were chosen and recorded</li> <li>• 250 students applied and 162 were brought over because that is how many we have space for and they were offered spots at Ambrozic and now moving through people on waitlist</li> <li>• Online registration for grade 10-12 was open today; some spots in gr 11 &amp; 12; may not be much space in grade 10</li> <li>• Prayer service was held to remember Alexandra Frew</li> <li>• Students can speak to teachers, guidance counselor and access Guidance Google Classroom to help with volunteer opportunity recommendations; students helping with family dynamics (shoveling snow, babysitting younger siblings) can be used toward volunteer hours as well; the form for volunteer hours is found on the guidance google classroom</li> <li>• Changes with Peel Public Health and Covid; changes to protocols where daily, students entering building are showing their screening each day; go back 72 hours to when a student tested positive from onset of those symptoms for any possible transmission to determine classes who may have to self-isolate; 10+14 days students will be online if a family member tests positive</li> <li>• Mental health compliment social worker 50% of the time; 2 and 3 day weekly rotations</li> </ul>
<p><b>OAPCE Report</b> Renu Isac</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Earlier in February, family hour of code for children up to 12 years of age; about 80 attendees and hosted by regional council</li> <li>• Survey by OAPCE that closed in November was about feedback regarding back to school process and the link will be shared with all results</li> <li>• Registered dietician this Wednesday about Nutrients to Fight Covid and link will be sent out: February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2021 - Joanna Dydula, Registered Dietician, CDE (Certified Diabetes Educator) hosted by regional council, OAPCE</li> <li>• Hosting a series in March open to all parents; Paul Davis Parents Let's Talk About You</li> <li>• Roots of empathy videos and resources for parents to support children</li> <li>• <b>OAPCE Survey Results:</b> Parents were invited to complete and return to school feedback survey that closed November 27<sup>th</sup>, online. Results are now available: <a href="https://drive.google.com/file/d/1tfnXE1u79Mq-mXibG79LDeHzu0D61FB0/view">https://drive.google.com/file/d/1tfnXE1u79Mq-mXibG79LDeHzu0D61FB0/view</a></li> <li>• <b>Parent Engagement and Education Webinar Series hosted by OAPCE:</b> Three part series, register for one or all, Open to all parents of children in publicly funded</li> </ul>

	<p>Catholic schools in Ontario: <a href="https://www.oapce.org/march2021webinars/">https://www.oapce.org/march2021webinars/</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• March 2<sup>nd</sup>: Parents – Let’s Talk about YOU! Smartphones and Online Privacy, @pauldavisEDTECH</li> <li>• March 10<sup>th</sup>: Watch. Talk. Create: A Family Movie Guide. Media Specialist Anthony Perrotta will provide a guide for essential at-home watching for families with kids of all ages. With a media literacy and faith focus. @perrottatweets</li> <li>• March 24<sup>th</sup>: Wes Williams (aka Maestro Fresh Wes), “Stick To Your Vision!” @MaestroFreshWes</li> </ul> <p><b>Resources:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Roots of Empathy - <a href="#">resources for parents</a> (check out the videos and much more on their website)</li> <li>• Resources from School Mental Health Ontario <a href="#">Stress Management and Coping Virtual Field Trips – Breathing Strategies</a> (for teachers)</li> <li>• CARFLEO is the Catholic Association of Religious and Family Life Educators of Ontario. Visit their website for resources for <b>Lent in 2021 including daily prayer songs</b> and much more: <a href="https://carfleo.com">https://carfleo.com</a>.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Parish Rep</b> Renuka Sookhoo &amp; Jen Millson</p>	<p>Link to the website for ongoing updates. On the home page, there are links to FB and the Youtube channel for the masses.</p> <p><a href="https://stpatricksbr.archtoronto.org/">https://stpatricksbr.archtoronto.org/</a></p> <p><b>PARISH SCHEDULE</b> As a reminder, our parish continues to use the following schedule:</p> <p>Monday to Wednesday- <i>There is no morning Mass by phone.</i></p> <p>9:00am – The church opens for private prayer (with a limit of 10 people at any given time)</p> <p>11:00am – The church closes.</p> <p>Thursday to Friday</p> <p>8:30am – Morning Mass by conference call (the church remains closed during Mass)</p> <p>9:00am – The church opens for private prayer (with a limit of 10 people at any given time). <i>Communion is made available on Thursday</i>, but not on Friday.</p> <p>11:00am – The church closes.</p> <p>Saturday</p> <p>4:00pm – The church opens for private prayer (with a limit of 10 people), mainly so that the Sacrament of Confession is made available.</p> <p>5:00pm – The church closes; the link to Sunday's Mass online becomes available.</p> <p>8:00pm – The Parish Rosary by conference call is prayed.</p> <p>Sunday</p> <p>9:00am – The church opens for private prayer. <i>Communion is made available.</i></p> <p>11:00am – The church closes.</p>

