

**CATHOLIC (PARENT) SCHOOL COUNCIL 2021/2022**  
**MEETING MINUTES FROM Oct 6, 2021**

**In attendance:**

- M. McCann (Principal), J. Roy (teacher rep), S. Kelenc (teacher rep), R. Johnson (non-teacher rep)
- A. Cunanan (Co-Chair), A. Patola (Co-Chair), N Sarin (Treasurer), A. Pronski (Secretary), Heather Jagiello (Co-Secretary), J. Rye (Community Rep); Sojourner King (OAPCE Rep); I. Ozurigbo (parent rep); Kristin Zeljkovic (parent rep)
- Trustee Mario Pascucci, Jessica White, Amanda Bujdos, Chris Munro, Tess O'Mara
- Sent regrets – M. Nargi, S. Hobin, B. Iannicca

**Opening**

- Land Acknowledgement of First Nations Sacred Territory – recording
- Opening Prayer – A. Cunanan
- Thank you – A. Cunanan and M. McCann thanked 2020/ 20221 council and welcomed new council members & parents attending

**Agenda Items**

**1. Meeting Minutes** – from May

- Approved – A. Cunanan moved for approval & A. Patola seconded motion

**2. Treasurer's Report**

Line painting	\$1,666.78	
Cheque:	\$12,468.72	
Tree Benches	6,378.72	
Standing Items	1,590.05	
Library Resources	1,000	
Technology	3,500	
Commitment (standing items):		
Student Agendas (2021/22)	\$750	
<b>Available School Council Funds</b>		<b>\$4,640.58</b>

- Final balance of \$4,640.58, was higher than anticipated as the line painting items came to \$1,666.78 vs. council approved amount of up to \$3,000

**3. Co-Chairs Reports**

- A. Cunanan attended CCCSC (Central Committee for Catholic School Councils) meeting in September
  - Focus was school air quality overall and HEPA filters in FDK classrooms (because social distancing is more challenging).
    - School board was already taking action. Filters are now upgraded and will be replaced 5x per year. The report is available at the School Board website or you can reach out to A. Cunanan if you are interested in receiving a copy of the report
    - At SJCGLC there is a HEPA filter in every classroom, but no air cooling system (priority is schools who host summer programs). *M. McCann will inquire further with the Board regarding an air cooling system for SJCGLC*, however the age of the building may present technical challenges
  - Board approved parent workshops – focus will be on anti-racism, diversity & equity. Parents are welcome to suggest topics to the Council Chairs
  - Approved Meeting minutes are to be posted to the school website within 2 weeks of Council meeting approval – SJCGLC council is well within this expectation
  - Suggested councils can amend the by-laws to have 15 parent council members

#### 4. 2020-2021 Council dissolved

- Approved – A. Cunanan moved for approval & J. Rye seconded motion

#### 5. Greetings from the Board - Mario

- Thank you to the staff, students, parents and community
- He encourages parents to reach out to him with inquiries as he is happy to jump on a call directly. If one parent has a question, likely 10+ do, so he wants to hear from the school community. His contact information is available through M. McCann, on all school newsletters and the school/board websites
- J. Rye thanked Mario for how accessible he has been over the years

#### 6. 2021/2022- Council Introductions

##### Acclaimed Members

- A. Cunanan – Chair
- A. Patola – Co-Chair
- A. Pronski – Secretary
- H. Jagiello – Co-Secretary
- N. Sarin – Treasurer
- J. Rye – Community representative
- S. King – OAPCE – Ontario Association of parents in Catholic Education (meets a couple of times a year)
- M. Nargi – Parent representative
- I. Ozurigbo – Parent representative
- K. Zeljkovic – Parent representative

##### Staff:

- J. Roy / S. Kelenc
- R. Johnson

##### Outstanding role – to be discussed next council meeting

- Parish representative

#### 7. Council Dates

- Council selected the following 4 dates for meetings throughout the 2021/2022 school year:
  - Wed. October 6, 2021
  - Thur. November 18, 2021
  - Wed. February 9, 2021
  - Wed. April 6, 2021

#### 8. Principal's Report – Catholicity (M. McCann)

- Opening/ Thanksgiving virtual school mass – October 7<sup>th</sup>
- Rosary Apostolates are coming – October 20<sup>th</sup>
- Sacramental Meetings – St. Mary Star of the Sea
  - Confirmation – November 3 at 7pm
  - Reconciliation & First Holy Communion – November 11 at 7pm
- Curriculum
  - Virtual open house – October 7<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30. All parents welcome
  - Technology – 50 brand new chrome books have been distributed to classrooms (compliments of School Council funds raised) – lots of great technology stocked for the benefit of all students
  - CCAT – grade 4s – Oct 25 & 26<sup>th</sup>
  - Progress reports – November 9<sup>th</sup>

#### 9. Principal's Report – MYP Update (S. Kelenc)

- National Truth & Reconciliation week was a good opportunity to connect parts of the IB program (“Individuals & Society”) to the Ontario curriculum

- Yr1 (Grade 6): Theme was “changes and important events in different communities have shaped Canada’s identity and culture over time” – participated in a webinar/ interactive activity to create orange hearts; included messages of love or hope; and learned about the meaning of the colour orange
- Yr2 (Grade 7): Theme was “important changes over time affect groups of people differently, which leads to new perspectives and consequences for society” – created an Indigenous Hall of Fame – looked at artists, athletes, culinary arts, land defenders, etc.
- Yr 3 (Grade 8): Theme was “in a given time period, changes to governance affects groups differently, leading to a variety of perspectives and conflict” – webinar included an overview of significant events leading up to confederation, post confederation, etc. Created a timeline to understand different trends throughout the time period the students were studying

