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**Minutes of Iona Catholic Secondary School Council Meeting**  
**Wednesday, January 26, 2022, at 7:00 pm**  
**Virtual Meeting - Zoom**

In Attendance: Mary Dolban, Peter Bremner, Mary Marcin, Olayinka Okunjo, Tomasz Guzowski, Daisy Miranda, iPhone, Andrew Selvam (Chaplaincy Leader), Emidio Santroni (Teacher Rep), Maria Pallotta (VP), Carl Cini (P).  
Regrets: Liz-Ann Gurowka (Co-Chair), Nelly Morgado (Co-Chair)

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Review of Meeting Agenda
3. Review of Minutes from November 25 meeting
4. Elections/Assignments of Positions
  - a. OAPCE Rep – no response
  - b. Secretary – no response
  - c. Parish Representative – St. Christopher – no response
  - d. Parish Representative – St. Francis of Assisi – no response

Note: One parent expressed desire to take on one of the above positions.

5. 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 held in a separate account in our Board Budget.
  - Inquiry about money to be used to revive the football program at Iona. The money we have available would not cover the cost of 2 sets of equipment. All the equipment that Iona had is either not certified, too old to be certified or is no longer present. To restart a program would require the purchase of all new equipment. This is very costly. It was asked if students could use their own equipment however equipment has to be provided and meet all safety standards.
6. Teacher Report
  - Last year Eli Kamassah, a grade 12 student from Iona, was nominated by the school for the Public Heroes Award which is given out by the Intercultural Dialogue Institute which recognizes outstanding service of Police, Fire and Paramedic services in maintaining public safety. Through the nomination process Eli was selected and will

be representing Iona CSS and the Dufferin Peel Catholic District School Board. Award recipients are selected by a hosting & selection committee based the following three criteria: “**Altruism**”, “**Dedication**” and “**Community Involvement**”. The award was presented at the Gerry W. Morden Centre on Friday, December 10, 2022. Presenters included the Mayor of Mississauga Bonnie Crombie, Fire Chief Deryn Rizzi, and Platoon Chief Luigi Davoli.

- The Grade 11 and 12 FSF students have organized une Semaine de Francais (French week) for Iona - Semaine De FSL. From Monday, January 24 to Friday, January 28 Oh Canada and our Land Acknowledgement have all been in French this week. Monday and Tuesday a French Film was played in the Cafeteria at lunch, Wednesday's morning Reflection was done in French, Thursday there is a Student civvies day where Grade 9 and 10 students were asked to wear green and grades 11 and 12 were asked to wear white (two colours represent the francophone population in Ontario), Friday is a Jeopardy Trivia game during second period.
- Student Council is currently planning spirit week activities around Valentine's Day, with a Matchomatics survey, fun civvies days. Also, Student Council is in the beginning stages of planning Relay For Life which will take place in June

## 7. Chaplaincy Report

- Christmas Basket Drive - \$4000 was raised from student, staff and community contributions for families in need in the community in the form of food and gift cards
- We have clothing and non-perishable food items available for families in need from the fall
- The chaplain and CYW have been making visits to the elementary schools to showcase our school, outside of academics and athletics with a particular focus on wellness and leadership opportunities
  - Monday, January 24 – St. Christopher
  - Tuesday, January 25 – St. Helen
  - Wednesday, January 26 – St. Luke
  - Thursday, January 27 – St. Francis of Assisi
  - Hoping to get to St. Louis in the next few weeks
- There is more work done to increase and develop the faith of staff in our Family of Schools
  - This will begin with our February 2 PD Family of Schools Liturgy
  - There will be future upcoming events
- Retreats will be continuing over next semester
- Planning for Lent – There will be an Ash Wednesday Liturgy (For COVID reasons, ashes will likely not be distributed)
- Chaplaincy Team continues to meet virtually
- New Chaplaincy Logo will be unveiled soon over Instagram

## 8. Parish Update – St. Christopher

- After 17 years, Fr. Scott Young has retired and is no longer at St. Christopher parish
- The associate pastor, Fr. Joseph Rodrigues will be taking over as administrator
- Friday, January 28 – Eucharistic Adoration
  - Worship Service - Intention for Young People