	<p>In the event of bad weather, the decision to keep the church closed may be made.</p> <p><b>You may always check the daily recorded message by Fr. Vito when you call the parish office at (905) 794-0486.</b></p> <p>In addition, as you may have already heard, a set of 14 crosses have been placed at the edge of our parish cemetery to aid those who wish to pray the <i>Stations of the Cross</i> even while the church is closed.</p> <p><b>CONFERENCE CALL INFORMATION</b>  To participate and join in Masses or prayers by conference call, simply dial toll-free <b>1-867-292-3030</b> and use the <b>code 733-93-13</b>.</p> <p>While for the vast majority of people this is free, fees and charges <i>may</i> come from your phone service provider – so you may want to check with them to make sure toll-free numbers are included in your service.</p> <p><b>DONATING TO THE CHURCH</b></p> <p>Those who wish -and are able to do so- may contribute to the church by:</p> <p>1) dropping off your donation in the basket by the door when the church is open for private prayer</p> <p>2) mailing your donation to the church</p> <p>3) donating online at <a href="https://community.archtoronto.org/page.aspx?pid=403">https://community.archtoronto.org/page.aspx?pid=403</a> (make sure you choose "St. Patrick's Parish, Brampton" on the list!)</p>
<p><b>Chaplain Report</b>  Angelo Minardi</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prayer service for Alexandra (teacher at Ambrozic) and Michael (former student)</li> <li>• Wrapping up anti-black racism campaign of 100 days where students are spotlighted; tomorrow is day 93, everyday statements/personal comments posted about effects of racism and faces of those who are looked up to for inspiration</li> <li>• Launched Indian farmers campaign week long petition signing with 900+ student signatures with a goal to reach 1000 signatures; MPP Singh will deliver them to his brother to be presented on Parliament Hill</li> <li>• Celebrating Catholic virtues once again called CA Cares for January a student winner has already been chosen; respect is for February; create T-shirts to give to winners with the CA Cares virtues</li> <li>• Launched 9pm every other Thursday at Ambrozic Chaplaincy - Cardinal's Cry meets with CORE kids to listen to their stories and what they want to see change; first topic was relationships; next segment topic is daily stressors of students</li> <li>• CORE team are going through training, about 50-60 grade 10 students are being trained; grade 11 are planning retreat day in September</li> <li>• Lent has begun; Ash Wednesday services over the PA system</li> <li>• Pray the Rosary every Wednesday</li> <li>• Have some kind of drive during lent like gift cards or food items for the Knight's Table-still to be planned</li> </ul>
<p><b>Teacher Report</b>  Catherine Lindsay</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Three new courses are being offered next year that came from anti-black racism campaign</li> <li>• Grade 11 and 12 English that are black voices in literature and can work toward English credit; focus on education stories and experience of black experiences</li> <li>• Gr 12 social justice and equity theoretical social and historical issues related to social justice; analyze strategies to come up with positive social change as opposed to focusing on the negative things that have happened</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Waiting to hear directions from the board to see what will be done for graduation; some ideas about socially distanced procession through halls with photos of students through the grades</li> </ul>
<p><b>Vice Principal's Report</b> Vince Angaran</p>	<p>VP Angaran</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Students in grade 10-12 who have not completed OSSLT test since the ministry has cancelled this, now they are having in-person students do a field test</li> <li>• Each school will have the option to run something for online classes</li> <li>• Gr. 12 do not have to complete OSSLT or obtain 40 volunteer hours</li> <li>• Gr. 10 &amp; 11 who didn't write last year may have a chance to do so if we elect to have in-person field test between March 23-Jun 4; unsure of how many students will be at school to write the test in-person</li> <li>• Now about 1000 people on My School Day app; feedback from student perspective is welcome</li> </ul>
