



**2019- 2020 Catholic School Council  
MINUTES**

**Date: November 18, 2019**

**Present:**

Michelina Battaglini  
Diana Speranza,  
Angela Creighton  
Zoe Dosanjh  
Franca Antenucci  
Jen Millson

Ginny Konstantinidis  
Askari Hussain  
Renu Isac  
Rosa Renna  
Catherine Lindsay  
Karen Hererra

Brian Gonsalves  
Caroline Storace  
Kwaku Boah-Bempong  
Angelo Minardi  
Lisa Paluzzi  
C.Attanasio

ITEM:	NOTES:
Review & Approval of September 2019 Minutes	Reviewed minutes from September, 2019. Approved and accepted- Franca and Brian.
Treasurer Report	No changes from May 2019.
Student Council Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Deputy Prime Minister – Kwaku updated council on the events the student council has been organizing and have planned for the next few months.</li> <li>- October- Halloween costume contest, pumpkin carving, haunted house.</li> <li>- Thanksgiving food drive.</li> <li>- Kindness day -. student council left sticky notes on random lockers, main office with kind words.</li> <li>- Breast cancer awareness week – October – Students wrote letters to cancer patients.</li> <li>- Temporary tattoos given out at lunches, ribbons given out to spread awareness.</li> <li>- Student Council Retreat – Silver Creek – participated in team building activities.</li> <li>- November 13- Pink shirt day.</li> <li>- December- 12 days of Christmas – the last 12 days before the break.</li> <li>- Spirit week-movies, Santa hats, Christmas letters, cookies, sweater day, ornament decorating.</li> </ul>
Chair Report (Caroline and Brian)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- October 23, 2019 – CCAC meeting for Family of Schools at St. Francis school.</li> <li>- Pro -grant money – not sure how much each school will be allotted for funding this year due to provincial legislation.</li> <li>- November 2-attended the training sessions for new council members and reviewed budgets, funding and bylaws.</li> <li>- There was an online survey for parents to complete.</li> </ul>
Parish Representative (Jen Millson)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- New church building scheduled to break ground Fall 2020.</li> <li>- 1<sup>st</sup> gala held in October- 800 plus guests, including some tables with the youth from the school and parish community. The event raised \$715,000 with events like silent auction, donations, ticket sales and advertising.</li> <li>- Youth ministry – EDGE (grade 6-8) and LIFETEEN (grades 9-12) have started.</li> <li>- Lifeteen- runs Saturdays – next one is Nov 30. December will be an Advent social. January will be a pre- exam stress relief social.</li> <li>- December is very busy at the parish: Knights selling panettone, December 7/8 CWL craft and bake sale, December 8- Santa and his live reindeer -treats and photos, Loaves and Fishes Fundraiser – tickets are \$50 each.</li> </ul>
Numeracy Presentation (C Attanasio)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Cardinal Ambrozic math program focuses on students getting involved in math processes and problem solving. Students will be collaborating with their peers in their classrooms to solve math problems. Students are more engaged this way in their math studies.</li> <li>- Students will focus on the actions of doing mathematics and assessed through problem solving, reflecting, representing, reasoning and proving, communicating and connecting.</li> <li>- Math is taken for the full year in grade 9 – which helps these students gain a good base of math skills.</li> <li>- The school is focusing on the “Thinking “category of the grade 9 EQAO.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The EQAO results for the school for 2018- 2019 were above the provincial and board standard. Our school has performed above average for the last 3 years.</li> <li>- The school will look at the specific categories where the school did not perform well and work on those skills with the students in preparation for the test.</li> <li>- The school offers math support throughout the year- after school math aid, peer tutoring, and homework help.</li> <li>- Students are encouraged to use My Blueprint to determine which math courses to take for their post- secondary program choices.</li> </ul>
Literacy Presentation (Lisa Paluzzi)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ms. Paluzzi is a member of the school literacy committee.</li> <li>-The focus of the committee is to bring back a school wide love of literacy and incorporate the use of technology to engage students into reading and literacy.</li> <li>- Promote daily reading and writing in the classroom in all subject areas.</li> <li>- Goal is to increase the number of students who are meeting the provincial standard with the OSSLT.</li> <li>- The various subjects in all classes are incorporating the tasks that are being asked on the OSSLT.- example- graphs, newspaper articles, essays, etc.</li> <li>- Students in grade 10 are given Literacy Lab books to use to practice for the OSSLT.</li> <li>- Grade 9 students are taking English the entire year and will write the mock OSSLT to practice for next year.</li> <li>- Our school results have been above the provincial and board standard the last 3 years.</li> <li>- Google classroom for grade ten students will have practice literary activities available to practice.</li> <li>- There are past tests to access online for review.</li> <li>-75 % is a passing mark. Students can attempt a second time if they do not pass.</li> <li>-The literacy plan for the next 4 years is to know the learner and setting goals and taking action.</li> </ul>
OAPCE (Renu Isac)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Attended a board wide meeting.</li> <li>- Richard Moriah presentation and Q and A about plant facilities.</li> <li>- Explained hold and secure vs lockdown, board is upgrading the access to cameras and security in the schools- security modernization plan.</li> <li>- Parent Input requested about current changes to publicly funded education. There is a survey to complete on the DRAPCE website.</li> </ul>
Chaplain Report (Angelo Minardi)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Grade 9 retreat with grade 11 leaders happened. Each grade 9 received a bookmark with the name of a grade 11 leader they can go to for support.</li> <li>- Food Drive – school raised over 1000 pounds of food for the Knights Table.</li> <li>- CORE TEAM – 130 student leaders chosen to promote social justice, equity, and anti-bullying throughout the school.</li> <li>- Advent Salesian Youth Retreat-200-250 youth are involved, 2 nights and 3 days retreat from the Wed – Friday. Chaplaincy group will be involved.</li> <li>- Christmas basket drive- support local families in the community. Last year we helped 13 families. Students are encouraged to bring in gift cards.</li> <li>- December 10, Advent Mass.</li> <li>- December 11- staff retreat.</li> <li>- Street Patrol- staff and students made 200 sandwiches and brought 100 socks down to Toronto to distribute to the homeless.</li> <li>- November 12- the official blessing of the school – commemorative hoodies and shirts can be bought.</li> <li>- January 16, 2020- anniversary blessing of the altar at the school.</li> <li>- Next council meeting the Chaplaincy team will lead us in a Christmas liturgy.</li> </ul>
Principal Report (Michelina Battaglini)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Pro Grant – school will be receiving less than before, still unsure exact amount.</li> <li>- Results of the inclusive caring school survey moved to next meeting.</li> <li>- Catholic School Learning team – responsible for the intellectual, social, anti- bullying.</li> <li>- Professional development sessions will focus on the needs of the teachers. Two hour block every four days during their prep time.</li> <li>- Next meeting, we will have a Christmas celebration potluck - Angela will send out a reminder asking for what people are bringing.</li> <li>- Chaplaincy group to lead us in a liturgy.</li> </ul>
Next Meeting Date	December 16, 2019- liturgy and potluck
Meeting Adjourned	9:00 pm