



Council Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, September 23, 2020

Attendees: V. Pugliese (principal), A. Sodhi (vice principal), J. Greenman, C. Mexner, S. Cullen, R. Cullen, N. DeMenna, C. Morris, D. Souza, S. Malekzadeh, R. Cullen, N. Andrade, B. Farber, C. Periera, D. DaCosta L. Aziz, D. Chachua, S. Chinsee, O. Chinsee, A. Ganchar, D. Jamma, J. Jeminez, M. Sandice, M. Altomare, J. Lau, M. Palache, P. O'Brien, S. Casais, N. Ross

Approved by council Oct 21, 2020.

ITEM:	DISCUSSION:
Opening Prayer	Lead by Ms. DaCosta – special COVID-19 prayer
Election of Members and Positions	<p>Mr. Pugliese provided brief description of roles available in parent council and opened the floor for volunteers for each role; the following are the council members and reps for school year 2020-2021:</p> <p>Chair: Jennifer Greenman/ Colleen Mexner</p> <p>Secretary: Carina Pereira-Dudas and Shaheen Cullen</p> <p>Treasurer: Carlos Aziz and supported by Mrs Obrian</p> <p>Parish rep: Daniela Dcosta/ Beatka Faber</p> <p>OAPCE rep: Leslie Aziz to share the meeting schedule</p> <p>Teaching rep: Ms. Palache/ Ms. Tessar</p> <p>Members at large/ Community Members: Natasha, Natalie, Susan, Cecile and Oliver</p> <p>Action:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council members to send email to get on the distribution list: jennifergreenman@yahoo.ca



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Approval of minutes	Previous minutes reviewed and approved –last meeting was pre COVID – Feb 2020.
Principal’s Report	<p>Welcome back and school structure</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Warm Welcome back to all of St Gregory community • Unprecedented time will result in many things being done/look different this year including principals report. • Talked about this year being challenging for teachers, students, parents and staff. However, as a school community we have risen to this challenge. • Thanked students and families for following protocol for masks at school. • Reviewed protocol masks are to be worn at all times--unless eating or drinking • Spoke about our new reality and thanked parents for cooperating with new school protocols including pick up and drop off guidelines (reviewed in weekly school newsletter.) <p>Student Reorganization: Reorg- happened twice - @ beginning of year and then again on Sept 18th Total Students: 545</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 395 in school • 150 online including -- 6 teaches online reassigned --working remotely • Wait-list to go online: 10 students. (19 in-school classrooms/ 6 teachers on-line – students online are mixed with other schools). <p>Staffing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please welcome new (temp) admin assistant <u>Mrs. Mohammed</u> will be working alongside Mrs. Obrien. • All teachers received health and safety protocols and new math curriculum guidelines



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	<p>COVID Safety Protocols Review:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reinforced importance of self-screening daily before sending children to school • Physical distance measures implemented now at school (i.e.: kiss and ride, entrance and dismissal). • Protocol COVID--students grade 1 - 8 to wear masks • FDK students are encouraged to wear masks at school • Each student received a reusable mask from the school on Sept 23, 2020. • Parents/Caregivers only allowed into school by appointment. • Isolation Room: Available at school if a child becomes symptomatic (doesn't necessarily have to COVID symptoms) – child will remain in room under staff supervision until parent/guardian collects the child. • School has handed out masks to all students. <p>Recess/Outdoor Protocols:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Each class is scheduled for 2-20 mins outdoor time daily students remain in assigned cohorts for duration of outdoor time/activity. • Presently working on incorporating 30 lunch time outdoor time -working to make sure all safety guidelines are met prior to implementation. <p>Sacraments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grade 2 and 7 last year: Parish (Father Paul) to send out communication via the school. To be scheduled in 2020 (by Christmas). • Current Grade 2 and 7 students: to be announced in the Spring. • Question on preparation of sacraments for on-line students? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Grade 2 and 7 last year: Parish (Father Paul) to send out communication via the school. To be scheduled in 2020 (by Christmas).



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Current Grade 2 and 7 students: to be announced in the Spring. ○ Question on preparation of sacraments for on-line students? No definite answer, possibly via online. <p>Upcoming events:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Virtual Open House – September 30th – details to follow in weekly school newsletter. ● Looking into virtual masses for the whole school – more information to follow ● Mr. Pugliese working on how to celebrate Terry Fox Walk, Remembrance Day, etc.... while maintaining physical distance/ Peel Public Health guidelines. ● All clubs/ sports team are on hold until further notice. ● Graduation for 2019/2020 Grade 8, on hold – waiting for confirmation from the Board.
Chair Update	<p>Training sessions for parents/council members</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Saturday, November 7 – online training session for Parent Council volunteers. ● April 10 – Annual Marketplace w/ Guest speakers and Board Members of other Councils <p><u>Millstones/life events:</u></p> <p>Proposal to continue to recognize milestones of staff and students’ milestones:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Staff: condolence cards ○ students losing parent: condolence card/ comfort basket (\$100)



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ staff getting married/ babies, etc. – proposal to continue recognizing these milestones <p>Action: Council to make decision on setting budget allocation for life event recognition.</p>
Budget	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. \$44K -carried over from 2019-2020 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ discussion around no need to fund raise this year ○ look into inviting guest-speakers ○ Outdoor equipment/ gym equipment ○ Look into viability of individual delivery of missals ○ Mr. Pugliese has approved \$50 (from school budget) for each teacher to spend on class set up. 2. Suggestions on how to use budget funds: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Natasha stressed about taking an inventory re: tech see what the need for the school/students is...may be helpful to hear from staff as to where the need is for students... ● Invest in technologies (purchase tech-tubs) – approval pending from the Board ● PPE supplies – Ms. Sodhi confirmed that ample PPE supplies have been sent to the school by the Ministry.



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	<p>Action:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ms. Sodhi follow up on the follow and loop back with board: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Tech tub approval from the board ○ Je lis, je lis litt�ratie (French Immersion reading program) ○ Grade 6, 7, 8: EDWIN (no need for Chrome books) ○ Coordinating tech tubs still in progress/ ample PPE 2. Ms Sodhi (for Mr. Aziz) suggested a subcommittee for Finance to work through how/where to spend the available money- subcommittee members will include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Carlos, Jennifer, Natalia, Carlos, Natasha, Carina <p>Tentative subcommittee budget Agenda:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ What does the school need? Teachers/ school to provide list of requests ○ Go back to previous budget, move forward with previously agreed allocations (i.e.: teachers' \$100 budget) ○ Get a revised budget to determine future investments ○ Scientists in the school (virtual sessions) and having the materials delivered to the school – Ms Palache to confirm ○ Continuance with \$500 to the Principal for discretionary spending – to assist families that need support (i.e. winter jacket for a student in need) <p>September 30 – Finance budget meeting</p>



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Upcoming Meetings	<p>Until further notice all meetings will be virtual.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Upcoming Council meetings: Oct 21, 2020 & Jan 13, 20212. Budget (Finance) Sub- committee meeting: Sept 30, 2020 <p>Meeting adjourned with prayer (our father).</p>