



**ST. JOSEPH SECONDARY SCHOOL  
SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING  
Approved Minutes**

Monday June 7, 2021  
7:00 p.m.

Item #	Highlights
1.	<p>Opening Reflection and Prayer: (Dee Pereira)</p> <p>Approval of Agenda; approved by Magdalena Howard; seconded by Michael Gugliemi-Wheeler</p> <p>Approval of April 2021 Minutes; approved by Antonio DSouza; seconded by Michael Gugliemi-Wheeler</p>
2.	<p>Report from Vice Chair-Board of Trustees – Luz del Rosario</p> <p>Our virtue for the month of June is <b>FAIRNESS</b>. It is about treating others with mercy, being open-minded and to act justly.</p> <p>Luz thanked the Parent Council members for their participation throughout the year. She commented the Student Council members for their social media presence and thanked everyone for their time and commitment.</p> <p><b>Sacred Heart of Jesus Month</b> – Now, more than ever, the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board (DPCDSB) is committed to sharing the message of connection, love and compassion as exemplified through the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Accordingly, June is dedicated and devoted to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. His Eminence Cardinal Collins recently released his pastoral letter <i>“Heart to Heart”</i>, which he mentioned during the May 5 provincial Catholic Education Week Mass, <i>“I firmly believe that to give us the guidance and strength required to fulfill our mission as disciples of Jesus more effectively, in a world so much in need of His love, we also need to rediscover a treasure, central to our life in Christ, that is hidden in plain sight in our Catholic spiritual heritage</i></p> <p><b>Respect, Compassion and Dignity for All: Rainbow Flag to Fly at Catholic Education Centre</b> Students who identify as 2SLGBTQ+ often face discrimination. We are all created in the image and likeness of God, deserving of dignity and respect. Discrimination undermines the dignity of individuals. As a Catholic community, DPCDSB seeks to ensure that all students recognize they are created in the image and likeness of God. Student voice is important at DPCDSB. Our students have shared that the rainbow flag represents acceptance and inclusion to them. Further, it reaffirms the message that our schools are safe places for 2SLGBTQ+ youth and that they are always accepted as children of God. Commencing on June 1, as a sign of respect, compassion, and dignity, the DPCDSB will fly the rainbow flag at the board’s Catholic Education Centre (CEC). DPCDSB schools will also be permitted to display rainbow flags/posters and items within their school, similar to what has been the practice related to a wide variety of other recognition days within our schools.</p>

Most DPCDSB schools have a single flagpole from which the National Flag of Canada is flown. In accordance with Canada's National Flag protocol, we do not replace the National Flag with any other flags, nor do we fly additional flags or banners on the same pole as our National Flag.

### **National Indigenous History Month**

June 1 marks the beginning of National #IndigenousHistoryMonth with June 21 as National Indigenous Peoples Day. This month and year-round, we must recognize the history, contributions & diversity of Indigenous peoples. This is an important time for us all to reflect and take action to work together towards reconciliation.

### **Italian Heritage Month**

June also marks Italian Heritage Month in Canada and Ontario, with June 2 as Italian National Day. This month gives our schools us the opportunity to highlight the significant social, economic, political, and cultural contributions people of Italian origin have made in our communities.

### **Portuguese Heritage Month**

June is Portuguese Heritage Month in Canada and in Ontario, with June 10 a Portuguese Heritage Day. This month is an opportunity for our schools to recognize the immense contributions Canadians of Portuguese origin have made to the social, economic, political, and cultural growth and development of Canada.

### **Filipino Heritage Month**

This June we recognize Filipino Heritage Month in Canada and in Ontario, with June 12 as Filipino Heritage Day. This month gives our schools the opportunity to highlight the valuable contributions people of Filipino origin have made to the social, economic, political, and cultural fabric of Canada.

**COVID-19 Vaccinations** – As of May 20, children aged 12-17 yrs. old and their family members, who live, work, or attend school in the Region of Peel, are eligible to register for an appointment to receive an initial Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccination. A second dose will be administered in August. Learn more.

**September School Reopening** – The options for learning for the upcoming DPCDSB 2021-2022 school year were shared with parents/guardians through a Community Information Bulletin dated May 19, 2021. DPCDSB will be surveying parents/guardians in early August regarding intention to attend remote-only. Please refer to the DPCDSB website [www.dpcdsb.org](http://www.dpcdsb.org) and select the tab "School Updates and Information" for more details.

