



St. Cornelius School Council Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, December 1, 2021

6:30 – 9:45 PM – Virtual Meeting

Council Attendance: Present (P) Regrets (R)

Marina Glinski (P), Loretta DE Grazia (P), Joanna Cataldo (P), Nicole Russo (P), Sabrina Merola (P), Sue Petricca (P), Patricia Scornavacca (P), Rosa Tarantino (R), Brenda Giardetti (R), Francisco Torres (Principal) (P), Annalisa Sodhi (Vice-Principal) (P)

Guests: Frank DiCosola (Trustee), Tina Covello

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	RESPONSIBLE	ACTION
Welcome Prayer, Land Acknowledgement & Attendance	Meeting was called to order at 6:37pm . Marina and Loretta led an opening prayer. Attendance was taken.	Loretta/Marina /All	
Agenda & Approval of Previous Mtg. Minutes	<p>The agenda and minutes of October 6, 2021 were approved by the members of the 2021/2022 Catholic School Council (CSC).</p> <p>MOTION: moved by Marina, seconded by Sue that the agenda be approved. CARRIED</p> <p>MOTION: moved by Marina, seconded by Patricia that “the CSC minutes of October 6, 2021 be approved”. CARRIED</p>	All CSC Members	
Board Trustee Report	<p><u>Mr. Frank Di Cosola joined the meeting to provide Board updates</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Vaccines for ages 5-11</u> - There has been several calls and questions from parents about whether the board will be providing in-school vaccination clinics during school hours. This is not something the DPCSB will be doing, clinics will only be offered after school and on weekends where parents can be present. Currently, vaccines for students will not be mandated by the board. Peel Public health will be holding an information session for parents regarding vaccines. • Schools within our board have been asking if they can participate in school fundraising activities. Some requests have been approved. There will be more information upcoming. The board is in discussions with Peel Public Health to ensure covid protocols are followed. • Regarding food programs (pizza and sub days), the board is still in discussions with Peel Public Health. There will be more information to come in the New Year. • The board is obligated to share information with the Region of Peel. The board does not decide upon the information that is shared. • Virtue of the month is Hope. We are hopeful that we will return to some sense of normalcy soon for staff and students. • Mr. Di Cosola opens the floor to discussion. 	Frank Di Cosola	
Parish Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First reconciliation, first communion and confirmation applications are available on the Parish website and have been handed out by the school. The deadline for applications to be 	Sue	

	<p>returned is January 10, 2022. Educational materials will be delivered to the school in the New Year and no dates are set for the sacraments yet.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advent mass will be live-streamed from Robert F. Hall on December 10, 2021. Christmas mass schedule is available on the Parish website. 		
OAPCE Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Brenda sends regrets and will update the council in January. 	Brenda	
Yearbook Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No updates at this time, but Lisa has been working with Mr. Torres. Bright Pics has already sent in the digital files of all the pictures. 	Lisa Lecce	
Treasurer's Report	<p>Rosa sends regrets. Loretta presented on her behalf.</p> <p>Finance Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Banking statement as of October 31, 2021 was presented with a balance of \$29,816.56. A \$1,000 float is required, therefore balance of funds available is \$28,816.56. Budget items were approved for 2021/2022 with a total of \$21,342.00. Estimated cash available to spend is \$7,474.56. <p>School/Council Requests Approved for this year Every year CSC commits to supporting the following requests, this tradition has continued over the last 10 years.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Celebration of Learning - \$380 (\$5 x 76 students) – FDK welcome bags are given to each student. Graduation Gifts - \$1,971 (\$27 x 73 students) – CSC provides a portion of the committed funds to cover awards and certificates with the remaining funds to gift each student with a congratulatory gift. Sacraments Gifts - \$545 (\$5 x 109 students) – CSC provides a gift to all students completing their sacraments of Communion & Confirmation. Graduation Yearbooks - \$2,000 (\$22 x 73 students + buffer of \$394) – CSC pays for all graduate yearbooks as a congratulatory memento. Chrome Books - \$12,250 Sensory Path - \$2,000 – This commitment was allocated in last year's budget but due to covid has been delayed and funds remain unspent. Raz Kids - \$1,500 – this online resource is utilized by teachers to promote and assist students with reading comprehension. Welcome Banner - \$500 (2 banners) – these banners will be placed at the front and back of the school to welcome students back each year Graduation Banner - \$250 	Rosa/Loretta	
Principals/VP's Report/Teacher's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thanksgiving food drive was very successful once again. Thank you to all families and to the Gr. 8 students who helped load up the items. Halloween Dance / Outdoor Playday for FDK & Primary were successful. Thank you to all families that participated in the Candy Drive. Father Bob was extremely thankful. 	Mr. Torres/ Ms. Sodhi	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Progress reports were sent out electronically. Parent conferences were done virtually/by phone. • School/Graduation Pictures retakes went well. Thank you to Bright Pics for accommodating the retakes for the Grads. • Kindness Ambassadors – SAIDAT virtually presented to our school about how to be kind, how to be respectful and treat others with value and respects. Well received by students and staff. • Tree of Hope Fundraiser will be held from November 15-December 21 – provides gift cards to help Caledon family communities. • Junior Grades are participating in the Chess Club, Lego Club and Comic Book Club during lunch and recess. • Library Book Fair from December 1-10 – Teachers sent a link to the fair on Google Classroom. Books will be delivered directly to the school. Proceeds help to fund school resources. • Student Census from November 22 to December 31 – Grades 4-8 will do the Census in class. FDK and Primary do complete at home with a parent. A link has been sent to each students email. Completing the Census is not mandatory. • FDK on-line registration opens December 7. Regular registration open from January 10-14, 2022 • Parent Engagement Fund - \$500 per school. Provided to school boards for the implementation of programs and initiatives that involve parents. 		
Chair's Report	<p><u>Spirit Wear Update/Team Uniforms</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thank you so much to Lisa Lecce who created our school logos • Two logos were chosen. One of them is geared toward primary students and the other toward junior/intermediate students. • Website is open for staff and families to order and will remain open until December 17, 2021. Shipping is free to the school or \$7.95 direct to home (free for orders over \$75). Mr. Cataldo will assist in sorting spirit wear that is delivered to the school. • The promotional flyer can be sent home to families as soon as possible as well as an email blast. • Spirit wear will not be a fundraiser for the school council as the prices would be too high. Marchants will offer the school council free gear if the online store is successful (over \$4000 in sales) <p><u>Family Pizza Night/Sponsor</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thank you to Patty Scornavacca for securing Pizza Express for sponsoring our Wednesday pizza night. • On Wednesday nights if families purchase a pizza the school council will get 5% back. Parents must say that they belong to St. Cornelius in order to get the money back. • Mr. Torres indicated that one of the school's families owns a Portuguese restaurant and would like to do something similar for the school. Mr. Torres said that he will get back to them once he brings it to the School Council. <p><u>Parent Requests – Pizza/Sub Days</u></p>	Loretta/Marina	
CSC Requests	None at this time	Loretta/Marina	