<p><b>Trustee Report</b> Shawn Xaviour</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No new news about graduation since Peel Public Health updates are changing</li> <li>• Cardinal Ambrozic had first asymptomatic testing center; not a large turnout</li> <li>• Currently accepting nominations of former Dufferin Peel students making contributions in their careers</li> <li>• Hacking/phishing attempt that wasn't very detrimental to many</li> <li>• Daily active screening and verification for students and staff</li> <li>• Will inquire about plans for structure of the school year in September</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Parent Council Meeting Trustee Xaviour Points</u></b></p> <p><b>Mandatory Masks</b> - Mandatory Masking Effective February 16, all students from Kindergarten to Grade 12 who will be returning to in person learning will be required to wear a mask at all times</p> <p><b>Daily Active Screening/Verification</b> - All students and staff are required to complete daily COVID-19 self-screening before coming to school. This can be easily completed online through the Provincial Screening Tool or by answering no to the questions on the back of this bulletin. The Ministry of Education and Peel Public Health requires that all secondary students attending in-person learning (in the school building) must verify that they passed the self-assessment.</p> <p><b>DPCDSB Distinguished Alumni Campaign</b> - Nominate former students of DPCDSB who are making valuable and unique contributions in their respective careers, pathways and communities.</p> <p><b>Black History Month</b> - Black Futures Speakers Series are a variety of pre-recorded sessions celebrating Black History Month. This year's Black Futures Symposium theme is "Nurturing Hope", inspired by the 2021 Catholic Education Week theme.</p> <p><b>DPCDSB Parent Engagement Event</b> - In partnership with Canadian Blood Services and Peel Public Health, DPCDSB is hosting a virtual Parent Engagement Event on Thursday February 26 to gain knowledge linked to the science and health curriculums; leadership skills and volunteer service hours that make a significant difference for our communities.</p> <p><b>Ventilation Upgrades</b> - The Ministry of Education has provided funding to purchase 600 air scrubbers. We have received approximately 160 units, the balance of units have been deployed to the board and we are currently sending it out to our schools.</p> <p><b>Mental Health Resources and Support</b> - The Ontario government has dedicated \$10 million to additional mental health supports in schools.</p> <p><b>Enrolment Report</b> - DPCDSB schools reported 45,942 elementary students and 30,651</p>

	<p>secondary students, for a total enrolment of 76,593 students on October 30, 2020. The next submission is in March 2021 for enrolment numbers to the ministry.</p> <p><b>Technology</b> - DPCDSB has ordered an additional 3200 devices to support online and hybrid learning for students and staff for the 2020-2021 school year.</p> <p><b>Custodial Services</b> - In total, 320 hours of custodial resources have been added by the DPCDSB with the funding received from the government, based on the addition of 40 casual custodians to the existing custodial staffing.</p> <p><b>Special Education</b> - The province has dedicated \$10 million to additional supports for students in special education.</p> <p><b>Holy Name of Mary Catholic Regional Secondary School Update</b> - School construction has been completed and the building inspector has given approval for students to move back into the school.</p> <p><b><u>Specific Cardinal Ambrozic Points:</u></b></p> <p><b>Cardinal Ambrozic Lottery Process</b> is complete. All families have been contacted that have been selected for Cardinal Ambrozic. There was some discrepancies that were brought forward by some individuals, we had external auditors look into the lottery process that is used at DPCDSB. It was noted that the process is fair and just.</p> <p><b>Asymptotic Testing</b> - The ministry mandates each school board to conduct Asymptomatic testing for 5% of the population. As a pilot project, Cardinal Ambrozic was the first school in the North region to have this offered to the community. We have learned a lot from this experience and are looking into making improvements.</p>
<b>Next meeting date</b>	<p>Closing prayer by Mr. Minardi Meeting adjourned at 8:40pm. Next Meeting: April 19, 2021</p>

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