

## St. Julia School Council Meeting

**October 3, 2018 7:30pm**

**St. Julia Catholic School, 6770 Historic Trail, Mississauga, ON**

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Present: Mr. Brian Diogo (Principal), Ms. Rita Davenport (Vice-Principal), Lina D'Iorio (Teacher Representative), Karina Gigante (Co-Chair), Tania Vilarinho (Co-Chair), Christi Chiera (Secretary), Chris Ferrao (Treasurer), Danielle Pereira (OAPCE), Diane Akam (Parent at Large), Ashley Medeiros (Parent at Large), Shirley Barrington (Parent at Large), Jennifer Fabrizi (Parent at Large), Nikki Carvalho (Parent at Large)

1. Call to Order - The regular meeting was called to order by Karina Gigante at 7:30p.m. and a quorum was present.
2. Territorial Acknowledgement- (completed at first meeting of evening by Ms. Davenport)
3. Opening Prayer (completed at first meeting of evening)
4. Welcome and Introductions – Karina Gigante and Tania Vilarinho Co-Chairs, welcomed everyone to the meeting. Mr. Diogo welcomed all persons in attendance and encouraged people to continue to attend meetings as they are the channel to other parents, also as it is important to be present for meetings to gather information and pose questions regarding the school and School Council.
5. Approval of the Agenda – Agenda was approved as presented.
6. Approval of the Minutes – Approval of minutes to be tabled as meeting occurred immediately before current meeting of new Council.
7. New Business

ITEM	NOTES	DECISION	NEXT STEPS & PERSON RESPONSIBLE
<b>Boogie-a-thon</b>	<p><b>PEP RALLY &amp; PRIZING</b></p> <p>Mrs. Galasso (Student Council Lead) relayed the pep rally format may be similar to prior year as election is later then in the past and students may have difficulty preparing new material for pep rally given short turnaround period</p> <p>Pep Rally is to showcase the prizes for the boogie-a-thon it consists of a parade, games and music to motivate students to fundraise- prizes are then placed in the cabinet as a reminder of such.</p> <p>Lori Challenger in charge of prize selection, there was feedback provided last year in regard to desired types of prizes this is taken into consideration in prize selection for this year. Karina Gigante completed a donation letter that has been approved</p>	<p>Total budget for prizing was approved for \$500.</p> <p>Weekly draws on the 3 Fridays preceding the boogie-a-thon - the prize allotments for these draws will be decided by the boogie-a-thon sub-committee consisting of Diane Akam, Karina Gigante, Kasia Kudzma, Dina Romanelli, Christi Chiera</p>	<p>First draw on October 13<sup>th</sup> @ 2:45pm</p> <p>Oct 13<sup>th</sup> Prize: Wireless Headphones donated by Medeiros family.</p> <p>Rest of weekly prizes to be determined by boogie-a-thon sub-committee</p>
	<p><b>DJ</b></p> <p>DJ is available for the day at a cost of \$500</p>	<p>Council elected to go with last year's DJ.</p>	<p>Diane Akam to confirm and book DJ ASAP.</p>
	<p><b>\$100 Donation – Special Prizes</b></p> <p>As per last year, item was proposed that any student who raises \$100 or more will be provided an automatic prize consisting of \$10 gift certificate</p>	<p>Motion passed.</p>	<p>To be purchased by Lori Challenger (iTunes, Google Play Store, Indigo, McDonalds, EB Games)</p>
	<p><b>ASK FROM ADMIN RE: DRESSING UP</b></p> <p>It has been noted that parents are asked to dress up when attending the boogie-a-thon</p>	<p>Council agrees with this request</p>	<p>To be communicated to parents via e-mail prior to boogie-a-thon by admin</p>

