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Minutes of Iona Catholic Secondary School Council Meeting
Monday September 28, 2020, at 7:00 pm
Virtual Meeting - Zoom

In Attendance: Siena Perrotta, Sharon Kamassah, Ruby Dominic, Shaoib Najam, Mary Dolban, Nelly Morgado, Joanne Becke, Cesar Arabejo, Theora Scott, Cherie Lancaster, Dana Yamada, Emidio Santroni, Carl Cini, Maria Pallotta.

1. Opening Prayer
2. Welcome and Introductions
3. Review and Approval of Meeting Agenda

- All in favour

THAT THE AGENDA BE APPROVED

CARRIED

4. Review and Approval of Minutes from February 24, 2020 Meeting

- All in favour

THAT THE MINUTES BE APPROVED

CARRIED

5. Elections/Assignments of Positions
 - a. Chair – Sharon Kamassah
 - b. Treasurer – Mary Dolban
 - c. OAPCE Rep – Nelly Morgado
 - d. Secretary
 - e. Parish Representative – St. Christopher
 - f. Parish Representative – St. Francis of Assisi

Teacher Report

Virtual Classes are the same as In Person Classes. Students should view their clothing, environment and behaviour as they would be in a classroom at the school. The Catholic Code of Conduct applies in the Virtual Space as it does in the school.

Students must check into their Academic Support, in both the morning and afternoon, when at home. The method to check may be different in different classes specific to their Learning Management System (LMS). Students should speak to the teacher to ensure they understand how to check in.

Students can access academic support through their classroom teacher, Academic Resource Department, English Language Learner (ELL), Student Success Teacher (SST), Guidance Counsellors and Administration. ARD, ELL and SST have a Google Classroom for students to access support.

Students are encouraged to speak directly to their teachers when they have an issue or concern. Classroom teachers are available and eager to support students. In the nature of virtual learning and reduced class time at school, students asking questions and being transparent their teachers is very important. Student must show greater independence and advocacy skills as their physical presence in the school is not as it was before.

Principal's Report.

Parents were shown how to access School Council information, Agendas and Meeting Minutes on our school website. (www.dpcdsb.org/IONAS - About – School Council)

Parents were shown the schedules posted in the Student section of our school website. The Adapted Delivery Daily Timetable was reviewed. Cohort schedules, in person classes, Academic Support, Virtual Classes and Alternating Wednesdays were reviewed. Students should be maintaining a regular schedule every day. When a cohort is home they should be accessing Academic Support and continuing their studies. Work is being provided to ensure students can cover course materials in our hybrid setting.

Quadmester 1 will end on November 12. The midpoint of Quadmester 1 is October 13. Quadmester 2, with new courses will begin on November 13.

Thanksgiving Food Drive is being run until October 9. Students are encouraged to bring in 5 nonperishable food items for the Eden Food Bank.

A review of the Covid Protocols was described. One way hallways, masks, hand sanitizing, physical distancing and limiting student time out of class were all discussed. After school students take of their masks and gather outside. Reminder to parents to talk to their children about exercising physical distancing at all times. Our collective actions will keep the our community safer.

We are continuing to work on a modernization of the Iona school uniform. Student feedback on the changes have been favourable. Golf shirts will be black. A sweatshirt with IONA across the front will be introduced. Right now students have to wear the golf shirt all the time whether they have a school sweater over it or not. This change will allow students to just wear a sweater. This will be more comfortable. A concern arose the having a prominent logo over the chest could be problematic for some students. The new sweatshirt will not be the only uniform option. Current options will still be available.

The Student Activity Fee was not collected for this year. Our Agendas are being centrally funded. We are moving to an app for this year's Agenda book. More information will be forthcoming. There are not going to be Civvies Days. Student Council is being formed and will be working virtually. We are still looking at what the Yearbook may look like this year.

Treasurer Report

No report

OAPCE Report

No Report

Meeting Dates

Monday, October 26, 2020
Monday, November 23, 2020
Monday, January 25, 2021
Monday, February 22, 2021
Monday, April 19, 2021
Monday, May 17, 2021

Adjournment

The meeting of the Iona Catholic Secondary Council was adjourned.