**Grants for Student Needs (GSN)** – On May 4, the Ministry of Education announced the Grants for Student Needs (GSN) funding. Major updates in the GSN for 2021-2022 include COVID-19 supports, transfers into GSN from Priorities and Partnerships Funds (PPF) and investments to reflect the third and final year of central labour agreements. The 2021-2022 total provincial GSN investment is approximately \$25.6 billion. We are pleased to see the investment in mental health to support the continued learning and well-being of students and support for technology embedded in the GSN. Learn more.

**DPCDSB Budget Development Process** – The Ministry will continue to provide temporary ongoing COVID-19 funding supports at amounts similar to this current year, however school boards are expected to budget for only half the funds to start the 2021-2022 year. This enables DPCDSB to start the new school year with additional staffing in place to address physical distancing and the provision

of enhanced cleaning and health & safety protocols that were effectively in place for the 2020-2021 school year. This is good news for DPCDSB staff and students. DPCDSB will continue to develop the 2021-2022 budget aligned with the recent GSN documents.

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**Parent Reaching Out (PRO) Grants** – Our DPCDSB Board of Trustees continues to advocate for funding to support parent engagement to benefit families in our schools. We have put forth a resolution to the Ontario Catholic Schools Trustees Association (OCSTA) “... to increase the PRO Grant funding to support Catholic School Councils in providing community engagement activities, outreach programs and opportunities to keep families informed and active in their children’s education experience.”

I am pleased that, in the recent Grants for Student Needs (GSN) and Priorities and Program Funding (PPF) announcements, the Ministry of Education has doubled the funding for PRO Grants through the PPF to \$2.47 million from \$1.25 million last year.

**Retrofitting/Renovating Schools** - Our DPCDSB Board of Trustees has also put forth a Resolution to OCSTA with respect to increasing funding for Retrofitting/Renovating Schools and that to petition the Ministry of Education to provide stable, reliable multi-year funding to support school renewal, renovations and retrofit. This DPCDSB Resolution was approved at the May 1 Annual General Meeting of OCSTA and been included in the Finance Briefs, Pre-Budget Submission and ongoing discussions with the Ministry of Education, as part of our advocacy efforts.

**Wellbeing** – Supporting well-being and mental health is integral to the work we do. It is also articulated clearly within the core principles in our Board of Trustees’ *Multi-Year Strategic Plan (2019-2023)*. DPCDSB has prioritized student and family well-being during the pandemic. Our approach has been based on promotion, prevention, and intervention initiatives. DPCDSB has trained staff on the implementation of mental health and well-being delivered by school-based support staff (i.e. mental health support workers, child and youth workers, psychology staff and social workers).

Our board will continue to provide mental health supports this summer to students and families.

**Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT)** – The OSSLT will not be a requirement for graduating students in the 2021-2022 school year, however, the test will be administered to all Grade 10 and 11 students with an option to write in the fall or the spring. Successful completion of the OSSLT will be a graduating requirement for all students graduating in the 2022-2023 school year.

**Volunteer Hours** – The Community Involvement Graduation Requirement for secondary students will continue to be reduced from 40 hours to 20 hours for students graduating in the 2021-2022 school year.

**2021 Graduating Class** – My sincere congratulations to our DPCDSB graduates on reaching this milestone in your life. You have faced many new challenges and have had to adjust and adapt to very different learning environments throughout the pandemic. It is your hard work and determination that has brought you here today. May your faith in Jesus Christ help guide you and light the way. Wishing you every success in your future!

**2021 – 2022 School Year Calendar** – The first day of classes for Elementary and Secondary schools is Tuesday September 8, 2021. For more information, please visit: <https://www3.dpcdsb.org/Schools/School-Year-Calendar>.

