



**2020-2021 Catholic School Council
MINUTES**

Date: February 7, 2022- virtual meeting

Present:

Michelina Battaglini
Karen Dancy
Deborah Balthazar
Catherine Lindsay
Savannah Francis

Daniella Gizzi
Sonia Dodge
Caroline Storace
Renuka Sookhoo
Franca Licata-Peluso

Jen Millson
Renu Isac
Gurjit Bajwa
Linda Sanginesi
Shawn Xaviour

Erica Tulloch
Vincenzo Angaran
Nifemi Taiwo

	NOTES:
Welcome Review & Approval of Minutes/Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Karen called the meeting to order at 6:34pm • Franca, our new Chaplain, led us in the opening prayer • Approval of December 6, 2021 minutes by Jen, seconded by Caroline • Approval of agenda for February 7 2022 by Sonia, seconded by Caroline
Trustee's Report Shawn Xaviour	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Schools are doing many things to celebrate Black History month • Ambrozic cafeteria open for full service • Athletics, extra-curricular, etc...we are still waiting Ministry guidance • Still waiting information from Ministry for graduation as well but conversations have begun • Parent engagement sessions will begin again in April and parents will be asked what they would like to see offered • Trying to create parent engagement night with Brampton Fire department
Chair's Report Karen Dancy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wished Mr. Minardi all the best at his new school • There is a link on school board website to explore Black History month resources • Feb 11 is World Day of the Sick, memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes started by St Pope John Paul II; recognizes great efforts of health care workers • Fundraising-Domino's can start as early as Feb 22; there will be a code to use; order pizza from McVean/Castlemore location and \$5 comes back to the school • \$186 made through FlipGive • We could look into doing a Crispy Creme fundraiser again; Maple Leaf Farms can be an option as well • CCCSC is planning family of schools presentations and they are canvassing for ideas; speaker about equity and inclusivity in the board is recommended by Karen • Let Karen know by March 16 of any ideas to forward to CCCSC • If there is a specific goal for fundraising we can set a start and end date with another FlipGive campaign to encourage participation; maybe launch this before Easter and Karen will let us know current date of expiry and how to continue it
Treasurer's Report Caroline Storace	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Balance remains the same at \$0, not in a deficit • \$500 grant is pending so Mrs. Battaglini will check if those funds are in school account • No new transactions
Student Council Updates Nifemi Taiwo & Savannah Francis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council has a few events lined up for Valentine's Day • Cards and chocolate for teachers were sent to show appreciation for the love they put into the school environment • Student council will be selling candy grams for students to buy for their friends; 50 cents for candy grams • On Valentine's Day, each grade will be assigned a colour to wear with their uniform pants; grade 9 purple, grade 10 pink, grade 11 white, grade 12 red, teachers maroon

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hearts with Valentine messages will be placed on student lockers • Poster will be placed in the school where students can write down what they love about Cardinal
Principal's Message & Updates Michelina Battaglini	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome Ms Licata-Peluso who comes to us from Cardinal Leger • We are now in semester mode and transition activities were done including songs, prizes, games and all went well; students seem to be transitioning well • Put out to students thoughts about timetable set up with the option of tumbling schedule so the same subjects aren't always the same people • Projections for next year 1531, course selection with Ambrozic students now because scheduling starts next month; students have until Feb 11 to confirm course selection and pay \$70 activity fee (\$20 for retreats, \$5 student council, \$35 student activities; \$10 Civvies/Spirit Wear Day donations) • Student activities fee includes yearbook, MySchoolDay app, and all student events • Random selection process done; 238 requests and we took 180 students and working through waitlist for open access • Hope that open access and grade 8s can come in to visit when things open up • Council always considers all involved with appreciation for staff as well • Black Excellence student union group delivers daily announcements, guest speaker Feb 22 and gr 9 & 10 will have assembly (may be virtual) • Feb 23 Pink Shirt Day- Spectrum Brave groups are bringing proposals forward for this • Gr 10 Day was supposed to be Jan 19 so that didn't happen; we hope to get go ahead to run the event at a later time; date to be announced; Sam Demma motivational speaker to come • Equity ambassador-one student from every class is chosen; conference on April 6 and leadership and training will happen; Flight Five guest speaker for this; over a six week period, these ambassadors will bring things back to classes ; there will be an Equity Day with many initiatives on May 25 during the lunches • Clubs and extra-curriculars-some are still running virtually and students are wanting this; hope to get to in-person activities soon
OAPCE Report Jen Millson	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provincial sending out Learning Education Recovery Plan feedback form • Everyone can provide input; open until Monday Feb 14th • From regional level, last meeting had Michelle Coutinho as presenter and Jen will send out a handout that was shared and a great video on empathy • Website updated over Christmas break; new webinars have been pre-recorded to view at any time for free www.oapce.org and listed under Why Digital Portfolio Matters?; listen in to three different webinars https://myemail.constantcontact.com/February--2022-newsletter-for-OAPCE-representatives-in-Dufferin-Peel-.html?soid=1112755941898&aid=FrSV4w6N-fw
Parish Report Karen Dancy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Limit on capacity at church cannot exceed 50% capacity; masses still continue in-person and online • Parish link for newsletter https://stpatricksbr.archtoronto.org/siteassets/bulletins/2022_02_06.pdf • Parish Community Rosary-Saturdays @8pm by conference call 1-587-405-1252 code 7339313
Community Report Deborah Balthazar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nothing new to report
Chaplain Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nothing to report
Teacher Report Catherine Lindsay	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff and students have transitioned well with semester format; 2 and a half hours for one course was not great for their learning and mental health • In the long run this will be better and students can internalize learning; applying knowledge was lacking and will now return

- CPT will continue and no exams

Vice Principal's Updates
Vince Angaran
Diana Speranza
Daniella Gizzi

Vince Angaran

- Students are apprehensive and need support with this adjustment to semesters
- Feb 3 was a transition day filled with activities to support this change and it was well received
- Various mental health initiatives have been implemented and encourage staff to take a gradual approach and address student needs
- Child and youth workers, social worker, mental health worker, guidance; a number of school supports are in place; Mr. Minardi would support with this and Ms. Licata-Peluso will carry this on
- Noticeable difference of number of students back in person; signage/markers placed around the building to remind students of distancing; morning announcements to keep masks up and sanitize hands; regular reminders; hepa filters are in classrooms
- Due to the number of students and classes in our school; portables are given for each department; portables are used as extra classrooms and each department gets these classes to use for instruction; portables at max are up to 34 students but at this time, largest class in portable is 29
- Portables will be checked to see seating in those spaces
- About 480 students per lunch since it has moved to 3 lunches
- Other tables are available outside the cafeteria but students want to be together but as the weather gets nicer, more students will be outside; another option would be to sit at the tables in the matrix area that are not overly used
- Next grade level virtual assembly is Thursday during period 2 so that we aren't always disrupting the same classes; students who have spare period 2 may go to the library to view the assembly that will be projected in there

Diana Speranza

- Large number of activities for Black History month; watch and follow on Twitter and Instagram and individual profiles are being showcased
- More modern Canadians in our communities are being showcased
- Continue to encourage students to wear masks appropriately and removing them just to eat during lunch in designated spaces

Daniella Gizzi

- Open student monitor position available; it is a paid position; does not have to be a parent of a student
- If students didn't get an assigned locker, they will get one this week

Adjournment & Next Meeting Date

Meeting adjourned at 8:19pm and Franca closed with a prayer
 Next Meeting: Monday April 4 @ 6:30pm