<p><b>Current Lunch Programs</b></p>	<p>It is being considered that the pizza orders reopen as there is much praise for the pizza this year and there is the potential for more orders, suggestion to table this item until Admin receives enough requests to reopen</p>	<p>Council agrees to table at October Meeting</p>	<p>N/A at this time</p>
<p><b>Additional Lunch Programs</b></p>	<p>Various establishments have expressed interest in supplying St. Julia with their services including;</p> <p><b>Lunchbox Orders:</b> offers items restaurants such as Swiss Chalet, Burrito Boyz Burritos, Booster Juice Smoothies and more</p> <p><b>Kidssentials</b> is a program whereby they put the food together at the school location, they use compostable materials in their packaging, are complaint with PP150, it is an online-day-before cancellation policy, it allocates funds to be donated to the school, they use fresh ingredients and are allergy free and are willing to work with individuals with specific allergy needs, they are open to a tasting appointment and have reference letters</p> <p><b>Lunchpails-</b> fresh items, hide vegetables in sauces, large menu, hot and cold items, tasting appointment is possible</p> <p><b>Palma Pasta</b> is also an option and has been known to service other schools</p>	<p>Council agreed to explore options. Taste tests will be arranged; administration is open to having lunch providers in attendance every day of the school week.</p>	<p>Karina Gigante to coordinate samples for October meeting and provide more info to Council</p>
<p><b>School Council Dates for 2018/2019 Session</b></p>	<p>It was agreed that the day of the week of the meetings will vary throughout the course of the year to allow all chance to attend meetings; although dates are indicated below there may be changes due to operational needs; <b>meetings will commence at 6:30pm</b> and will be held in the St. Julia library. Should date, time and location change, all parties will be notified in advance,</p>	<p>Meeting dates</p> <p>Thurs Oct 18, 2018  Wed Nov 21, 2018  Thurs Jan 17, 2019  Wed Feb 13, 2019  Mon April 15, 2019 <i>(was notified by Admin post-meeting, the date is changed to Mon Apr, 8, 2019 due to Holy Week)</i>  Thurs June 6, 2019</p>	<p>N/A at this time</p>
<p><b>NEW BUSINESS: Christmas Event Fundraiser</b></p>	<p>A Christmas event was suggested by Ashley Medeiros to take place on the weekend, perhaps breakfast with Santa with crafts. Admission would be pre-paid, with stations in the school for families to partake in and a silent auction. It was considered opening up this event to the community but was recommended that the event remain as part of the school community only for this year; cash online system will be considered. It was moved forward that the event remain on a smaller scale with just Breakfast with Santa as it is the inaugural year and administration wants event to run smoothly and in future years the scale of the event can be broadened. It was suggested the \$300 that goes toward Santa attending during the school day be used for the event</p>	<p>Council agreed to explore this idea for December 2018.</p>	<p>Ashley Medeiros will take the lead on creating a proposal for the event including a timeline and stations and this will be reviewed at the next Council meeting; Administration will see if LifeTouch is available to attend on weekends to take the pictures with Santa.</p> <p>Karina Gigante will create a survey monkey to present at October meeting for approval.</p>

<b>NEW BUSINESS</b> <b>Garage Sale</b>	Item brought forward to potentially host a Community Garage Sale at St Julia	Council expressed interest in exploring	Item tabled until a subsequent Council meeting
<b>NEW BUSINESS</b> <b>Charity Support</b>	It was suggested that the school support a Charity; it was noted that St. Julia currently participates in Food Drives, Toy Drive, Mitten Drives and Hard Candy Drive; We Day was considered but does not fall within the Catholic Faith umbrella; it was also suggested that there be support of mentoring program	Item to be tabled now pending school plan	N/A
<b>NEW BUSINESS</b> <b>Uniforms</b>	Request made to gauge interest from parent community to institute uniforms at the school. Administration outlined that 75% of all parents must vote yes to pass. This is done through a vote, any non-responders are considered a no vote. Families with only Grade 8 students will have no vote as their child will not be in attendance next year.	Decision made to gauge interest from parents regarding uniforms.	Electronic survey to be drafted by Karina Gigante for review at October meeting. E-mail survey selected to allow for as many parents as possible to vote.
<b>NEW BUSINESS</b> <b>New Roles for School Council</b>	It was proposed that there be a new role created on School Council that would liaise with administration and prepare a calendar to ensure that all events and team schedules be provided to parents so parents may assist in encouraging and organizing the participation of their child in these events/teams.	Administration indicates that Daily Announcements will soon be sent out electronically to parents the week prior so that parents can engage in conversations with their children. Item tabled until this proves implemented to determine if this role will be necessary	N/A

#### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Mr. Diogo thanked all in attendance for their participation; he indicated that he has a new vision for progress for the school, he reviewed the Kiss and Ride policy as outlined in a letter

- Boys and Girls Volleyball is now underway
- Cross Country try-outs have commenced
- Student Council elections are October 12, 2018
- Pizza Day and Sub day are now running

#### PARISH UPDATE

Father Neiman is acting as the main role in liaising with St. Julia this year, there was a mass on October 3<sup>rd</sup> and another at end of the year; masses cost a lot of money to organize due to bussing costs involving the entire school population; school masses are important to the Catholic School experience and parents are encouraged to take their children to church so that children can adequately learn the format of a mass and responses; a schedule of masses will be provided shortly

**FIRST COMMUNION DATE: May 26, 2019**

**CONFIRMATION DATE: April 30, 2018**

#### **VIRTUE ASSEMBLIES**

It is encouraged that parents attend the virtue assemblies; assemblies occur monthly; the format of the assembly has changed and there will be a liturgical aspect, video and live performance of relevance at the assembly each month, it was noted that parents need to celebrate their children; teachers will contact parents if their child has been named as the recipient of the virtue of that month; it entails that the assemblies will try to accommodate parents work school by either being at 0900 or 1415

#### **KINDERGARTEN GRADUATION**

Mr. Diogo will talk to Kindergarten teachers about reinstating Kindergarten graduation as requested by some parents in attendance at meeting, this will be tabled for future meetings; Mr. Diogo supports this idea as children's experience and memories are tantamount

#### **EQAO**

EQAO scores have been received by the school and are being sent out to the parents involved. Three being the provincial standard which is required to be considered a pass.

St. Julia scored as 48% Pass; Grade 3 scores are as follows: Reading 62%, Writing 49%, Math 49%.

Grade 6 scores are as follows: Reading 81%, Writing 83%, Math 42%;

Teachers are privy to the specific questions so they can focus on areas that need to be addressed. IST teacher will be working with Grade 2 this year in order to start test next year. Miss. De Sousa, a Reading Recovery teacher, will assist Grade 1s. She will meet with 2 kids every 16 weeks. Booklets for EQAO are being prepared for distribution.

#### **RAZZ KIDS**

Razz kids will be available this year; "kids on the move" will also be identified, children that scored close to but still under the provincial standard.

#### **READ & WRITE GOLD**

Read and Write Gold, program available on Google will be used to assist in the Push Program. This gives school age children access to a writing document with word prediction software, it says the predicted word out loud to assist the student, this helps address multiple learning styles, children can also speak into computer instead of writing; this will assist children with learning challenges and those without; all children will be given access so as to not stigmatize the children that require this program; an email will be circulated. Children will sign in through Google Chrome browser and use school credentials to gain access.

#### **WATER BOTTLE STATIONS**

There are 2 new water bottle filter locations in school, they have been well received. Parents are encouraged to provide their children with reusable water bottles.

#### **PARENT COMMUNICATION**

Communication with parents is fundamental to a child's learning plan, parents need to show the student that they care and are involved in the child's academic environment, emails will be ongoing and sent at opportune times for parents to address, Twitter use will be enhanced, permission forms will eventually be sent electronically to parents, the website will also become another avenue for increased communication and will have a link to permission forms onsite.

It was noted that students' parents should understand that there is celebration in the struggle, meaning that parents should not only be present for celebration of their child but also to assist in the daily struggles that are required to achieve said celebrations

**OTHER BUSINESS**

Parents are encouraged to get their criminal reference check; forms are available in the office. Once a criminal reference check is submitted to the office a waiver is signed annually; the office will notify parents when they need to sign their waiver.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30pm

Meeting Minutes prepared by:

C. Chiera. \_\_\_\_\_ (Signature)

Approved by:

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