	<p><b>Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board</b></p> <p>Lastly, to our students, families, and staff, we hope you are keeping well. We would like to thank you for choosing a Dufferin-Peel Catholic education. It is our privilege to serve you Special thanks to our parents/guardians for sharing the gift of your children with us.</p> <p>I thank our Catholic School Council for all their support to our school and feedback to the Board. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns. You are encouraged to stay updated and informed on all communications sent from the DPCDSB over the summer months.</p>
3.	<p>Report from Student Council: Joseph Gordian – Nweke</p> <p><b>Highlights of Student Events:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Talent Show was a success!</li> </ul> <p><b>Congratulations to our Student Council for the 2021-2022 School Year:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Grade 10 reps- Sid Nattala, Ana Mesic</li> <li>▪ Grade 11 rep- Sara Khan</li> <li>▪ Grade 12 rep- Andrea Michael</li> <li>▪ Senate Representative- Martina Mesic</li> <li>▪ Minister of Social Functions- Geetika Arikati</li> <li>▪ Minister of Public Relations- Dev Kandara</li> <li>▪ Minister of Faith- Maria D'Souza</li> <li>▪ Minister of Records- Gateek Chandak</li> <li>▪ Deputy Prime Minister- Ali Taha</li> <li>▪ Prime Minister- Lauren Fernandes</li> </ul> <p>This is the last meeting for Joseph and Shanaya as they are graduating. Rosina thanked them for all their hard work this year and for keeping the student body engaged. She commended the entire student council for a great job. They have set the bar high for next year's members. She will be meeting the new student council members tomorrow. (June 8<sup>th</sup>)</p>
4.	<p>Report from the Co-Chairs: Antonio Dsouza:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An Event, 'Busy Lives - Restless Souls: Nurturing Hope In Difficult Times' with Dr. Anne Jamieson was organized by CCCSC for the benefit of Catholic School Councils &amp; Parent / Guardian community on May 12, 2021.</li> <li>• The Ministry of Education has provided funding in the amount of \$500 for the 2020-21 school year to support the implementation of programs, strategies and initiatives that involve parents.</li> <li>• DPCDSB had conducted a Survey on ' Catholic School Council' for 2020-2021. The questions were based on Catholicity; Spiritual leadership; Program development and academic progress at the school, positive relationships and effective student discipline; school communication and public relations; fiscal management and allocation of resources; administrative competencies &amp; success of virtual Catholic School Council meetings</li> </ul>
5.	Report from Council Members:
	<b>Treasurer – Shamin DSouza</b>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Current Balance stands at \$1772.04.</b> This will be carried over to the next school year. (2021-2022)</li> </ul> <p><b>Parish Rep</b> - Alice Thalachira (Absent this evening) Information provided by Antonio DSouza</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The CWL had conducted a Fund raiser to support Vita Centre. The funds generated amounted to \$850.00</li> <li>• The church will be opening for celebration of Holy Mass on the feast of the 'Sacred Heart of Jesus' which falls on Friday, Jun 11, 2021. There will be 2 masses celebrated on this feast day. Thereafter the church will be regularly celebrating weekdays and Sunday masses.</li> </ul> <p><b>DRAPCE</b>- Mara Farmer-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Last event took place on May 26<sup>th</sup> – “Gaming Addiction”; <a href="https://eyespyhealth.ca/wp-content/uploads/2019/07/9signsvideogameaddiction.pdf">https://eyespyhealth.ca/wp-content/uploads/2019/07/9signsvideogameaddiction.pdf</a></li> <li>• Unfortunately, she was unable to attend.</li> <li>• Mara thanked everyone for a great year despite all the challenges that were faced. This is her last year on council as her daughter is graduating.</li> <li>• She thanked all the staff and administration from St. Joseph CSS for all their hard work and dedication over the years.</li> </ul>
6.	<p><b>Report from the Principal:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1. School Social Media Accounts:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reminded parents to follow St. Joseph on Twitter and Instagram to be kept up to date.</li> </ul> </li> <li><b>2. School Council Annual Survey:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• School Council Annual Survey was completed and submitted to the Board on May 27<sup>th</sup>, 2021.</li> </ul> </li> <li><b>3. Library renovation:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The renovation had been completed and we are looking forward to opening in September 2021.</li> </ul> </li> <li><b>4. Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT):</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The OSSLT will not be a requirement for graduating students in the 2021-2022 school year, however, the test will be administered to all Grade 10 and 11 students with an option to write in the fall or the spring. Successful completion of the OSSLT will be a graduating requirement for all students graduating in the 2022-2023 school year.</li> </ul> </li> <li><b>5. Volunteer Hours:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Community Involvement Graduation Requirement for secondary students will continue to be reduced from 40 hours to 20 hours for students graduating in the 2021-2022 school year.</li> </ul> </li> <li><b>6. 2021 – 2022 School Year Calendar:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The first day of classes for Elementary and Secondary schools is Tuesday September 8, 2021. For more information, please visit: <a href="https://www3.dpcdsb.org/Schools/School-Year-Calendar">https://www3.dpcdsb.org/Schools/School-Year-Calendar</a>.</li> </ul> </li> <li><b>7. School Generated funds:</b></li> </ol>

