



Holy Name of Mary CSS School Council Agenda/Minutes

Date: October 5, 2022

Attendees: Claudia Kline, Ganya Woloshyn (Acting VP), Carmen Laudi (Head Secretary), Amitara Roy, Aneela Chaudhry, Eleri Nicola, Roxanne Smith, Bitikum Benjamin, Anthony Scanga (Parish Rep), Genevieve Anderson (Chaplain)	Regrets: Trustee Shawn Xaviour	
Topic		Notes/Response
Welcome/Prayer		Opening Liturgy & Prayer – Group Land acknowledgement - Claudia Kline Catholic School Council Members for 2021-22 introduced.
Approval of Agenda/Previous Meeting Minutes		Approval of the minutes for May 11, 2022 Motion to Approve the Minutes – Anthony Scanga Seconded by Amitara Roy Motion to Approve the Agenda – Bitikum Benjamin , Seconded by Carmen Laudi
Guest Presenter-		Introduction of attendees
Principal	School Council of 2021-22 completed its term of responsibility. Words of Appreciation of the service given in the past year	Proceeded to the election of of the School Council Executive 2022-23 Ms Kline informed the meeting of the available positions available. Ms Kline received three nominations prior to the meeting: For the position of Chair ; Bitikum Benjamin was nominated. There was a call for further nomination. No nomination were received. Bitikum Benjamin has been acclaimed. For the Position of OAPCE : Amitara Roy nominated by Anthony Scanga seconded by B. Benjamin . No further nomination, acclaimed Treasurer: Carmen Laudi nominated by A. Scanga seconded by B. Benjamin, No further nomination acclaimed.

		<p>Community Representative: Eleni Nicola nominated by a. Scanga, seconded by B. Benjamin. No further nomination. Acclaimed</p>
<p>Student Representative Report: Aneela Chaudry</p>		<p>It has been a very busy start of the new school year with extracurricular activities \$600 was collected for the Truth and Reconciliation Day, Sept 29 Preparations are in the planning for the annual Breast Cancer fund raising effort for our Pump in Pink, on Friday Oct 7th. The school has donated over the past 16 years \$120,000. This year's goal is \$5000. Aneela outlined a variety of after school clubs that have restarted.</p> <p>Oct 11 Camp Olympia for Grade 12 students will be conducted in Orilla Grade 10 retreats have already happened at Dr. Simone Warehouse Feed the Children The School will host its Open House for students in grades 7 & 8 on Wednesday evening, Oct 26. Over 150 students have volunteered to participate She described two types of tutoring programs.</p> <p>1) A Tutoring program sponsored by the DPCDSB funded by the Ministry of Education. It is a virtual session offered twice a week oriented to a specific course program in groups of 20 students across the board. Students must registered on line.</p> <p>2) In-House Tutor Program: students in the senior level have volunteered to assist Jr students during the lunch period of before/after class in the library.</p>
<p>Parish Report</p>		<p>Anthony Scanga Parish report – Mr. Scanga – St. Anthony continues to support HNM by appointing Anthony to serve as the Parish Rep on the school Council – Father Joseph encourages to pray the rosary & read scripture Encourage more people to come to Sunday mass Use the bulletin on the Parish website Church is open for Eucharistic celebration A detailed report is attached to these minutes</p>

Teacher's Report		At this time we are awaiting the appointment of a teacher representative
Non- Teaching Report Carmen Laudi	School Head Secretary	<p>We have new receptionist: Carol. We have a great support staff TEAM.</p> <p>Orientation for our Grade 9 students: each student received a combination lock, Tshirt and a hand bag.</p> <p>The school distributed used uniforms that had been cleaned by the school Council to students in need.</p> <p>This year we will have on-line registration for incoming students.</p> <p>We have also had updated software program for our student data base.</p> <p>Our Library staff is offering an arts and craft program for our students.</p> <p>Edge Images are doing our student photographs</p> <p>Our Open House will take place on Wednesday Oct 26. We have ordered mobile signs at Queen & Dixie and Williams and Dixie to advertise this event</p> <p>Parent Interview Night Nov 9</p> <p>We have completed the first aid certification for our SHSM program</p> <p>Grade 9 Field trip to the Zoo, Grade 11 Field Trip to the ROM</p> <p>We had a Cross-Country track team competition.</p> <p>There will be a University of Waterloo Computer competition for our grade 9 & 10 students on-line</p>
School Chaplain Report Genevieve Anderson		<p>An outline of the retreat program was given for each grade was presented.</p> <p>There are a number of extracurricular clubs (example Joy Club) and support groups ie CARES that are supported by the chaplaincy program.</p> <p>The pastoral plan will be presented to Father Joseph Pham in the coming days for his contributions.</p>
OAPCE Report		No Report

Principals' Report

Claudia Kline

Ms Kline outlined the three priorities for this academic school year:
1: Mental Health of our community
2: Academic Excellency - we received the platinum ECO award
3. Relationships with the Faith Community – its Catholic dimension and it inclusive value

We have 550 students registered at this time. We are facing a declining enrollment concern. We will have an OPEN House program on Oct 26 to highlight our school, its programs and opportunities.
There will be a number of workshops and course presentations
Twenty six clubs will be highlighted. We will have our choir and band performing.
There will be school tours hosted by our students.

Parent Interview Night Nov 9th

Dec 1st School Blessing of our new (10 million) extension and our altar. Bishop Camilleri, our Regional Bishop has been invited for the blessings with Father Joseph

Our Awards Ceremony will take place in December

Question: If a student won an award from another school; how will the student receive the award? In reference to Notre Dame.
Mr Scanga was willing to investigate and get back to the parent

Our cafeteria will receive a projection unit. Approximate cost \$30,000

Our cafeteria service will be opened at the end of October. The company is having a problem to hire a staff.

Busing continues to be a challenge for our students. Due to limited bus drivers Attridge had to combine two bus routes as a result students are faced with a long period of time on the bus. There are no late buses for our students. Parents need to transport their daughters after school programs.

New BUSINESS
Ms Kline outlined two proposals for parental input.

Proposal 1:
Change of School schedule for next September 2023 for ONLY Grade 9 students
Proposal to de-semester the Mathematics and English courses.

		<p>The student will take these two courses for the entire year on a daily rotation Day 1 & Day 2</p> <p>Rationale: Our grade 9 students are faced with a challenge of retention learning in Mathematics and English in a semester schedule. A student might be scheduled for this course over a possible 12 month period. This approach will assist our students to achieve a more comprehensive learning schedule</p> <p>Many parents supported this proposal as their daughters have had to face many learning barriers and challenges with the present timetable. All parents supported this proposal</p> <p>Proposal 2: Ms Kline proposed that our graduation June ceremony be returned to our school gym.</p> <p>Rational: Our 2022 Graduation ceremony costed the school \$15000. The banquet halls are now charging \$9,000 to \$10,000 for a three hour period for the room and chairs and additional costs for lighting and sound systems.</p> <p>Returning to the school would mean that we could increase the number of guests for each student and a reception in our cafeteria. Our parking could be handled with our parking lot and the Recreational Centre and St Jude Church.</p> <p>It was recommended that we could purchase some drapes to cover some of our gym walls. We also have an excellent sound and lighting systems. This proposal would the school and the graduates a significant amount of money.</p> <p>Many parent supported this proposal. The proposal was endorsed by the parents and the school council.</p>
Community Report		
Other Business		
Closing Prayer		<p>Closing prayer</p> <p>Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm</p>
Adjournment		
Next Meeting Date		TBA with consultation with the new Chair and the Principal