

## ST. BASIL CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL MINUTES – 2019/2020 SCHOOL YEAR

DATE: Wednesday, October 7, 2020

LOCATION: Zoom

**Attendees:** A. Ramalho, E. Filippozzi, M. Pascucci, C. Kopec, M. Zigante, A. Campanelli, J. Munro, J. Di Giacinto, J. Brady, M. Izydor-Fik, S. Hillier, V. West

**Regrets:** A. Brooks

**Meeting Start Time:** 7:00pm

1. **Opening prayer led by** E. Filippozzi
2. **Review and approval of agenda:** Approved by A. Campanelli and seconded by M. Izydor-Fik
3. **Review and approval of minutes from Feb 19 meeting:** Approved by M. Zigante, seconded by C. Kopec
4. **Principal's report:** Presented by E. Filippozzi;
  - E. Filippozzi thanked the council members for attending today's meeting
  - School has 260 kids registered, 54 of which are registered as distance learning students
  - Introduction of messenger platform has helped in distributing timely communications by the school and the School Board
  - Grade 3 students who were supposed to celebrate their First Holy Communion in Spring 2020, will celebrate this October. Parents, including distance learning student parents will receive information about dates and options
  - Father will not be visiting the students in the school. School will visit virtual mass opportunities throughout the year
  - Terry Fox walk was successful last week – students walked during outdoor learning
  - Students' mental health and wellbeing is the focus for now - academic goals will be discussed at a later date with teachers
    - o Factors for this decision is no data from EQAO and new math curriculum was introduced late in August
  - Distance and in-school learning models are simultaneously working on same curriculum
  - Staff changes:
    - o Ms. Black left in June
    - o New teacher: Ms. Pina Carnavle (Grade 4/5)
    - o New head secretary: Nancy Avila
  - Basketball net installation is on hold and will be revisited after Covid-19 restrictions are lifted
  - No one is allowed in the school building except for teachers, school staff and children
  - Officer SRO project has ended
  - Fire drills will occur by division throughout the morning, afternoon and Friday to align with social distancing protocols
  - No lockdown drills are planned for this year at this point
  - Schoolyard needs inspiration. Line painting has been ordered and will be painted in all school yard sections
  - **MOTION FOR APPROVAL: Payment of \$2,020.40 for line painting approved by A. Campanelli and seconded by M. Izydor-Fik**

## School Council

- No fundraisers this year due to the financial strain on families brought on by Covid-19
- Parent engagement, booked Miguel Martinez
- Physical environment – nothing has changed. An elevator will be installed for accessibility

## J.Brady provided an update to the Library

- Funds acquired from previous years' Book Fairs were used to purchase new vinyl furniture for library
- Library is being used for smaller groups right now and with winter coming, school would like to use Library as alternative learning space for classes
- Library needs mobility desks to assist with social distancing
- Proposed to council to purchase 25 desks for the library at a cost of \$97.70 each for a total cost \$2,760.03
- ***Motion denied: Council denied proposal to purchase desks due to budget and freeze on fundraising this year***
- E. Filippozzi suggested to use school funds to purchase half the order of desks

## 5. **Treasurer's Report:** Presented by: E. Filippozzi

- N. Goulart declined to be treasurer
- Nadine and Nancy Avila will have proper reports updated and complete the fiscal report in advance of November council meeting

## 6. **Elections:** Moderated by: E. Filippozzi

- Co-Chairs – M. Zigante, A. Campanelli
- Treasurer – C. Kopec
- Secretary – A.Ramalho and S.Hillier
- Parish Representative – Vacant
- OAPCE Representative – J. Munro
- Teaching Representative – J. Brady and A. Brooks
- Non-teacher Representative – Vacant
- All other attendees will be members, including J. DiGiacinto

## 7. **Future Events:** Presented by: C. Kopec

- OAPCE Volunteer of the year award
- Looking for more parent engagement webinars - suggested fun, light heartened engagement events to ensure attendance and participation of families
- Council members encouraged to look into options

## 8. **School Board Trustee Update:** Presented by: M. Pascucci

- M. Pascucci thanked council members
- Trying to minimize disruption to schools of changes made between distance and in school learning models
- Receiving direction from Ministry of Education and Peel Health and working on standardizing what the school year looks like

9. **Meeting Schedule for 2020/21 School Year**

- Wed Nov 18 changed to Nov 25
- Wed Feb 3
- Wed Apr 7
- Wed May 5
- Wed Jun 9
- Timing: 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm

**Meeting adjourned at 8:34pm**