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**Catholic School Council Meeting**  
**Thursday, February 21, 2019 6:30 p.m.**

**PRINCIPAL'S REPORT**

**School Organization**

**1. Staff Changes**

- a. FDK-C welcomed Mrs. Cathy Flynn, LTO ERW for Mrs. Lumb
- b. Planning Time welcomed back Mrs. Julia Antezza from maternity leave and said goodbye to Ms. Comi, who now has a Grade 5 position at St. Sofia in Mississauga East.
- c. Child & Youth Worker, Mrs. Camila Gonzalez, is on contract with our school until the end of the year. She will be here until Ms. Archbold returns from her leave.

**2. Student DECE Candidates**

From Sheridan College, we welcomed Ms. Sareeta Pinto and Ms. Laurette Atnasious who are in with Mrs. Montoya and Ms. Palmateer.

**3. FDK Registrations for 2019 – 2020**

Were held the week of January 14<sup>th</sup>. Registrations continue to come in.

**4. Preliminary Projections for 2019 -2020**

The first final draft of the school enrolment projections were released on February 8<sup>th</sup>. Our school is currently projected to be at population of 653 students. This is down from last year's projections. This could possibly result in a surplus for staffing.

**5. Teacher Placement Requests for 2019 – 2020**

Were handed out to staff and they have all been returned to me. Teachers will be informed of their tentative placements before March Break.

**6. Review of school daily schedule for 2019 – 2020**

We will be reviewing the look of the student daily schedule for the new school year; with a greater time for larger literacy and numeracy blocks in the morning and changes to the recesses. More will be shared with council, after approval from the Superintendent.

**Literacy and Numeracy & Excellence in Student Achievement**

**1. Term 1 Report Cards & FDK Communication of Learning Reports**

Were issued to students on February 5<sup>th</sup> and Parent-Teacher Interviews were held the evening of February 7<sup>th</sup> and during the day on February 8<sup>th</sup>.

**2. School Focus**

**Numeracy:** We continue working with staff on strategies to help build mathematical fluency with students. Teachers are working with support from our Math Leads, our Catholic School Learning Team, and Instructional Support Teacher to understanding how to build that fluency through activities called "Number Strings."

Our Catholic School Learning Team will be hosting Lunch & Learns and after school sessions on Number Strings and other technologies such as Google Classroom.

Gr. 5 teachers are having their second “Math Day” on February 27<sup>th</sup> with other schools in our family, the focus will be on how they’ve used specific resources to help support students in math.

### **3. Technology**

The implementation of “The Edwin Project” began in January. All the Grade 7 students received a laptop and both teachers and students are using this technology to enhance their learning experience.

### **4. Equity Leads Conference**

Took place January 17<sup>th</sup> at Mississauga Convention Centre. Mrs. Androulakis attended.

### **5. Ontario Library Association Conference**

Took place on January 31<sup>st</sup> and February 1<sup>st</sup>. Mrs. Marano attended.

### **6. Student Activities**

We have several activities and sports already running in the school for students:

- a. Junior Boys and Girls Volleyball: Family Tournament today at Our Lady of Mount Carmel. Coaches are Mr. Braunstein, Ms. Panetta, and Ms. Comi for the girls and Mrs. Bagley & Mme. Larson for the boys.
- b. Co-Ed Hockey Team – our 2<sup>nd</sup> year placed us in 2<sup>nd</sup> with a silver from the Family Tournament. Coaches were Mr. Kostoff and parent, Mr. Monsour.
- c. Primary Beyblade Club run by Mr. Braunstein.
- d. Games Club run by Mrs. Dietz and Mrs. Gonzalez
- e. Chess for all divisions, run by Mr. Gegeny and Mr. LeBrun
- f. Robotics Club run by Mrs. Tomas-Zahhar and Mr. Manne
- g. ESTEAM club run by Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Putzu, and Mr. LeBrun
- h. Inspiring Girls for Change: student led for Gr. 7 & 8 girls, by Mrs. Gonzalez
- i. Dr. Simone’s Canadian Food for Change – Gr. 8’s visited the warehouse where they packed items to be shipped abroad.
- j. “No Name Calling Week” took place in January. Students and staff worked collaboratively to promote well-being through various activities.
- k. Microbits sessions for Mrs. Wilson and Mrs. Szafer’s classes took place on February 6<sup>th</sup>, where students learned about coding.
- l. National Sweater Day took place on February 7<sup>th</sup>. All students and staff participated to raise awareness of energy conservation.
- m. Valentine’s Day Dance took place on February 14<sup>th</sup>. The students received their valentine cookie and enjoyed dancing to the sounds of DJ John. Many thanks to our Catholic School Council for their support in this fun activity.
- n. Riverwood Conservancy Trip for Grade 3 classes took place on February 20 and 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- o. Silvercreek Outdoor Education Centre trip for Grade 4 classes took place on February 19
- p. Public Speaking Competitions were held on February 15<sup>th</sup> and the winners will be attending the Family Competition tomorrow at St. Faustina. Good luck to all our participants! Many thanks to Mr. Kostoff and Mr. LeBrun for running the competition.
- q. Yearbook Committee: has begun. More work will take place after March Break.

## **Health & Safety**

### **1. Interior Painting**

Will take place before April. All interior hallways on the first and second floors will be repainted. All exterior doors will be repaired, rust removed from railings, and stairwells. We look forward to this project’s completion as a re-fresh to the school’s look.

**Catholic Community, Culture and Caring** - *We are called to affirm our faith in word and action.*

**1. Sacramental Dates**

Confirmation: May 16<sup>th</sup> has been confirmed. We have yet to confirm the time.

**2. Virtue Assemblies**

We will celebrate the virtues not just monthly but every day through morning announcements, prayers and assemblies. Our assemblies for the monthly virtues are going well. We celebrated and talked about the virtues of Hope and Self-Control. Many thanks to Mrs. Guimaraes, Mr. Manne, Mrs. Szafer, Mrs. Craig, Ms. O’Gorman, and Mrs. Bagley and their students for leading these assemblies. This month we have the Virtue of Respect, led by Mr. Braunstein and Ms. Macri’s classes.

Respectfully submitted,

I. Sauvé  
Principal