<p>School Requests</p>	<p>Sub-Committee for Wall Murals/Sensory Path</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Input from some students, staff, parents and sub-committee. Total comes to \$6,700, but we only have \$2,000 set aside for the wall murals. What is the priority? Is it the foyer, is it the sensory path? • Sensory path is \$1,000 and wall murals were \$975, \$1,050 and almost \$1,200 respectively. With the \$2,000 that was set aside we can only do two of them at this time. • Mr. Torres – this is a good start. We can always add to them in the future. We can see what parent and student reaction is. <p>Craft Supplies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teachers asked for \$5.00/child for Christmas and holiday crafts they do with their students. $500 \times 552 = \\$2,760$. Funds would go right back to students <p>Class Set of Clipboards</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1.25×552 students = \$690 • Without the FDK classes $502 \times 1.25 = \\$628$ • Mr. Torres and Ms. Sodhi are taking inventory in the school of what they have and what is still needed so that items are not redundant, and money is spent wisely. For example, gym equipment was found that they were not aware of. • A discussion was tabled with regards to craft supplies and whether money that was not used by teachers for crafts last year could have been spent on something else by council. Also discussed was allocating the money based on a timeframe, where teachers could submit their expenses. It was agreed that a timeline would be beneficial so that teachers are not submitting receipts in August. Mr. Torres will ask teachers if they will be using the funds allocated to students for crafts by Mother’s Day. If teachers are not using the funds, council can reallocate them at our last council meeting. 	<p>Mr. Torres/Ms. Sodhi</p>	
<p>Fundraising</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fundraising discussion moved to January meeting while we wait for an update from the Trustee. • However, schools can proceed with restrictions, for example, items must be individually packed, must be all staff volunteers as no parent volunteers are allowed in the school. 	<p>Loretta/Marina</p>	
<p>Prioritize/Vote for Council & School Requests</p>	<p>School Requests:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Wall Mural/Sensory Path Top Up \$2,000.00 <p>MOTION: moved by Nicole Russo, Seconded by Sue Petricca Motion APPROVED</p> <p>A discussion was tabled by Patty Scornavacca regarding not having enough funds for future items – for example graduation and outdoor garden, etc. We may need to do another fundraiser in the winter in order to be able to purchase items in the future. We can apply for the Green grant (the most is \$2,000, least is \$1,000 depending on score of application).</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Craft Supplies/Student Activities \$2,760.00 	<p>Loretta/Marina</p>	<p>Approved \$2,000</p> <p>Approved \$2,760.00</p>

	<p>Staff will be asked to plan ahead and will have to submit receipts by May 15^h, 2021. If not submitted by that date, the funds will not be available any longer. Expectation is that money is spent on students – to be used for a craft to bring home. Teachers will be asked to put in a short description.</p> <p>MOTION: moved by Sue Petricca, Seconded by Sabrina Merola Motion APPROVED</p> <p>3. Clipboards – Classroom Sets \$690.00</p> <p>A question was asked as to whether clipboards are an actual request from all teachers. Some parents already purchased these for their children as part of their classroom teacher’s ask list at the beginning of the year.</p> <p>MOTION: moved by Nicole Russo, Seconded by Loretta De Grazia Motion DID NOT PASS</p> <p>Approved: \$2,000+\$2,760=\$4,760 Funds Available \$7,474.56 - \$4760.00 = \$2714.56 will be leftover</p>		<p>Declined \$690.00</p>
<p>Closing Prayer & Adjournment</p>	<p>Meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.</p>	<p>All CSC Members</p>	
<p>Future Meeting Dates</p>	<p>Thursday, January 20th, 2021 Wednesday, March 30th, 2021 Monday, May 16th, 2021</p>	<p>All CSC Members</p>	