#### **10. Principal’s Report – PYP Update (J. Roy)**

- Theme: “who we are”
  - FDK A – studied play and how play has become more complex as they learn more about it; connecting home & school play themes
  - FDK B – focused on feelings during play, talking about language and skills to help solve problems during play. IB action was to create a neighbourhood with roads for all the kids to play with at the same time
  - Grade 1: students descriptions of themselves have become more elaborate, including IB learner profile attribute language
  - Grade 2 – created ‘me bags’ while looking into who they are and included different things that help to represent themselves
  - Grade 3 – investigated their name stories and the history of their name, as well as their unique god given gifts
  - Grade 4 – looked at Terry Fox strengths and weaknesses; IB action was to look at real life heroes and super heroes and their strengths & weaknesses
- Grade 5 – started with the theme “how we organize ourselves” because of Federal Election and Student Vote that happened at the beginning of the year, so re-arranged themes. They also did a lot of work around Orange Shirt Day and are working on mental math skills

#### **11. Principal’s Report – Co-curricular Activities (M. McCann)**

- Terry Fox Event
- National Day for Truth & Reconciliation
- Co-curricular activities are back (with appropriate cohorting measures)!!!! ☺
  - Creative Maker Space – starting with grade 8’s, will move through other grades each month
  - Photography – will start in next couple weeks; available to MYP in 3 cohorts with 3 teacher volunteers
  - Eco – led by J Roy – Parents are encouraged to observe the Butterfly Garden at the school
  - Wellness group – will start in next couple of weeks
  - University of Waterloo math contest – starts in early November

#### **12. Principal’s Report – Facilities (M. McCann)**

- September – focus on health & well-being, safety protocols
  - Created a great indoor, sensory pathway for learning & for students to take breaks as need
- Fire drills x3

#### **13. Principal’s Report – Other (M. McCann)**

- Picture Day – November 10<sup>th</sup> – no class pictures, but physical distancing individual pictures will take place
- Teacher candidates – York & OISE students
- St. Paul virtual visit with Grade 8’s – November 2
  - Details of all other Secondary School open houses are available on the school website under learning MYP

#### 14. New Business - By-Law Review

- Recommendation is to increase parent council member max from 10 to 15, so that in future we can engage more of the parent community
- Approved – A. Cunanan moved for approval & J. Roy and A. Pronski seconded motion
- *M. McCann will update the electronic version of the By-Laws*

#### 15. New Business - Motion for Fundraiser

- Council agreed to take a similar approach as last year
- Update last year's letter. Must indicate purpose of fundraising \$... highlight outdoor improvements, technology, etc. (leveraging similar language from last year)
- Fundraising participation & amount will be optional, with same recommended amount as last year (\$50), with reminder in school newsletter
- *We will solicit ideas from teachers (M. McCann), student Eco group (J. Roy), board (M. McCann) and parents/ council members on how we can best use these funds*
- Discussion of ideas:
  - M. McCann – suggested we could do sensory pathways in the Junior and/or Intermediate areas, similarly to what has been done in the Primary hallways
  - J. Roy – suggested splitters for the classroom, so that kids could plug in 2 sets of headphones to the same computer, while socially distanced. *What are other technology needs the classrooms/ teachers/ students might have?*
  - A. Bujdos– recommended additional improvements to outdoor space, as this is very important to children's education, especially given covid. *She will share some photos of ideas she has seen at other schools with the Council*
  - Discussion about the walking path that the Council raised funds for last year and was denied by the school board due to ongoing maintenance needs
  - A. Patola – suggested we review what were the other requests from students last year
  - T. O'Mara – suggested we consider an awning or some sort of covered tent type space, so students can still do learning outside if it is slightly raining (Atwater French school has something like this)
  - *M. Mcann to connect with the Board on outdoor ideas*
  - A. Patola – suggested we consider a spirit wear order. This has been done in previous years, but not last year (due to Covid). In previous years Council funded something for each student (so no one was left out), as well as for the new students. *M. McCann will bring information to next Council meeting.*
- Approved - unanimously by the Council
- *M. McCann will get Board approval on letter and distribute to parent community*

#### 16. New Business - Other

- J Rye – Community Update – Port Credit Canada Day committee is doing a Thanksgiving Day to Remember – this Monday in Memorial Park (no parade). Event will start at 2pm, with music in the park and fireworks at 7pm
- J Rye – Request – can SJCGLC profile more high school options to Grade 7/8 students, not just St. Pauls (they are the IB continuation), but there are other regional arts, sports, trades, etc. specialized programs (SHSM – Specialized High Skilled Major) to expand students sights/ appeal to interests
  - S. Kelenc – in the past other high schools have reached out for in-person presentations at SJCGLC, but St. Paul's has been the one consistent every year
  - S. Kelenc – SJCGLC does encourage students to start thinking about and building their portfolios for submissions to regional programs (e.g. art portfolio)
  - S. Kelenc – SJCGLC also helps students prepare their My BluePrint profile, choose their programs, etc.
  - S. Kelenc – The Peel Board profiles all available secondary school options

#### 17. Motion to end the meeting

- Approved – A. Cunanan moved for approval & A. Patola seconded motion

**Future meetings (virtually via Zoom):**

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