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**Minutes of Iona Catholic Secondary School Council Meeting**  
**Monday November 25, 2021, at 7:00 pm**  
**Virtual Meeting - Zoom**

In Attendance: Liz-Ann Gurowka (Co-Chair), Nelly Morgado (Co-Chair)(Regrets), Mary Dolban, Amalia Mirabi, Maya Wawryka, Lourdes Estrella, Eduardo Valdez, Andrew Selvam (Chaplaincy Leader), Emidio Santroni (Teacher Rep), Maria Pallotta (VP), Carl Cini (P).

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Review and Approval of Meeting Agenda
3. Review and Approval of Minutes from September 27, 2021 and October 25, 2021, meeting
4. Parent Questions
  - Graduation Ceremony planned for June 29, 2022, at 7 pm at Sixteen Mile Creek Sports Complex
  - Prom is planned for June 27, 202 at Le Dome
  - Last Day of School is on June 30, 2022. Last day of instruction is June 27, 2021.
5. Elections/Assignments of Positions
  - a. Treasurer – Mary Dolban
  - b. OAPCE Rep – no response
  - c. Secretary – no response
  - d. Parish Representative – St. Christopher – no response
  - e. Parish Representative – St. Francis of Assisi – no response
7. Treasurer's Report
  - Current balance – 1435. 73
  - Ministry of Education has provided Parent Engagement Funding of \$500 to each school for the 2021-2022 school year. This will be added to our account.
  - No suggestions for use of funds at this time.
8. Chaplaincy Report
  - October Food Drive – collected 3201 items of food. It was donated to local families in need and Eden Food for Change.

- Clothing Drive – Staff at Iona, Loyola and St. Francis of Assisi have been collecting clothing to support families that lost everything in the flooding at the Roche Court apartment buildings. Families have been coming to the school to pick out the clothes they need including winter jackets. Left over clothing can be donated or used to create a Thrift Shop with proceeds going to support these families further.
- Advent is here. Advent Liturgy of the Word will take place on December 7 virtually.
- The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered in school with priests from St. Christopher and St. Francis of Assisi Parishes on December 2.
- Christmas baskets are being put together for 25 families identified by our School Support Team. Classes are collecting food, gift cards and items. Last day for collection will be December 9.
- Chaplaincy Team is decorating our school for Advent and Christmas. Each classroom prayer table has been given the liturgical colours of the season and a banner. The foyer has been decorated in the spirit of the season.
- Quadmester 2 Retreats will continue next week.
- There are currently about 115 students associated with the Chaplaincy Team.

#### 9. Teacher Report

- A Black Student Alliance has been active with biweekly sessions including discussion on colourism, the N-word as well as planning an upcoming paint night and guest speakers.
- In Athletics, our Flag Football Team made it to the Tier 2 Semifinals after a slow start. At OFSAA, athlete finished 29<sup>th</sup> for grade 9s.
- Our basketball, hockey, volleyball and badminton teams are getting ready for their upcoming seasons.
- Intramurals are being offered to allow a greater participation in Athletics. A variety of sports are being offered. Students are having a great time.
- Remembrance Day was commemorated by a video this year as we cannot gather. The focus for this year was acknowledging the sacrifices made by BIPOC Canadians.
- Student Council had a successful Halloween Spirit Week on October and is planning for their Christmas Spirit Week. This week will include a virtual talent show.

#### 10. Principal's Report

- We have completed our School Goals for this year. They will be posted formally on our school website before the Christmas Break.
- Our goals for this year:
  - Increase the visual signs of our Catholic Faith and integration of scripture in school life.
  - Elevate the voice of students by supporting initiatives in the areas of Equity and Diversity.

- Prepare students to be successful on the OSSLT which is a graduation requirement again.
- Successfully implement the new Grade 9 Destreamed Math course and formalize the use of the high impact strategies of subject conversations throughout the curriculum.
- In February with the beginning of semester 2, we will be returning to a schedule with 4 courses. We will continue to transition our grade 9 and 10 students to a more traditional high school experience. We issued lockers to students at the beginning of Quad 2 and are looking to reopen our server.
- With lockers, students are expected to store their non uniform items there and be in full uniform in classes. Students are encouraged to keep their black shoes in their locker when not in school.
- There is new Inclement Weather Policy. STOPR has divided the Peel Region into 3 Zones. IONA is in ZONE 1. If buses are cancelled in ZONE 1 then all schools are closed to students. Students will be able to access schoolwork on their Learning Management Systems (LMS). There will be no virtual classes however teachers will be available to answer question through their LMS. Notification of cancellations will be sent via social media, radio and television as in the past. Please refer to the Board and STOPR websites for further information.
- Graduation Photos are being taken next week. Students can sign up for appointments through the 2022 Iona Grads Google Classroom. Due to Covid restrictions caps, flowers and other props will not be provided. Gowns will be worn by a single student and then laundered for the next day. Students can make their own flowers for the shoot.
- Please encourage your children to check their Board email daily as important information is shared there. Report cards, timetables, graduation information, OSSLT information, Covid dismissal letters are examples of what is communicated on Board email.
- Parents are asked to ensure the school has updated phone and email information with the school. These are primary methods of communication with parents. Also check that school emails are acknowledged as safe so they do not go to junk mail.
- Follow us on Twitter @IonaCatholic, Instagram @ionacatholicmississauga and our YouTube channel IonaCSS.

### **Meeting Dates**

Thursday, January 27, 2022

### **Adjournment**

The meeting of the Iona Catholic Secondary Council was adjourned.