

Catholic School Council Meeting – February 8, 2023 @ 6:30

Attendees: G. Hilton, R. Coelho, , C Buday, Meagan Ferreira, Jenn Barbosa, Carla Cappuccitti, Carla Mendes, Sara Tyers Alejandra Rangel, Pam Majdell, Dawn Nolet,

Regrets: Ms. McMenemy, Lisa Tavares, Janet Grodovich, Vicky Karanopoulos, Leanne Brown, Carol Heslin-Leigh

ACTION ITEM - AI / IS - INFORMATION SHARED

IS/AI	DESCRIPTION	ACTION REQUIRED BY / WHEN:
Welcome/Agenda Review – G. Hilton		
IS/ AI	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introductions – All • Land Acknowledgement – G. Hilton • Opening prayer - G. Hilton • Approval of November minutes • Agenda review – M. Ferreira & J. Barbosa 	M. Ferreira & J. Barbosa
Parish/OPACE Report – L. Tavares & V. Karanopoulos		
IS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communion & Confirmation dates have been finalized and posted • OPACE updates and engagement sessions now to be posted on the school bulletin board outside of the office • Parent engagement is low this year; fundraising is also lower than last year across most schools 	
Treasurer Report (Budget Overview) – C. Cappuccitti		
IS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One time donation fundraising is lower this year so will put together a list showcasing past initiatives that donation monies have helped supported (Art Reach, Scientists in the School, Chrome Books, Raz Kids, Wonderwall, Drumfit, X-Movement, etc.) • Rosalie will help gather pics and send to Council to help prepare material • Still about \$1800+ to be expensed for Art Reach and Scientists in the school (looking at about 6 sessions) • On track to spend about \$43K overall this year • Library Update – we have spent about \$7500K in school beautification (new carpet, 7 new large shelves, counter removal, new desk, walls and tiles to be buffed); need to assess the charging station for the Robotics area 	
Principal/Teacher’s Report - G. Hilton, R. Coelho & C. Buday		
IS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One Time Fundraiser \$7,594 to date raised • Families Helping Families raised \$? supporting 28 families within our local and school community; remaining gifts cards are being stored in the “MINT” and being used to purchase snacks for students who visit throughout the day 	

in need; any remaining amounts will be returned to next December 2023 FHF initiative.

- We could use some of the funds also for extra mittens, gloves, hats to keep in the office too; or continue to use to support nutrition initiatives, Big Crunch for instance; approx. \$350 in the safe, Gift Card value currently
- French Immersion/ Extended French Program: Grade 1 Registration (December Smore Newsletter); applications for FI now closed (due Jan 31); Extended French Program Registration (Info in Feb newsletter; applications open online Feb 16-Mar 2)
- Lice Squad Success: Found 1 case of Lice/Nits out of approximately 90 students.
- Advent Mass: Feedback was good
- Rosary Apostolate initially at Church, we are piloting having them visit classes here in the building.
- Indigenous Education:
 - 1) Treaty Presentation w/Melanie Cromier, Anishinaabe community (November)
 - 2) Indigenous Presentation, Jan 31 St. Christopher welcomes guest speaker, Naokwegijig (Tim McGregor). Tim McGregor is a traditional Anishinabeni who dances the Northern Traditional style of dance and having been involved with jiingtamok for many decades is knowledgeable of the history and teachings. His parents and grandparents have had a large influence on his traditional upbringing. He has been given teachings by Elders and Veterans from throughout Turtle Island. He has been honoured by the Veterans and been given the right to carry Eagle feathers, the Eagle staff and the sacred Eagle bone whistle on behalf of the Anishinabek people. Blessed to enter a new stage in his life as Mishomis, Life has come full circle as now he has become a teacher of that of which he has learned. Tim will be at St. Christopher school, providing a school presentation, sharing the beauty of his culture through dance teachings, custom regalia, significance of long-hair and of the Pow Wow. More details to follow.
 - 3) Virtual Workshops, for instance National Read Aloud Day: Feb 1 Many classes including Mrs. Silvestri, Mrs. Cassim-Smith, Mrs. Hewitt, and Mrs. Murphy's participated in virtual presentation with Cree author David A. Robertson.
 - 4) Coming soon: On February 21st & 24th St. Christopher school will host Lacrosse lessons for students in grades 4-8. The lessons are hosted by the DPCDSB Indigenous Youth and Education department
- Sub Lunch Feedback for school council, taxing on Karen, impedes with her lunchbreak; Admin do conduct deeper dive on issues arising and how this compares to Lunch Moms & previous lunch programs we've hosted
- The Saidat Show: Jan 20th School Assembly, with Canadian Black History month emphasis. Students learned about...
- For BHM we have a k-3 virtual assembly and 20 Days of Canadian Black History video series subscription along with a reflective journal for jr/intermediate students

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coding: Computer Science Education Week, first week of December; student in primary grades participated in hands on learning through Coding.org and Hour of Code.org., exploring and coding using applications such as Litebot, Blockly accompanied by our Dash and Dot robots; Grade 6 teachers were provided this month with Sphero Bolt classroom kit along with training. • Athletics: Currently Boys Basketball (St Luke’s Feb 15) Finals, Feb 23 at St. Martins • Library News: Identity Affirming textbooks coming soon to every classroom, kits are being created to be signed out at the library by classroom teacher • Graduation: Mass 6:00PM St. Christopher Church; gifts for graduates?; Grad Day Photos March 6th; Reception details, venue? • Other: Valentine’s Day Dance: Feb 14, in the morning; please no edible treats. • Shrove Tuesday: Feb 21 Past Practice? • Ash Wednesday: Father Joseph coordinating with a few of our classroom teachers; more info to follow 	
New Business - All		
IS/AI	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trustee Herman coming to our next meeting (March 1st); please come with questions (we will be looking for updates on Lice Programs across the Board and status of outstanding AC units’ installation • Retirements: a reminder to advise Council of any upcoming Teacher Retirements asap so we can plan accordingly • Fun Fair: looking for people to take on lead roles within the Committee; need additional clarity on what we are able to do this year; food-handling guidelines need to be confirmed; food trucks vs. BBQ; looking at June 16th but need to check with Church • Hot Dog Day: June 23rd • Motion to Adjourn • Next Meeting – Wednesday April 12th @ 6:30 	<p>All</p> <p>C. Mendes & S. Tyers</p>