- Library renovation has been completed.
- Heat Pump System Replacement is underway – Board project
- Basketball nets are installed, and they will be put back up in September.

**8. Graduation 2021:**

- The Graduation Mass will be on Monday June 28<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.; link to virtual Mass will be posted on school website
- The Graduation Ceremony will be on Monday June 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. and the link to the virtual Graduation Ceremony will be posted on the school website  
Graduate will pick up diplomas, awards, certificates and a graduation gift on Tuesday June 29<sup>th</sup>, 2021; awards will be shared during the ceremony
- Rosina informed that it involved a lot of work to put together a Virtual Graduation; a lot of effort has gone into it, and it will honour all the grads.
- Graduates will pick up diplomas, awards, certificates and a graduation gift on Tuesday June 29<sup>th</sup>, 2021

**9. MySchoolDay App**

- This app is our current Student Agenda book, and it will be used for the 2021-2022 school year

**10. Parent Engagement Grant**

- The \$500 that was given for the 2020-2021 school year cannot be carried over into the next school year.
- Rosina asked DPCDSB if the \$500 can be used to support 2 students for Virtue Awards. Yes, it can for this year. Therefore the 2 students who will be receiving the Virtue Awards will each receive \$250.
- Antonio informed that The Knights of Columbus gives these Virtue Awards recipients a bursary as well.

Rosina thanked everyone for their support this year. She also thanked Luz for attending all our meetings this year.

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**School Reports:**

**1. Chaplaincy Leader Report:**

- The Rosary Team continues to meet with the seniors.
- Last week’s rosary with the students was dedicated to the 215 First Nation Children from the BC Residential School.
- Reminded parents that she is available to talk to students online on Google Meet each day between the hours of 11:45-12:45. She wants students to connect with her. She has an open-door policy if parents feel uncomfortable to speak to their child or vice versa about certain topics (i.e. any forms of anxiety, if young people are seeing the media about what is happening with the church, identity issues etc.)
- She feels it has been a blessing to see young people turning to prayer this year.

**2. Staff Report: Michael Gugliemi-Wheeler**

- Eco Club just achieved Platinum Status. He praised the students.
- Clubs are all wrapping up. It was a unique year in terms of the clubs being online, but it was positive.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• He thanked everyone for this experience of being on council. It was his first year as he is new to the school</li> <li>• <b>Next school year</b> – Peace Garden Project - St. Joseph 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary (March 20, 2022)</li> </ul>
<b>8.</b>	<p><b>Meeting Adjourned at 8:21 p.m.</b></p> <p>Motion to adjourn meeting by Michael Gugliemi-Wheeler and seconded by Donna Bozzo</p>

<b>School Council 2020-2021</b>		
<b>Position</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Attendance for June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021</b>
Principal	Rosina Ariganello	Present
Vice-Principal	Geraldine Roy	Absent
Vice Chair-Board of Trustees	Luz del Rosario	Present
Co-Chair	Antonio DSouza	Present
Co-Chair	Magdalena Howard	Present
Treasurer	Shamin DSouza	Present
Secretary	Donna Bozzo	Present
Parish Rep	Alice Thalachira	Absent
OAPCE Rep	Mara Farmer	Present
Teacher Rep	Michael Gugliemi-Wheeler	Present
Non-Teacher Rep, Chaplaincy Leader	Dee Pereira	Present
Member	Ruchi Ambike	Present
Member	Rashmy Lobo	Absent
Student Council Prime Minister	Joseph Gordian-Nweke	Present
Student Council Deputy Prime Minister	Shanaya Barretto	Absent