#### 9. Black History Month 2022

- Black History Month 2022 at Iona will focus on the theme of Black Excellence and a variety of activities have been planned for the month
- Music – On Mondays, one of our BSA students will be playing music from black artists of different genres. During the remainder of the week, Tolu Oseivhi will be taking requests from staff and students for music by black artists
- Daily Reflections will be done by students primarily during Black History Month in collaboration with Mr. Selvam. There are different themes for these reflections from personal experiences to Black Education, representation and faith to chronicling the lives of Black Saints
- As opposed to morning exercises, much of Black culture will be displayed via our Instagram account (iona\_bsa) – from cooking, clothing, dancing, etc. For those who do not have Instagram, a compilation of the videos will be made available to the entire school
- There will be a separate chat facilitated by the boys and girls facilitated by Andrew Selvam and Tolu Oseivhi based on topics that interest students in our BSA. Guest speakers will be invited
- There will be a BHM Kahoot for Period 1 classes with the chance to win prizes
- Blackness and Wellness – Ms. Siconolfi will make herself available to work with students in the realm of self-care and how to prioritize mental health
- Wellness Wednesday will be done in collaboration with students in the BSA. Both voices of students in Wellness and BSA will be dubbed in for Wellness Wednesday meditations
- Wednesday Vibe Checks will be connected to supports for students in our community, as well as additional supports for black students in our community

#### 9. Principal's Report

- Since our return to school in January, Covid Management has changed. We are no longer be sending classes home to isolate if there is a positive case at the school. The Ministry of Health and the Chief Medical Officer of Health have stated that no one in a school is considered a close contact therefore no dismissals. Once a case has been reported there will be a letter sent home to the class and the community to inform them. The only direction in the letter is to monitor for symptoms.
- All other Covid protocols remain the same as before Christmas. We are stressing to students the importance of wearing appropriate masks properly and maintaining physical distance particularly in school washrooms. We have instructed our staff to provide students with 2 warnings to wear their masks covering their nose and chin and then if more are needed to send them to the Main Office. In the Main Office we

will go over the need for the masks and how to wear them properly. Parents will be called, and students will potentially be sent home to learn virtually if they do behave safely in the school. Students wearing thin cloth masks are being asked to change into the masks we have at the school. The same will apply to students that do not comply with the capacity limits of 3 students in a washroom at a time.

- Students are also being reminded that their Covid Screening must be completed before they enter the school. Completing it at school defeated the purpose of the screening. Also, if they have symptoms they should stay home and access their classes virtually.
- Important Dates:
  - Deadline to declare virtual learning for Semester 2 on Monday, January 31
  - Quadmester 2 ends on Tuesday, February 1
  - PD Day (no classes for students) on Wednesday, February 2
  - Semester 2 begins on Thursday, February 3
  - Quadmester 2 Final report cards will be sent to students via Board Email on Thursday, February 10.
  - Opportunity to change learning mode (in person to virtual) on April 20
- Semester 2 schedule will be:

Period	Time	Course
1	8:10 – 9:30	Course 1
5 min transition		
2	9:35 – 10:50	Course 2
5 min transition		
3A	10:55 – 11:35	Course 3 Lunch A
3B	11:35 – 12:15	Course 3
3C	12:15 – 12:55	Course 3 Lunch C
5 min transition		
4	1:00 – 2:15	Course 4

- Students have expressed concerns regarding moving from 2 courses to 4 and how they will manage. The first day of Semester 2 will include transition activities to help students understand the new schedule, discuss time management skills, ensuring they know who to go to for support in the school, resilience, building community and well-being.
- A project that the school is embarking on is the renewal of our Chapel. As the physical and spiritual center of our school, we are looking to create an environment where students feel tranquility and comfort. We are looking at refinishing the walls and replacing the floor. We are in the process of costing the project.
- With the upcoming election in June, we wanted to make parents aware that there will be elections for your Catholic School Trustees. For your vote to count, it is important to make sure that you're registered as an English Separate School supporter. Parents were reminding to look at their most current tax bill to see where their support is going in order to prepare for the election.

- Course selection for the 2022-2023 school year is underway. Students can pick their courses on My Blueprint along with tools to help with academic planning. The deadline to pick courses is February 18. In order for courses to run, students have to pick them. Please contact Mr. Orlando in Guidance if there are any questions.
- A retake day for Graduation Photos is scheduled for February 23.
- A question was asked regarding Graduation and Prom. We tentatively have dates and venues for each on June 29 and June 27 respectively. We will not know what is happening with these events until we know what restrictions or protocols are in place.
- We encourage parents read emails sent by the school and the Board and for students to check their Board email daily. Important information is shared through this platform.
- Follow us on Twitter @IonaCatholic, Instagram @ionacatholicmississauga and our YouTube channel IonaCSS.

### **Meeting Dates**

Thursday, February 24, 2022

### **Adjournment**

The meeting of the Iona Catholic Secondary Council was adjourned.